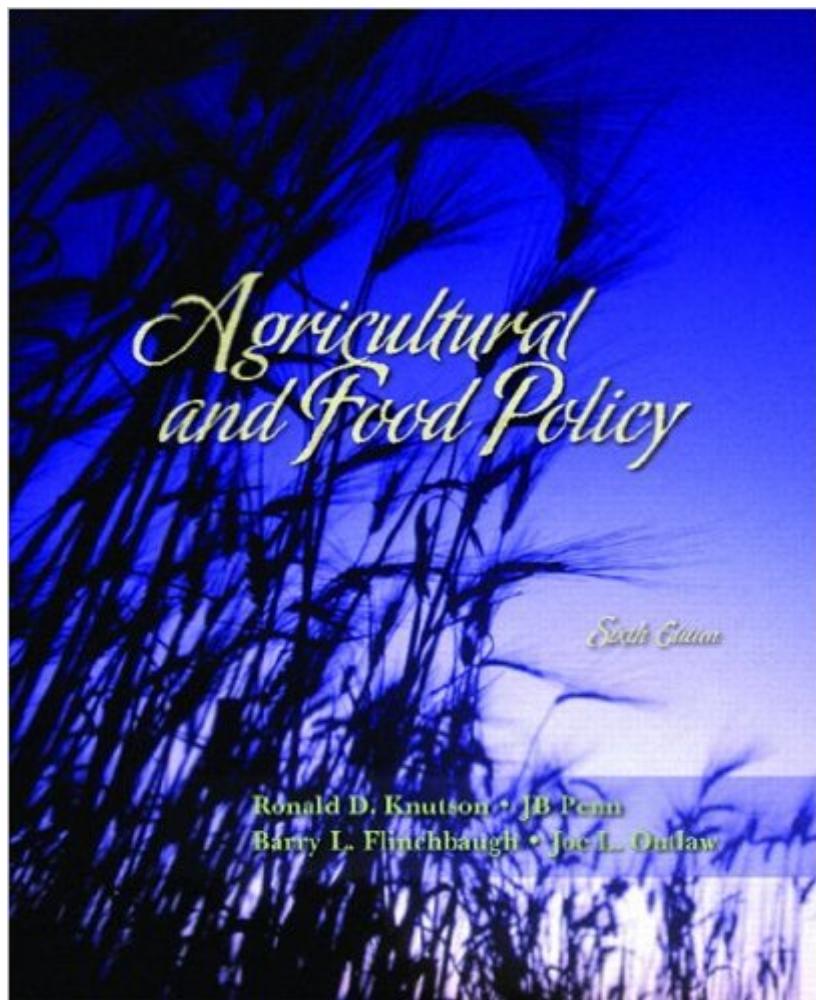


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It's a shame that these respected Agricultural Economists would allow such a poor example of a textbook to be published under their names. While there may be some meagre updates, the book is

so watered down that it is probably more appropriate to a high school class than college. In addition, at 54 cents a page, its price far exceeds the price of most other quality books dealing with agriculture. A decent faculty member would never, in good conscience, require that students purchase this book.

This is a densely-written textbook, but that's the idea. It's full of detailed information. I would have appreciated a more in-depth examination of the early years of US food policy, and I would have been happy to have it cover more recent developments... I ordered this old edition on the advice that it was more detailed than the newer ones, though, so that's not a very fair complaint.

The 4th edition of this text was a truly outstanding edition. It fit the needs of a wider variety of courses ranging from the traditional Ag Policy course to courses focusing on the environment and rural development. Unfortunately, this is 5th edition. If the reader wants a "Cliff-Notes" version then this is the text. It lacks the depth and breadth of a decent college textbook. The authors would have served the academic community much better by giving this watered down fifth edition a totally new title while leaving the 4th edition in print. I have taught Agricultural Policy for a number of years. Count me out on adopting this edition.

Amazing book on policy and Ag economics. These authors know what they are talking about. It's a must read for all policy makers especially at the federal level. Strong and secure domestic food production is one of our most important national securities. Excellent work.

The text itself is very informative and would have earned a 4 star rating or so, but the tests that accompany this text are absolutely some of the worst tests that I have ever encountered. It does not matter how much one reads, reviews or studies this material, the tests are designed to make people fail. In this class, all of the assignments and other tests have been coming in at 90-100%, but these tests are scoring 80%, 90% & some 100%'s for the weekly tests. However on the midterms in particular the scores are 80% and 62%! Even with a good base of knowledge on the subject, tricky tests that don't really test one's knowledge base, only help to trip a person up instead. Therefore, this text is being phased out by the professor that administers the class and he is writing his own text. He is doing this since he admits this material is counterproductive to actually learning the material, so he will create his own content in the future due to the flaws in this text's quizzes and midterms.

I used earlier editions of this book extensively to teach senior level agricultural policy. I stopped assigning the book when the 5th edition was published. Most graphical economic analysis had been removed from the book. It supposedly was now geared toward "policy makers" rather than university students. If you want a decent textbook, go for the older editions and update the data as needed.

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