FREC 150
Assignment 1

ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES
AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Visit to a local grocery store (like Pathmark or Super Fresh) and:
   a. Count the number of salad mixes that are sold.
   b. Count the number of breakfast cereals that are sold.
   c. Write a short discussion on why you think we have so many salads and cereals.

2. Visit a local clothing store (K-Mart, 5 and 10 on Main Street, etc.). Pick up 10 clothing items and record where they were produced. Write a short discussion on why you think so many of the items are produced outside the United States.

3. Cite and briefly discuss a significant environmental issue facing the United States and/or the world in the next 30 years. How do you see yourself, personally or professionally, contributing to the resolution of this issue?

4. Use the Web to identify President Obama’s proposed policy on: health care, energy independence, agriculture and stimulating the economy. Briefly summarize each.

5. Based on your answers to Questions 1-4, write a one paragraph summary on how you think “the world” affects the United States economically and vice versa.

Extra Credit (5 points each on the course total of 400 points) –

1. Before the end of the semester attend two (2) public talks or lectures relevant to economics, agriculture, natural resources or the environment. Write a 2-page summary of each talk – include – speaker, date and topic. Please turn them in stapled together.

   Finding these talks or lectures is your responsibility, but the Instructor will share any opportunities he is aware of over the semester.

2. Before the end of the semester, read one current (published last 3 years) non-fiction book (approved by the Instructor by xx/xx/xxxx (see course Web page for date)) that is relevant to economics, agriculture, natural resources or the environment. This cannot be a book you have ready previously or one you are reading for another class currently. Write a 2-page summary of the book – include, name, author, publication, and number of pages.

   The Instructor has several books he will share.

   NOTE – these are the only extra credit option available for this course!