

# AGEC 410 – Agricultural and Food Policy

## 2 – Policy Problems of Food and Agriculture

### 1. Problems evolve over time

they change

they re-occur

new ones appear

sometimes old ones disappear

Policy problem until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century:

Until 1970s

Now

Policy is accommodating.

### 2. Philosophies of Problem Solving

Broad views on the role of government.

A. Free Market (Get the government out)

B. Humanitarian

C. Agricultural Fundamentalist

D. Stabilizer

E. Regulator

Most people are a mixture of philosophies that depend on the issue. Classification is useful, but watch actions vs words.

“The best way to affirm the U.S. commitment to free trade is to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ industry.”