

Climate Change Policy

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Beliefs

- 40:40:20
- Cause > effect < cause
- Sun spots
- Within the limits of familial experience
- Mistrust of the media
- Mistrust of leadership

Options

- Restrictions
- Tax
- Cap and trade
- Innovate, adjust
- Research

Analysis

Soil carbon sequestration	Acres	"C" T.	" C" \$/T	Income \$
No-till corn	400	0.6	10	2400.00
No-till soybeans	400	0.6	10	2400.00
Rotation grazing	400	0.3	10	1200.00
Total				6000.00

Analysis

Farm expenses	2007-2008	% chg	Exp chg \$
Fuel	28600.00	10%	2860.00
Insecticide	2671.00	5%	133.55
Herbicide	13251.50	5%	662.58
Fertilizer	14905.00	9%	1341.45
Electricity	7200.00	15%	1080.00
	66627.50		6077.58

Perspective

- Restrictions—impossible to administer effectively
- Tax – political and economic wreck
- Cap and trade – “devil” is in the details.
Can give time to adjust and start innovation
- Innovation and adjustment are driven by the market

Opinion

- Research is the only answer to climate change. Policy should work if there is global cooling or global warming.
- With representative government, the artificial price of carbon cannot be held high enough, long enough to have an effect.
- Technology to reduce the cost of “clean” energy is the only answer