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I followed a link someone sent me this morning to a New York Times editorial that advocated a \$15/ton Carbon Tax. I assume they meant \$15/metric ton of CO₂eq levied by federal government. To reduce shock to economy which is already sluggish, such a tax should be phased in \$5/metric ton of CO₂eq each year for three years, and USDA should please work with large factory farms including CAFOs to minimize methane emissions. The main intent of such taxes is the prohibitive tariff effect, so even if the revenue just sits in general funds and reduces the deficit, it should be some help in slowing down climate change. It might be even better if USDA could use some of it to fund interest free loans to help CAFOs improve manure management.