

My extended family owns 9600 acres on which they grow winter wheat and run cattle. It takes a lot of off road diesel fuel to plow and disc, cultivate, and harvest several thousand acres of wheat. They work night and day, with everything they own at risk. A failed crop, a fire, a weather disaster, and they are out of business forever. Margins are thin due to competition for foreign sources where labor is cheap and expensive equipment is not needed. They barely scrape out a living as it is.

Now, just as fuel prices are beginning to skyrocket, thanks to Biden's anti-oil industry policies, you want to add a tax for the fuel they use to make their livings. It is the single most expensive item that goes into their businesses already. At some point it doesn't make any sense to risk everything on producing a crop when there is almost no profit to be had if everything goes perfectly. With this tax you will push many farmers to simply stop production. Thousands of acres of land will lie idle. Businesses will fail. Support businesses, which are the financial foundations of many small rural towns will evaporate, and so will the towns.

Is that your goal?