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LIVESTOCK AND MEAT TRADE DATA

The Livestock and Meat Trade Data Set contains monthly and annual data for imports and exports of live cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats, as well as beef and veal, pork, lamb and mutton, chicken meat, turkey meat, and eggs. The tables report physical quantities, not dollar values or unit prices. Data on beef and veal, pork, and lamb and mutton are on a carcass-weight-equivalent basis. Breakdowns by country are included.

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/MeatTrade/>

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE DATA UPDATE

Provides a monthly update of year-to-date quantities and values of U.S. agricultural exports and imports. Also provides data on leading destination countries for exports and import source countries.

Released Friday, September 11, 2009

See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FATUS/#monthly>

WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

Issued monthly, WASDE provides the most current USDA forecasts of U.S. and world supply-use balances for major grains, soybeans and products, and cotton, and U.S. supply and use data for sugar and livestock products.

Released at 8:30 a.m. ET.

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See <http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/>

LATEST U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE DATA

This data product announces USDA's monthly release of calendar year, fiscal year, year-to-date, and monthly value of U.S. agricultural exports, imports, and trade balance.

Released Thursday, September 10, 2009

See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FATUS/MonthlySummary.htm>

U.S. MUSHROOM INDUSTRY

U.S. and state data on mushroom area, yield, production, price, value, sales, and use. Other series reported include trade by product by country, various price series, and world production.

Released Wednesday, September 9, 2009

See <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1395>

U.S. COTTON PRICES AND THE WORLD COTTON MARKET: FORECASTING AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE

This report analyzes recent structural changes in the world cotton industry and develops a statistical model that reflects current drivers of U.S. cotton prices. Legislative changes in 2008 authorized USDA to resume publishing cotton price forecasts for the first time in nearly 80 years. Systematic problems have become apparent in the forecasting models used by USDA and elsewhere, highlighting the need for an updated review of price relationships. A structural break in the U.S. cotton industry occurred in 1999, and world cotton supply has become an important determinant of U.S. cotton prices, along with China's trade and production policy. The model developed here forecasts changes in the U.S. upland cotton farm price based on changes in U.S. cotton supply, the U.S. stocks-to-use ratio (S/U), China's net imports as a share of world consumption, the foreign supply of cotton, and selected farm policy parameters.

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/ERR80/>

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

As consumer demand gathers momentum, U.S. producers are embracing organic farming as a way to lower input costs, decrease reliance on nonrenewable resources, and capture high-value markets. In 2005, all 50 States in the U.S. had some certified organic farmland. This briefing room presents data on organic shares of production across commodities, information on USDA programs designed to bolster the organic market, and research on the characteristics of organic consumers, handlers, and markets.

Released Tuesday, September 8, 2009

See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Organic/>

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