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This update covers Monday, February 8, 2010 to Friday, February 12, 2010

OIL CROPS OUTLOOK

Examines supply, use, prices, and trade for oil crops (primarily soybeans and products), including supply and demand prospects in major importing and exporting countries. Includes information on cottonseed, peanuts, sunflowerseed, tropical oils, corn oil, and animal fats.

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RICE OUTLOOK

Examines supply, use, prices, and trade for rice, including supply and demand prospects in major importing and exporting countries. Contains information on U.S. rough, milled, and long-, medium-, and short-grain rice.

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WHEAT OUTLOOK

Examines supply, use, prices, and trade for wheat, including supply and demand prospects in major importing and exporting countries. Contains data and information on U.S. wheat by class.

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FOOD ASSISTANCE AND NUTRITION RESEARCH PROGRAM, FISCAL 2010, COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM: DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) of the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) announces the availability of funds and a request for applications to conduct research that focuses on USDA's domestic food assistance and nutrition programs. The three priority research areas are (1) Food Assistance and Children's Well-Being, (2) Interactions Between the Built Environment and Food Assistance Programs, and (3) Using Behavioral Economics and Incentives To Promote Child Nutrition. ERS will accept proposals under this program for funding levels, inclusive of indirect cost when applicable, between \$100,000 and \$400,000 (for the duration of the grant and/or the cooperative agreement, not to exceed 3 years). Total funding available for this research is approximately \$2.2-\$2.7 million. The deadline for proposal submission is **April 12, 2010**.

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AP/AP044/>

FARM HOUSEHOLD WELL-BEING: COMPARING CONSUMPTION- AND INCOME-BASED MEASURES

Household economic well-being can be gauged by the financial resources (income/wealth) available to the household or by the standard of living enjoyed by household members (consumption). Based on responses to USDA's annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), a joint effort by the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, ERS has long published estimates of farm household income and wealth. This report presents, for the first time, estimates of consumption-based measures of well-being for farm households based on new questions in ARMS. The consumption measure provides a different perspective from income or wealth on farm households' well-being relative to that of all U.S. households.

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USDA AGRICULTURAL PROJECTIONS TO 2019

This report provides longrun (10-year) projections for the agricultural sector through 2019. Projections cover agricultural commodities, agricultural trade, and aggregate indicators of the sector, such as farm income and food prices.

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/OCE101/>

FARM INCOME AND COSTS

The Farm Income and Costs briefing room provides indicators of economic performance for the U.S. farm sector and major crop and livestock farm groups. Farm balance sheet estimates are used by USDA and other public and private sector clients to form a perspective about the financial health of the U.S. agricultural economy. Distributional analyses identify sub-sectors and business types that are performing well relative to past trends and to other groups and types of farms. Identification of these businesses enables analysts to more closely examine factors contributing to financial performance, such as assessment of debt-repayment difficulties of specific farm types, industry sub-sectors, and regions of the country.

The February 11 release is the first forecast of 2010 calendar year income for the farm sector, farm businesses, and households of farm operators. It is also the first forecast of 2010 value of farm assets and debts.

Released Thursday, February 11, 2010

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

SEASON-AVERAGE PRICE FORECASTS

A futures-price forecasting model is used to provide season-average price forecasts for corn, soybeans, and wheat. In addition to the monthly forecasts for prices received, the model computes a forecast for the counter-cyclical payment rate for each commodity. The 2002 Farm Act provides for counter-cyclical payments when prices are below specified levels.

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

FARM HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS AND WELL-BEING

The Farm Household Economics and Well-Being briefing room focuses on indicators of the economic well-being of the households of the principal operators of family farms. It includes USDA's forecast for 2010. Indicators of well-being include household income and wealth (from both farm and off-farm sources), and indicators of health insurance coverage. The briefing room compares the financial well-being of farm households relative to all U.S. households, identifies the contributions of off-farm employment, non-farm self-employment, transfer payments, and financial market investments in household income, and discusses how taxes influence both income and wealth. The briefing room also describes the demographic characteristics of the principal farm operator households and how members of these households allocate their time to farm and off-farm work.

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

AGRICULTURAL BASELINE PROJECTIONS

This report provides longrun (10-year) projections for the agricultural sector through 2018. Projections cover agricultural commodities, agricultural trade, and aggregate indicators of the sector, such as farm income and food prices.

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

AGRICULTURAL BASELINE TABLES

Longrun (10-year) projections for the U.S. agricultural sector. Includes assumptions for U.S. and foreign macroeconomic conditions and projections for major commodities, agricultural trade, farm income, and consumer food prices.

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AGRICULTURAL BASELINE DATABASE

The agricultural baseline database provides longrun, 10-year projections from USDA's annual long-term projections report. The database covers projections for major field crops (corn, sorghum, barley, oats, wheat, rice, soybeans, and upland cotton), and livestock (beef, pork, poultry and eggs, and dairy).

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

YOUR FOOD ENVIRONMENT ATLAS

Food environment factors—such as store/restaurant proximity, food prices, food and nutrition assistance programs, and community characteristics—interact to influence food choices and diet quality. The Food Environment Atlas assembles statistics on food environment indicators to stimulate research on the determinants of food choices and diet quality and provides a spatial overview of a community's ability to access healthy food and its success in doing so. The Atlas currently includes 90 indicators of the food environment in three broad categories—food choices, health and well-being, and community characteristics.

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See <http://www.ers.usdagov/FoodAtlas/>

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.

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