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### **COMMODITY COSTS AND RETURNS DATA**

USDA has estimated annual production costs and returns and published accounts for major field crop and livestock enterprises since 1975. Cost and return estimates are reported for the U.S. and major production regions for corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, rice, peanuts, oats, barley, sugarbeets, tobacco, milk, hogs, and cow-calf. These cost and return accounts are historical accounts based on the actual costs incurred by producers during each year.

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

### **STATE FACT SHEETS**

The ERS State Fact Sheets contain frequently requested data for each State and for the total United States. These include current data on population, per-capita income, earnings per job, poverty rates, employment, unemployment, farm characteristics, farm financial characteristics, top agricultural commodities, top export commodities, and the top counties in agricultural sales. **The latest data on county and State unemployment (2008); number of jobs and earnings per job (2007); and per-capita income (2007) are now available.**

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts/>

### **FARM BUSINESS AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DATA: CUSTOMIZED DATA SUMMARIES FROM ARMS**

This data-delivery tool has been updated with 2006 crop production practices data for soybeans. It also includes estimates of 2007 finances, structure, and characteristics of U.S. farm businesses and farm households. Use this interactive tool to create tailored reports on agricultural production technology, farm business and farm household viability, and the structure of U.S. agriculture from the latest ARMS data.

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