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The Economics of Food, Farming, Natural Resources, and Rural America

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This update covers Monday, August 10, 2009 to Friday, August 14, 2009

### **MEAT PRICE SPREADS**

This data set provides monthly average price values, and the differences among those values, at the farm, wholesale, and retail stages of the production and marketing chain for selected cuts of beef, pork, and broilers. In addition, retail prices are provided for beef and pork cuts, turkey, whole chickens, eggs, and dairy products.

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### **FEED OUTLOOK**

Examines supply, use, prices, and trade for feed grains, including supply and demand prospects in major importing and exporting countries. Focuses on corn; also contains information on sorghum, barley, oats, and hay.

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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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### **COTTON AND WOOL OUTLOOK**

Examines supply, use, prices, and trade for cotton and wool, including supply and demand prospects in major importing and exporting countries. Includes data on raw fibers and textiles.

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## **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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## **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.

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

## **RURAL DIGITAL ECONOMY**

This Briefing Room offers a synthesis of ERS research about the rural digital economy, including the provision of telephone and Internet services, where these services are used, and their role in economic development. This Briefing Room also explores rural Internet access, the characteristics of Internet users and their means of access, and government communication and information policy.

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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/>

### **AQUACULTURE DATA**

Aquaculture is the production of aquatic animals and plants under controlled conditions for all or part of their lifecycle. This data product provides statistics on domestically grown catfish and trout and U.S. imports and exports of fish and shellfish that may be products of aquaculture, such as salmon, shrimp, and oysters.

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

### **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 Wednesday, August 12, 2009

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

### **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.

Released Wednesday, August 12, 2009

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

### **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.

Released Wednesday, August 12, 2009

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

### **AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK STATISTICAL INDICATORS**

Statistical Indicators previously published in Agricultural Outlook addressing a broad spectrum of agriculture-related issues. Includes commodity and food prices, general economic indicators, government program expenditures, farm income estimates, and trade and export statistics.

Released Tuesday, August 11, 2009

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

## **BABY BOOM MIGRATION AND ITS IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA**

Members of the baby boom cohort, now 45-63 years old, are approaching a period in their lives when moves to rural and small-town destinations increase. An analysis of age-specific, net migration during the 1990s reveals extensive shifts in migration patterns as Americans move through different life-cycle stages. Assuming similar age patterns of migration, this report identifies the types of nonmetropolitan counties that are likely to experience the greatest surge in baby boom migration during 2000-20 and projects the likely impact on the size and distribution of retirement-age populations in destination counties. The analysis finds a significant increase in the propensity to migrate to nonmetro counties as people reach their fifties and sixties and projects a shift in migration among boomers toward more isolated settings, especially those with high natural and urban amenities and lower housing costs. If baby boomers follow past migration patterns, the nonmetro population age 55-75 will increase by 30 percent between now and 2020.

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