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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 State data (2008) on farm income and top commodities are available.**

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

PRICE SPREADS FROM FARM TO CONSUMER

ERS compares the prices paid by consumers for food with the prices received by farmers for their corresponding commodities. This data product has 2 components: (1) the marketing bill provides a composite estimate of the value added to agricultural products by the food marketing system for all types of food, and (2) at-home foods by commodity group compares farm and retail prices for foods belonging to each of several commodity groups.

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

RESEARCH INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS IN ECONOMICS (RIDGE) PROGRAM: REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH RESEARCH CENTERS

The Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) is now accepting applications for grants to fund partner institutions in the Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Program. ERS invites applications from university-based institutions for competitive grant awards to oversee the application, peer review, subgrant award, and quality-assurance processes of the RIDGE Program. ERS expects to fund two RIDGE Centers for Food and Nutrition Assistance Research beginning in fiscal 2010—one center focusing on food and nutrition assistance research at the national level and the second center targeting specific populations. Subject to availability of funds, initial year grants will be approximately \$250,000 each for the RIDGE Center for National Studies and the RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies. The deadline for submission of applications is **September 15, 2009**. For more information, see: www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/AP/AP038/

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodNutritionAssistance/Funding/RIDGE.htm>

VEGETABLES AND MELONS OUTLOOK

Provides current intelligence and forecasts the effects of changing conditions in the U.S. vegetables and melons sector (including potatoes, pulses, and mushrooms). Topics include production, consumption, shipments, prices received, trade, and more.

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

FARM BALANCE SHEET DATA

Estimates are presented for the farm business balance sheets for the U.S. for 1960 to present and individual States for 1960 through 2003. The balance sheet includes component accounts for assets, debt, and equity, where equity equals assets minus debt.

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

FARM INCOME DATA

Estimates of farm sector income with component accounts: for the United States, 1910-2009; and for States, 1949-2008.

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FARM INCOME AND COSTS

This release is an update of 2009 farm income forecasts first released on February 12, 2009, to include new information from USDA's August Crop Production report and other recently available data. The update builds upon the August 6, 2009 release of USDA's estimates of 2008 calendar year income for the United States. The August 27 release also includes a forecast of the farm sector balance sheet for 2009 along with the annual estimates prepared for 2008 and earlier years. The 2008 estimate incorporates estimates of land values released by NASS on August 4, 2009. The release also includes the first estimates of 2008 farm business and household incomes based on reported farm survey data.

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.

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MONTHLY MILK COST OF PRODUCTION

Monthly milk cost of production estimates are available by State from January 2003 to the previous month.

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See <http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/CostsAndReturns/TestPick.htm#milkproduction>

PHYTOSANITARY REGULATION OF THE ENTRY OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INTO THE UNITED STATES

This data product identifies which countries, under phytosanitary rules issued by USDA's Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service, are eligible to export to the United States the fresh fruits and vegetables that are most important in the American diet. Data on the absolute and relative importance of these countries in international fruit and vegetable production and trade, individually and in aggregate, are included. Exporting countries are also classified according to income level.

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

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