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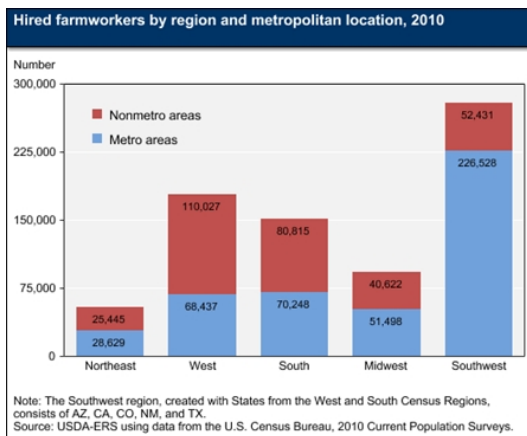
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Reports & Resources

Farmworkers in Rural Areas

USDA | [READ STORY](#)

Workers classified as hired farmworkers--extending over a number of specific trades--are found to concentrate in metropolitan rather than rural areas.



World Water Supply

Nature | [READ STORY](#)

Nature provides a summary of a recent report showing that nearly a quarter of the world's groundwater supply is at risk of being outstripped by demand.

President's Corner

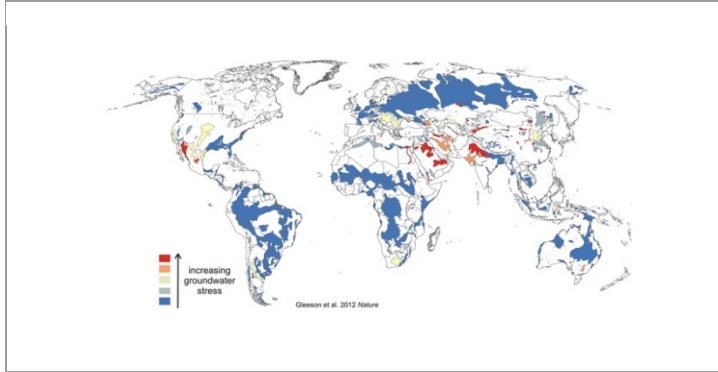
This month, MACDEP bids a fond farewell to one of our founding members, MSU Extension Director, [Dr. Doug Steele](#) who will be moving to Texas A&M to serve as Director; Dr. Steele was instrumental in helping to establish and fund MACDEP and provided unwavering support for our programs and initiatives. We wish him well!

MACDEP members at the Local Government Center are organizing a new webinar series focusing on transfer of wealth and sustaining communities through philanthropy; [download the flyer](#).

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Economy, Energy and the Environment Conference



September 12-14, 2012
Bozeman, MT
Sponsor: Montana Department of Environmental Quality

The Future of Workforce Development

September 19-20, 2012
Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Second National Poverty Summit

September 21-22, 2012
Washington, DC
Sponsor: Corporation for Enterprise Development

Imagine 2012

October 6-11, 2012
Quebec City, QE, CA
Sponsor: Desjardins & Others

2012 UEDA Annual Summit

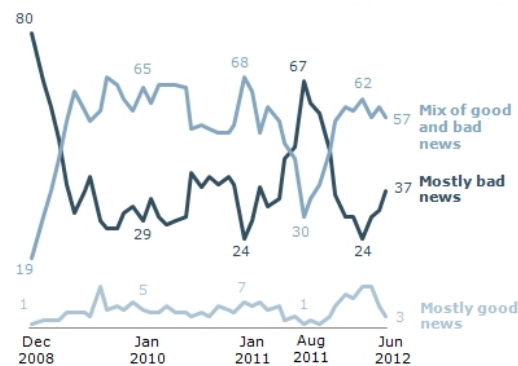
October 21-24, 2012
Chattanooga, TN
Sponsor: University Economic Development Association

Perception of Economic News

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

This study by the Pew Research Center reports on increasingly negative responses to economic news across both major American political designations.

Views of Economic News Become More Negative



PEW RESEARCH CENTER May 31-June 3, 2012.

Obesity and Television Viewing

Amber Waves | [READ STORY](#)

This chart, which appears in the USDA Economic Research Service's Amber Waves magazine, evinces a decided correlation between obesity and television watching patterns.

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Small Grants Program

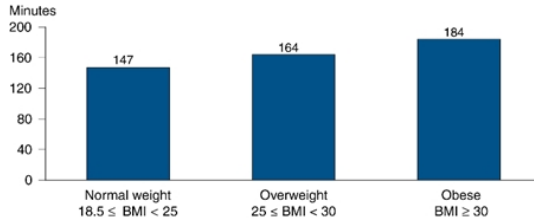
Deadline: September 14, 2012
Funder: Intermountain West Funder Network

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

Deadline: September 17, 2012
Funder: Rural Development, USDA

ARRP Foundation InnoCentive

Time spent watching television on an average day during 2006-08, Americans age 20 and older



BMI = Body Mass Index.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from 2006-08 Bureau of Labor Statistics American Time Use Survey and ERS Eating & Health Module data.

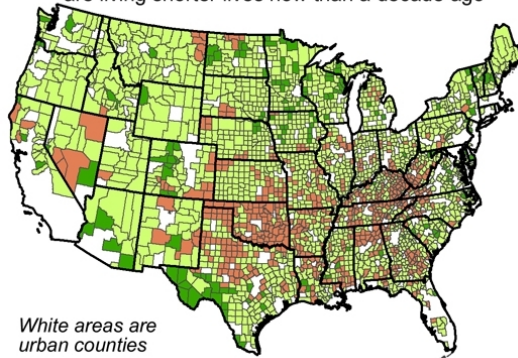
Rural Women Live Shorter Lives

Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

The Daily Yonder reports on the relative longevity of women living in rural and urban counties. The [related study of male longevity](#) shows a similar state of affairs.

Rural Female Longevity: 1999-2009

Women in one out of four rural and exurban counties are living shorter lives now than a decade ago



Online Video-Sharing Usage

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

American adults are using online video-sharing services as a medium for data consumption and sharing. This study tracks usage across a number of demographics.

Deadline: September 20, 2012
Funder: AARP Foundation & InnoCentive

Kids In Need Teacher Grants

Deadline: September 30, 2012
Funder: Kids In Need Foundation

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

Deadline: October 15, 2012
Funder: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

National/International News

Pine Creek Fire Expands

Billings Gazette; August 31

Link Uncovered Between Weather & Climate Change

Deseret News; August 30

Northwest Breaks Cherry Crop Record

Flathead Beacon; August 26

Decision Reversal Sought for CO Gas Wells

Denver Post; August 24

Utah Among Few States with Increase in Gov Jobs

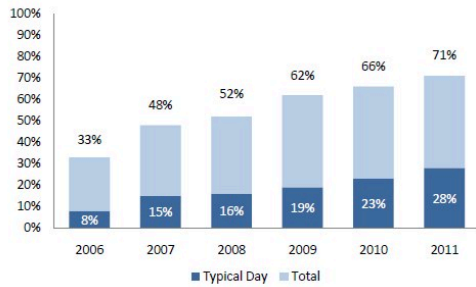
Salt Lake Tribune; August 23

Montana News

Yellowstone Bison Decision Upheld

Idaho Statesman; August 31

Video-sharing site usage over time: 2006 - 2011
 % of internet users who visit video sharing sites (total and on a typical day)



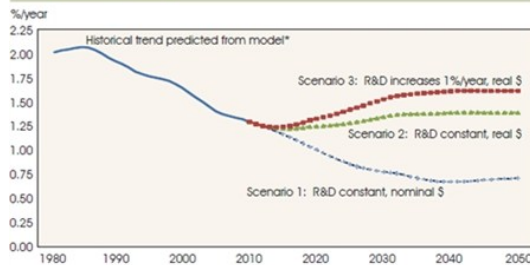
Source: The Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, April 26 - May 22, 2011 Spring Tracking Survey. n=2,277 adult internet users ages 18 and older, including 755 cell phone interviews. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

R&D and Agricultural Growth

USDA | READ STORY

Agricultural productivity, which plays a major role in driving American agricultural output, is shown to depend on investments in both public and private sector agricultural R&D.

TFP growth rate projections



* The graph shows the TFP growth rate predicted from the statistical model rather than the actual TFP growth rate for 1980-2008. Actual TFP growth is highly variable, ranging between -15% and +15% for individual years. This variability is mainly due to weather.

Ranchers Search for Hay Due to Drought Conditions

Billings Gazette; August 30

Flathead Valley Real Estate Spike

Hungry Horse News; August 29

Missoula Airport Breaks Record

Missoulian; August 27

Canadian Firm to Create Great Falls Jobs

Great Falls Tribune; August 23



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