Reports & Resources

Mobility and the American Dream
Pew Charitable Trusts | READ STORY
This investigation by the Pew Charitable Trusts organization maps economic mobility across key population demographics, concluding that, while most children earn more than their parents, movement between economic strata remains uncommon.

Rural Unemployment
Daily Yonder | READ STORY
This report, compiled by Daily Yonder, shows that two-thirds of rural and exurban counties in the United States record unemployment rates lower than or equal to the national average, a four-year low in rural joblessness.

President's Corner
The National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP), in partnership with the Joint Council of Extension Professionals invites you to submit an abstract to present at the 2013 Galaxy IV Conference, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 16-20, 2013. The deadline is January 10, 2013.

The 2013 Community Development Society Conference will be held July 20-24, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. The Call for Abstracts provides all the details; the deadline is Feb. 15, 2013

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events
Good News for American Agriculture

Amber Waves | READ STORY

The agriculture industry fared better during the great recession, and current economic/financial conditions indicate that strong income growth trends will persist into the near future.

Disasters and Environment: Science, Preparedness, and Resilience

January 15-17, 2013
Washington, DC
Sponsor: National Council for Science and the Environment

12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

February 7-9, 2013
Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Local Government Commission

Beyond the Boundaries: Creating Innovation Through Regional Collaboration

July 20-24, 2013
Charleston, SC
Sponsor: Community Development Society

2013 Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting

August 6-9, 2013
New York, NY
Sponsor: Rural Sociological Society

NACDEP Galaxy IV

September 15-22, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA
Sponsor: Joint Council of Extension Professionals

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI)

Deadline: December 21, 2012
Funder: First Nations Development Institute
among Americans. More than 8% of the population has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Birth Rate at Record Low
Pew Research Center | READ STORY
The United States birth rate is at a record low, particularly among recent immigrants. This low marks the culmination of an ongoing trend in decreasing birth rates since 2007.

Rural Voter Turnout
Daily Yonder | READ STORY

Civil Society and Environment Program Grants
Deadline: December 31, 2012
Funder: Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Grants
Deadline: January 18, 2013
Funder: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

CATCH Planning, Implementation, and Resident Grants
Deadline: January 31, 2013
Funder: Community Access To Child Health (CATCH)

Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums
Deadline: February 1, 2013
Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

National/International News
National Housing Recovery Remains Erratic
Denver Post; November 7

Group Demands Wyoming Fracking Secrets
Star Tribune; November 27

New York Fielding New Building Code
New York Times; November 23

Urban Ecology Offers Vision for Community Development
Nature; November 20
Although there was a nation-wide dip in voter turnout for the 2012 presidential election, the decline in turnout among constituents of rural districts was twice that of the national average, dropping by 18% from 2008.

Natural Gas and Local Jobs

**Amber Waves | READ STORY**

Despite continued controversy surrounding the topic of natural gas extraction, Amber Waves reports that expansion in natural gas production helps to create a boost in short-term local jobs.
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