Reports & Resources

Farm Program Atlas
USDA | READ STORY
The Farm Program Atlas is an online interactive mapping tool that displays payment and participation data by county for seven key Federal farm programs. The tool enables users to view maps, see how data vary across counties, and download the data.

Rural Stocks in 2011
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
By contrast to 2010, during which the Daily Yonder’s rural stock index rose more than 30%, 2011 evinced little positive or negative change, leading the Yonder to classify it as a "Nothing Year For Rural Stocks."

President's Corner
The 2012 Rural Community Conference (RCC) registration is now open; the fee is $99 and we have an exciting line-up of speakers and sessions for the May 15-16 event in Bozeman, MT. Please go to the RCC page for more information.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events
Four Glimpses of Democracy's Future Webinar
February 2, 2012
Sponsor: Centre for Public Involvement and the Alberta Climate Dialogue

Rural Health Care Leadership Conference
February 5-8, 2012
Phoenix, AZ
State by State Federal Spending

**The Economist | READ STORY**
This study of fiscal transfers measures state by state tax revenue and federal spending against the 2009 GDP, illustrating the geographical distribution of federal-level costs and benefits.

International Social Networking Usage

**Pew Research Center | READ STORY**
The Pew Global Attitudes Project has published a report tracking world-wide social networking usage. 50% of US citizens use social networks, just short of Israel at 53%.

Grants, Awards & Jobs

**Community Action Grants**
Deadline: February 16, 2012 & August 17, 2012
Funder: Gannett Foundation

**Grants to Promote Young Social Entrepreneurs**
Deadline: March 1, 2012
Funder: Do Something Awards Program

**Funding for American Art Exhibitions**
Deadline: March 1, 2012
Funder: Terra Foundation

Deadline: March 16, 2012
Funder: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
2011 Rural Job Gains
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY

World Land and Water Resources
United Nations FAO | READ STORY
The State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture report from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization analyses a variety of options for overcoming constraints and improving resource management in areas of heightened risk.
2012 USDA Plant Hardiness Map

USDA | READ STORY

The USDA Plant Hardiness Map is an interactive online GIS-based map which displays Average Annual Extreme Minimum Temperature data for zones throughout the US as an aid to farmers, gardeners, and growers.