Reports & Resources

**UNDP 2011 Human Development Report**

**UNDP | READ STORY**
The United Nation's Development Program's 2011 Human Development Report argues that the urgent global challenges of sustainability and equity must be addressed together - and identifies policies on the national and global level that could spur mutually reinforcing progress towards these interlinked goals.

Happy New Year and many thanks to MACDEP members for their 2012 membership renewals; if you haven't had a chance to renew, please contact our Treasurer [Mandie Reed](mailto:mandie.reed@macdep.org) by Jan. 31.

The 2012 Rural Community Conference (RCC) registration page and agenda will be available soon; please go to the [RCC page](http://www.macdep.org/events/rural-community-conference) for more information.

- Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

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**Upcoming Events**

**Environment and Security Conference**
January 18-20, 2012
Washington, DC
Sponsor: National Council for Science and the Environment

**5 Strategies for Active Economic Development**
Economic Impact of Social Security

The Daily Yonder | READ STORY

The economic impact of Social Security is huge: $1.2 trillion in economic output and 8.4 million jobs. Social Security plays an even larger role in the economy of rural America.

The Online Customer

The Daily Infographic | READ STORY

Whether you are an online shopper or the customer service guru at an online store, this infographic contains facts and statistics about how online shopping has grown over the years and what customers want from an online shopping experience.

Rural Family Incomes Drop 2007-’10

The Daily Yonder | READ STORY

With the recession, rural incomes have declined in seven out of ten counties. And incomes remain highest in metropolitan areas.
Combat Veterans and Emotional Trauma
PEW Research Center | READ STORY
A new survey from the Pew Research Center shows the challenges veterans face upon returning to civilian life are often linked to experiences they had in combat.

Land trusts thrive despite, and because of, the Great Recession
High Country News | READ STORY
The Great Recession, it turns out, may have been good for one thing in the West: private land conservation
Supreme Court Reinstates Corporate Spending Ban
Billings Gazette; December 30

35.5 Million Tons of Public Coal Re-Offered for Lease
MT Standard; December 22

Bison Hunting Conflict Delays Fish Egg Shipments
Missoulian; December 22

Postal Service Closures Postponed Until May
Missoulian; December 14