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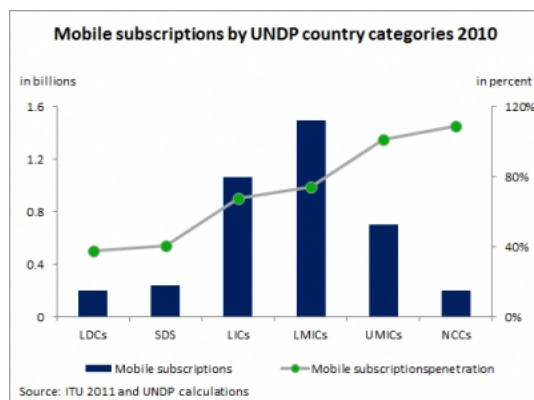
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## Reports & Resources

### The Effects of Mobile Technology

[UNDP | READ STORY](#)

Mobile technology is one of the most widely available contemporary technologies. This report tracks the influence of such technology on human development.



### Food Security and Fossil Fuels

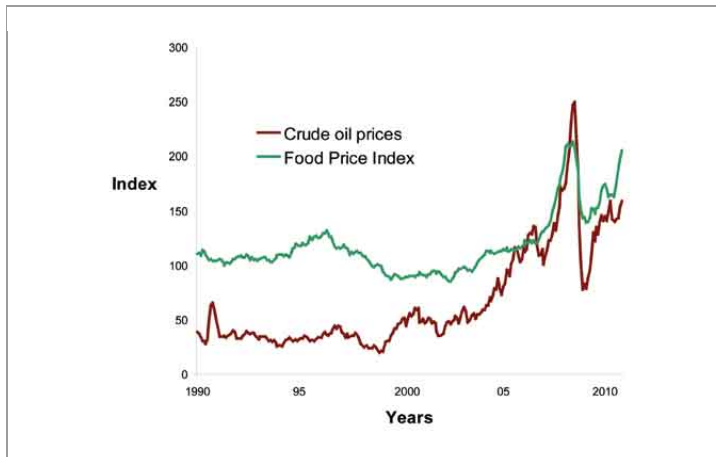
[UNEP | READ STORY](#)

This thematic report by the United Nations Environment Programme investigates the relationship between fossil fuel availability and international food security.

### President's Corner

Many thanks to those MACDEP members and all the attendees of the **2012 Rural Community Conference**; with approximately 160 registrants and 25 exhibitors, the conference was a resounding success. Go to the [conference website](#) to access the video archives of the keynote speeches and recordings and webinars of the workshop sessions.

Also, kudos to **Dave Bertelsen** who received the NACDEP **Distinguished State Service Award** and to the educators at the MSU Local Government Center, **Jennifer Blessum, Betsy Webb, Dan Clark, Janelle Booth** and **Dustin Dallman** who received the NACDEP **Educational Package - Team Award** for the Western Region presented at this year's NACDEP Conference in Park



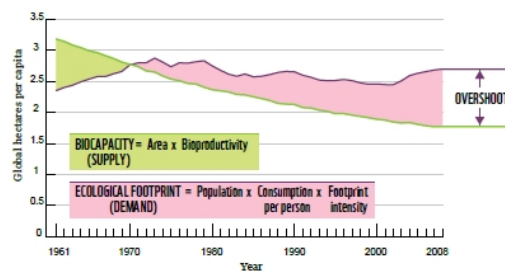
City UT May 22nd.  
Congratulations!

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

## Living Planet Report

### WWF | [READ STORY](#)

(Warning: this item links to a large PDF file). The World Wildlife Foundation's Living Planet Report highlights the present condition, future implications, and viable strategies for management of climate change.



## Rural Hospital Performance

### Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

A report by the National Rural Health Association (reported by the Daily Yonder) finds that rural hospitals have performed well despite recent economic downturns.

## Upcoming Events

### Illinois Leadership Conference

June 6, 2012  
Effingham, IL  
Sponsor: University of Illinois Extension

### CCMA 2012: Declaration of Independence. We Own It!

June 14-16, 2012  
Philadelphia, PA  
Sponsor: Consumer Cooperative Management Association

### Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Conference

October 4-5, 2012  
Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Sponsor: University of Illinois

## Grants, Awards & Jobs

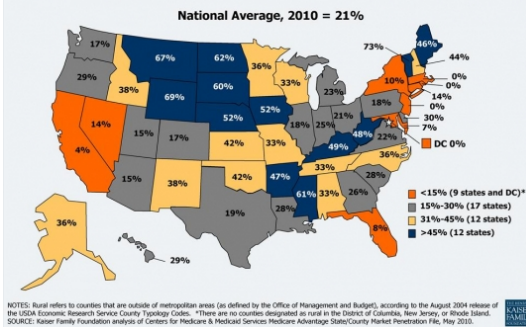
### Community Economic Development (CED) Projects

Deadline: June 5, 2012  
Funder: Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

### Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

Deadline: June 22, 2012  
Funder: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

### Percent of Medicare Beneficiaries Residing in Rural Counties, by State, 2010



### Innovative Libraries and New Scholars Programs

Deadline: June 24, 2012  
Funder: Elsevier Foundation

### Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant (SSDPG)

Deadline: July 24, 2012  
Funder: Rural Development, USDA

### Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

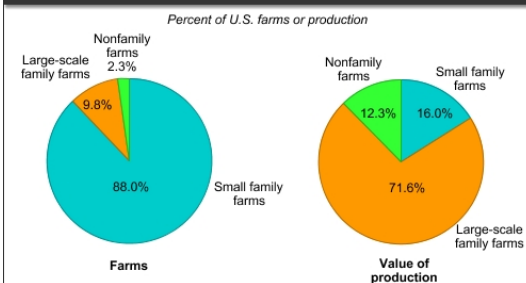
Deadline: August 9, 2012  
Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

### Family Farms in America

#### USDA | [READ STORY](#)

Contrary to popular myth, most farms operating in the United States remain family farms, and large-scale family farm output accounts for more than two thirds of annual U.S. farm production value.

Share of total farms and share of value of production, by farm type, 2010



1/ The value of production measures the value of commodities produced in a given year, without the effects of inventory change. It is calculated by multiplying the quantity of each commodity produced by the price of the commodity.  
Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service, 2010 Agricultural Resource Management Survey, Phase III.

### National/International News

#### Largest Wildfire in New Mexico History

Muscataine Journal; June 1

#### Only 69k Jobs in May

Salt Lake Tribune; June 1

#### Carbon Dioxide Levels at Unsettling High

SF Chronicle; May 31

#### Enormous Oilspill in Alberta

Globe and Mail; May 30

#### 10 States -- More Deaths by Gunshot than Auto Accident

Violence Policy Center; May 22

### Benefits of College Graduation

#### Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

The Pew Research Center weighs the costs and benefits of college attendance and graduation (including student debt) for students pursuing degrees in today's economy.

### Montana News

#### MT Strikes Cattle Trade with Columbia

Billings Gazette; June 1

### PSC Takes Strict Stance with NorthWestern Energy

Great Falls Tribune; May 31

### Billings Company Secures \$1.5M S. Korean Contract

Billings Gazette; May 30

### Oil Firms Push for Seismic Testing Permits

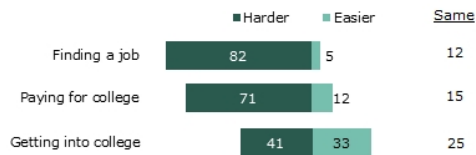
Great Falls Tribune; May 30

### Grizzly Bear Study Launched

Daily Inter Lake; May 23

### Times Are Tougher for Today's Young Adults

*% saying ... is harder/easier/about the same for today's young adults than it was for their parents' generation*

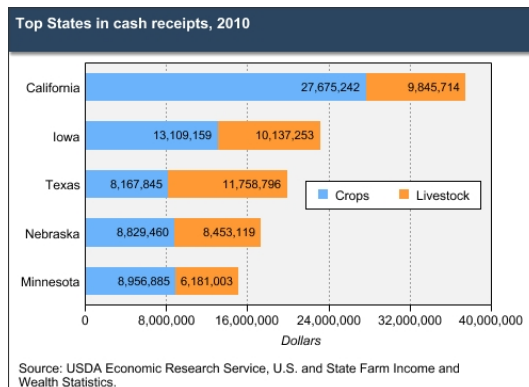


Notes: Based on all adults, N=2,048. "Don't know/Refused" responses not shown.  
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## Agricultural Cash Receipts

### USDA | [READ STORY](#)

This chart, derived from the USDA's U.S. and State Farm Income and Wealth Statistics report, shows the top five U.S. states in terms of yearly crop and livestock cash receipts.



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