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
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.

City UT May 22nd.
Congratulations!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

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)
Family Farms in America

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.

Benefits of College Graduation

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.
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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