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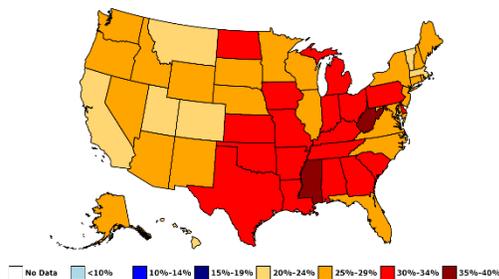
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## Reports & Resources

### Four Maps Graphically Display Obesity in the United States

**Metrocosm** | [READ STORY](#)

Obesity has become an ever-increasing issue in the United States. [Metrocosm](#) displays the evolution of this epidemic through a series of graphs that demonstrate the problem. Using data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) among other sources, the graphs display the average weight gain of the country from as early as 1950. They highlight a worrying trend of obesity that appears to spread from the Midwest.



### New Land Ownership Data Add Value to Many Policy and Research Questions

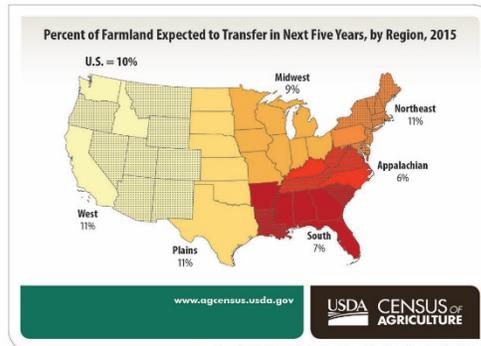
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### President's Corner

The **2015 MACDEP Business Meeting** will take place at the MSU Extension Annual Conference, Wed., Oct. 21 from 11:30-1:10; Join us by conference call if you are not able to attend in person.

The **2015 MSU Extension Community Development Update** will take place Nov. 17-18 at Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT. You'll learn about **Ripple Effect Mapping: Application in Montana** (led by **Dr. Lorie Higgins**, Univ. of Idaho); **Economic Development and Business Outreach** (discussion led by **Greg Wise**, Professor and Community Development Specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Extension); **Community Foundations: Next Steps** (with the Montana Community

At USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, findings were released from a survey of agricultural landowners conducted earlier this year. It confirmed some things already known and generated lots of new information that farmers, policymakers, businesses and others will use to understand more about who owns farmland, who has and will have access to farmland in the future, what kinds of conservation and production decision landowners are making, and lots more.



## How the Geography of U.S. Poverty Has Shifted Since 1960

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A new Pew Research Center analysis of [U.S. Census Bureau data](#) finds that the South continues to be home to many of America's poor, though to a lesser degree than a half-century ago. In 1960, half (49%) of impoverished Americans lived in the South. By 2010, that share had dropped to 41%. Much of the geographic shift of poverty reflects general trends in population shifts across the country over that same period.

Foundation); **Community Development Evaluation** (with **Rebecca Sero**, Washington State Univ.). Hotel and meal expenses will be covered and the update is **open to all Extension faculty and staff** (not just MACDEP Members). To register, click [here](#)

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

## Upcoming Events

### NACCED's 40th Annual Educational Conference and Training

October 4-7, 2015  
Salt Lake County, UT  
Sponsor: National Association for County Community and Economic Development

### 2015 NADO Annual Training Conference

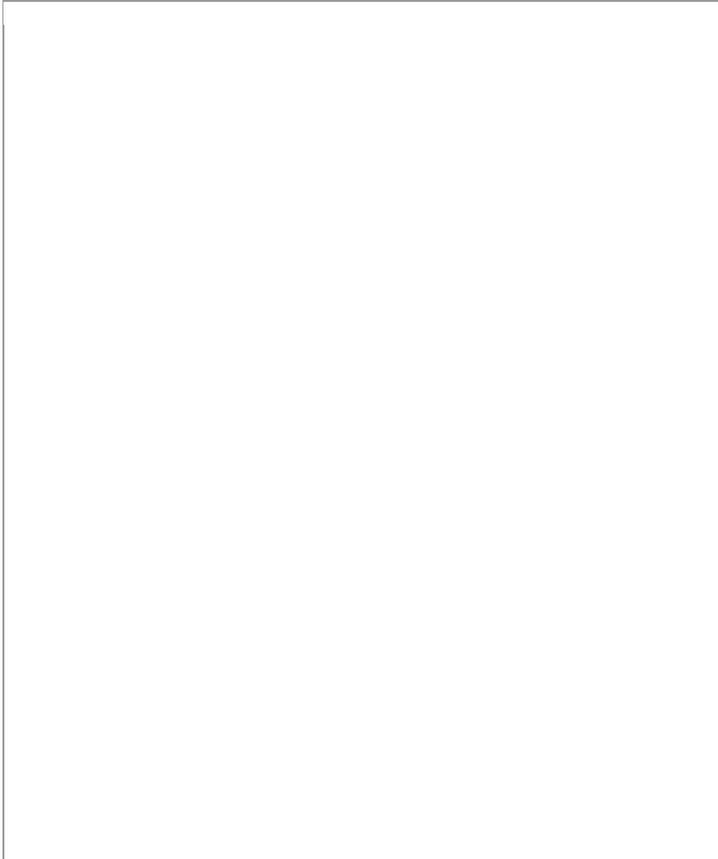
October 24-27, 2015  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Sponsor: NACDEP

### 2015 IARSLCE Community Engagement Conference

November 16-18, 2015  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Sponsor: IARSLCE

### NCDA Winter Legislative and Policy Meeting

January 20-22, 2016  
Washington, D.C.  
Sponsor: National Community Development Association



## The Clean Power Plan: What's Water Got To Do With It?

**World Resources Institute | [READ STORY](#)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new Clean Power Plan has been heralded as a major step toward a low-carbon economy in the United States. By reducing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants [by 32 percent from 2005 levels by 2030](#), the [new policy](#) is designed to promote the development of renewable energy sources nationwide.

### Grants, Awards & Jobs

#### Rural Community Investment

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: CHS, Inc.

#### [Community Building Grants](#)

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: Signing for Change

#### Sports and Community Development

Deadline: Open  
Funder: Adidas Group

#### Community Facility Loans

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

#### Developing Healthy Places

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: The Kresge Foundation

### National/International News

#### 2013 Hospital Cost Per Day

CNN Wire; Sep 28

#### Castro to Obama: Return Guantanamo, Lift Embargo

NBC News; Sep 28

#### Germany Raise Bar On Balkan Migrants

BBC; Sep 27

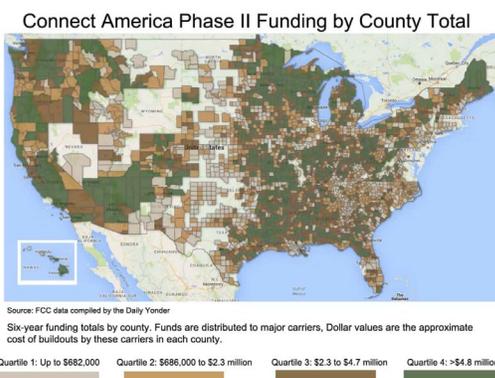
#### Ex-Idaho Governor Sues U.S. to Force Disclosure of Nuclear Waste Plan

Reuters; Sep 29

## Broadband Study: What's Going On Where

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

Could any of the recently announced \$9 billion in broadband subsidies be used to help improve high-speed Internet connections in your community? It's hard to say for sure. But new data from the Federal Communications Commission can give us a pretty good idea of where new federal subsidies could help deliver Internet service to hard-to-reach locations. This subsidy, part of the Connect America Fund, supports the nation's largest telecommunications businesses like AT&T, Verizon, and Centurylink.



## Sustainable Development Goals: Setting a New Course for People and Planet

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The unveiling of the Sustainable Development Goals are a milestone moment for our collective future. On September 25, the largest-ever gathering of world leaders joined together at a UN Summit meeting in New York to formally adopt [Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), with a set of 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the center.

### Environmental Groups Seek To End All Arctic Ocean Drilling

Associated Press Sep 29

### Montana News

#### Yet Another Montana Sawmill Lays Off Workers

Billing Gazette; Sep 28

#### Billings City Council Wants to Study Hiring New Public Safety Personnel

Billings Gazette; Sep 29

#### MSU Optics Research Could Save Farmers, Ranchers Millions

KPAX; Sep 24

#### Proposed Missoula Gun Sale Sparks Legal Debate

Montana Standard; Sep 27

#### Dinosaur Found in Montana Could Be New Species

CBS News; Sep 21



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