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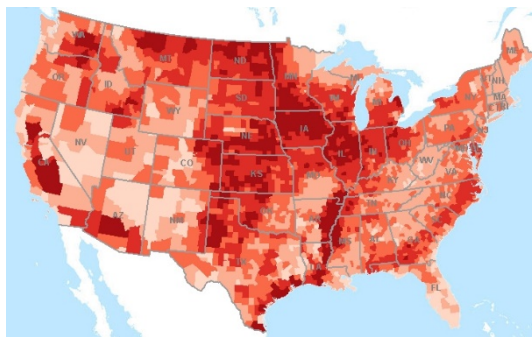
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Reports & Resources

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

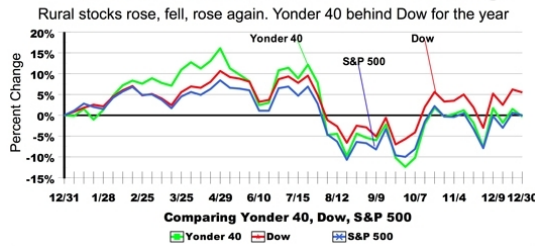
Four Glimpses of Democracy's Future Webinar

February 2, 2012
Sponsor: Centre for Public Involvement and the Alberta Climate Dialogue

Rural Health Care Leadership Conference

February 5-8, 2012
Phoenix, AZ

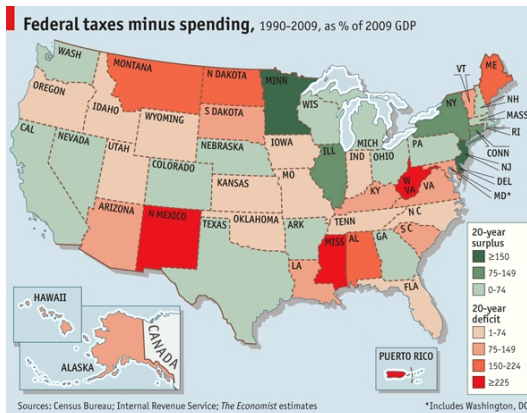
Yonder Stocks In 2011: No Change



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%.

Sponsor: American Hospital Association Health Forum

Embedding Collaborative Governance Conference

June 10-12, 2012

Syracuse, NY

Sponsor: The University Network for Collaborative Governance

Summer Institute of Civic Studies

July 9-21, 2012

Medford, MA

Sponsor: Tisch College, Tufts University

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

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D Grants for Coordinated HIV Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth (WICY)

Deadline: March 16, 2012

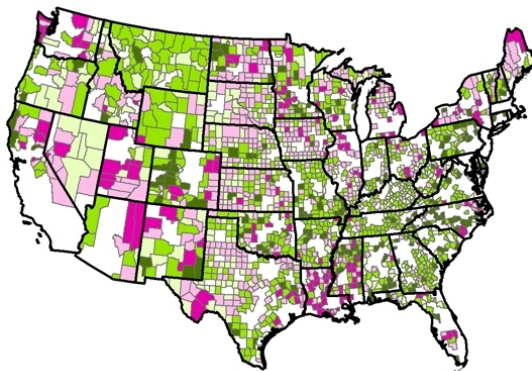
Funder: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

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Israel	53	27	20
U.S.	50	33	17
Britain	43	37	20
Russia	43	6	49
Spain	42	35	23
Lithuania	39	24	36
Poland	39	18	42
Germany	35	44	21

2011 Rural Job Gains

The Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

This report presents data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on rural job growth across the United States. Many rural areas, Montana among them, saw substantial job growth in 2011.



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.

Workforce Innovation Fund

Deadline: March 22, 2012
Funder: Department of Labor

Grants to Protect Wild Land and Support Environmental Conservation

Deadline: Open
Funder: Norcross Wildlife Foundation

National/International News

Rural Affairs Advisor Doug McKalip Holds Rural "Chat"

Daily Yonder; January 27

USDA Closes 259 Offices Due to Budget Cuts

USDA; January 27

Fastest Growing US Towns

Forbes; January 23

Agricultural Anti-trust Efforts Come to an Ineffectual Halt

Daily Yonder; January 19

Monsanto's Genetically Modified Alfalfa Approved

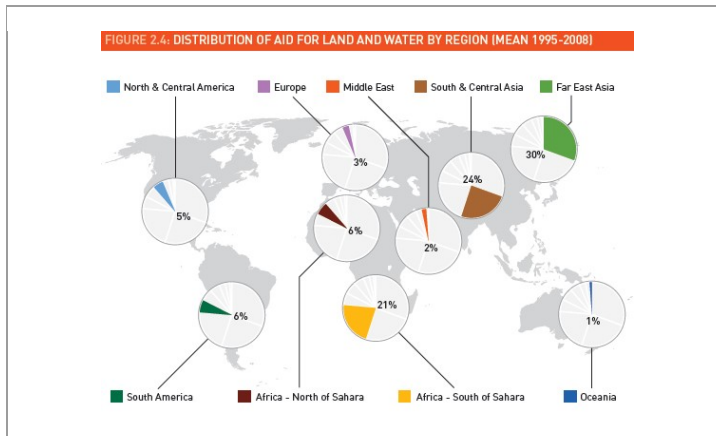
San Francisco Chronicle; January 7

Montana News

Proposed Bounty on Wolves and Mountain Lions

Helenair; January 31

MSU-Northern Receives \$648k BioEnergy Grant



Great Falls Tribune; January 31

State Considers Pursuit of Further Settlements with ExxonMobil

Billings Gazette; January 30

Montana Ranks 8th for Business Tax Climate

Missoulian; January 26

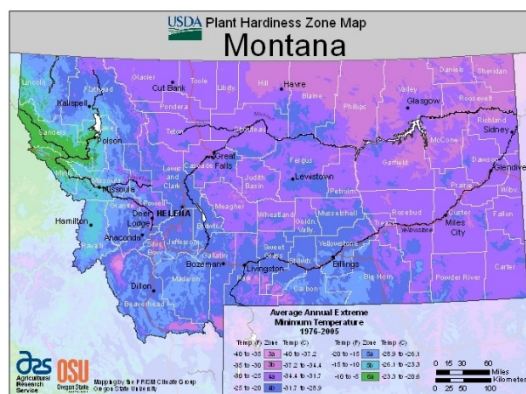
High Employment in Counties Along Keystone Pipeline

Daily Yonder; January 13

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.



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