

# MACDEP<sup>E</sup>NEWS

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS

July 2011

## Reports & Resources

### Food Desert Locator

USDA Economic Research Service | [READ STORY](#)

A new tool on the ERS website allows users to locate food deserts.



### More Deaths than Births in Rural Counties

The Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

Most US counties that have more deaths than births are rural.

### President's Corner

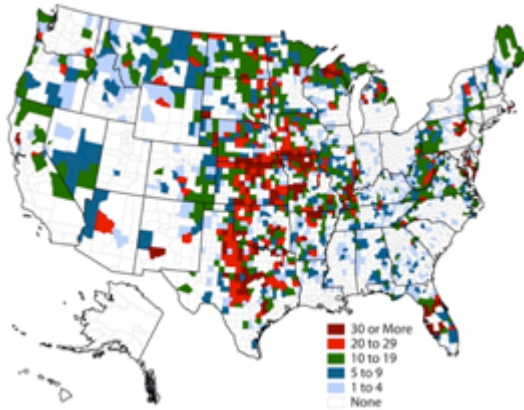
The **Community Development Society / Rural Sociological Society Joint International Conference** takes place July 28-31, 2011 in Boise and several MACDEP members will be attending. Follow the conference updates via Twitter feeds; To follow tweets about the CDS/RSS Conference, use the hashtag: #CDS-RSS; and tweets about CDS: #CommDevSoc. More info about the conference and the new CDS blog is available at the [CDS website](#).

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

### Upcoming Events

#### Energizing Entrepreneurs Webinar Series

July 13, 20, and August 17, 2011



### Senator Tester's Women's Small Business Opportunity Workshop

July 22, 2011  
Billings, MT

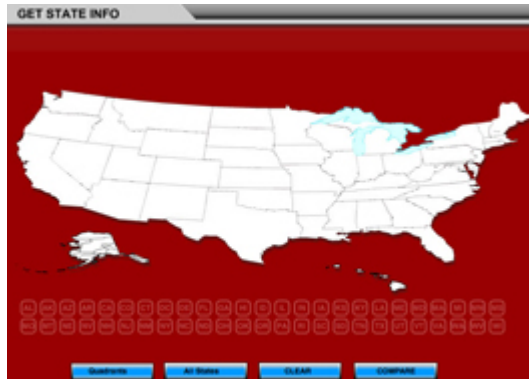
### Harvesting Clean Energy Conference

October 23-25, 2011  
Boise, ID

## Economic and Tax Comparisons by State

[Taxpayersnetwork.org](http://Taxpayersnetwork.org) | [READ STORY](#)

A source of information on a number of public policy issues.



## Grants, Awards & Jobs

### Community Health and Fitness Grants

Deadline: July 31, 2011  
Funder: JR Albert Foundation, Inc

### Family Farm Grants

Deadline: August 1, 2011  
Funder: Farm Aid

### Special Events Grant Program

Deadline: October 21, 2011  
Funder: Montana Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism

### Rural Development Grants

Deadline: Varies  
Funder: USDA Rural Development

## Bicycle Highway Systems

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

Proposals for a national bicycle freeway system are regaining momentum.

## National/International News

### EPA To Release Strict Emissions Limits

[New York Times: July 5](#)



**University to Study More Efficient Way to Use Coal**

Denver Post; July 5

**Rural Newspapers More Successful Than Metro Papers**

High Country News; July 5

**House Committee Approves Bill to Transfer Water Authority to States**

New York Times; June 22

**Harvard Study Offers New Nutritional Guidelines**

Washington Post; June 22

**States Feel EPA Budget Cuts**

Washington Post; Jun 20

**Canadian Companies Outsourcing Work to US**

Toronto Globe and Mail; June 12

**Scientists Link Persistent Drought in Southwest to Climate Change**

Christian Science Monitor; June 9

**US Falling Behind in Green Technology Business**

New York Times; June 8

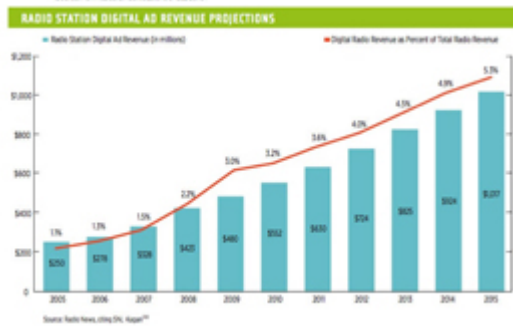
**Utah Inventor's Invention May Make Wind Energy More Profitable**

NewWest.com; June 8

**Interior Department Reverses**

**The Information Needs of Communities  
Federal Communications Commission | [READ STORY](#)**

A new report examines information technology access and needs of communities.



**The Problem With Fair-Trade Coffee  
Stanford Social Innovation Review | [READ STORY](#)**

Strict certification requirements may be putting coffee growers and consumers at a disadvantage.

### U.S. Imports of Fair Trade-Certified Coffee

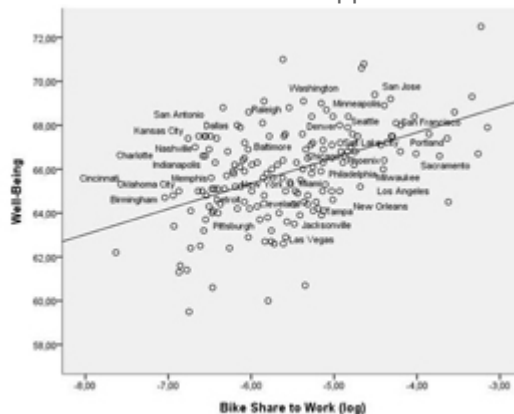
Year	Pounds of Coffee	Percent Annual Growth
1998	76,059	n/a
1999	2,052,242	2,598
2000	4,249,534	107
2001	6,669,308	57
2002	9,747,571	46
2003	19,239,017	97
2004	32,974,571	71
2005	44,585,323	35
2006	64,774,431	45
2007	66,339,389	2
2008	87,772,966	32
2009	109,795,363	25

TransFair USA 2009 Almanac.

### Bike Commuting and Happiness

The Atlantic | [READ STORY](#)

A nationwide study finds that cities with more bike commuters are happier.



### Socioeconomic Profile Toolkit

### 'Wild Lands' Policy

Salt Lake Tribune; June 1

### Montana News

#### [Wheat Farmers Deal with Blight](#)

Flathead Beacon; July 6

#### [Rising Water Could Push Oil Spill Further Down Yellowstone](#)

Missoulian; July 5

#### [NPS Published Proposed Winter Use Policy for Yellowstone](#)

Billings Gazette; July 5

#### [Lumber Company to Sell Land in Western Montana](#)

Missoulian; July 3

#### [Earth First! Rally May Target Megaload Shipments](#)

Missoulian; June 24

#### [Montana Begins Work on Hydraulic Fracturing Legislation](#)

NewWest.com; June 23

#### [USFS Funds Montana Biomass Project](#)

Missoulian; June 22

#### [Bonneville Power Administration Seeks to Improve Montana Wind Power Exports](#)

Reuters; June 21

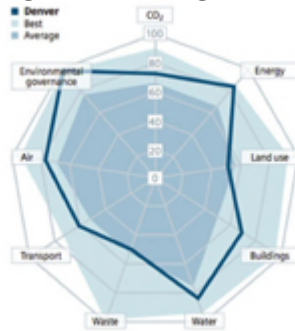
### **Headwaters Economics | [READ STORY](#)**

The Economic Profile System-Human Dimensions Toolkit allows users to produce detailed socioeconomic profiles of their communities.



### **The US and Canada Green Cities Index The Atlantic | [READ STORY](#)**

A new tool compares American and Canadian cities using indicators of greenness.



### **[Montana Counties Receive \\$24.7M in PILT Funds](#)**

Helena Independent Record; Jun 17

### **[Missoula Group Screens Film Warning About Water Privatization](#)**

Missoulian; June 14

### **[Japanese Company Unveils Windmill at MSU-Billings](#)**

Billings Gazette; June 9

### **[Montana Firm Offers Storage Solution for Wind Energy](#)**

Flathead Beacon; June 1



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