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—by *Judith Jones Putnam and Jane E. Allshouse, 148 pp.*

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This perennially popular report presents USDA's findings on the 1991 farm-to-retail price spread. Food prices increased 2.9 percent in 1991, half the 1990 price rise. Higher charges for processing and distribution were major reasons for the price increase. The prices farmers received for their commodities, as measured by the farm value of USDA's market basket of foods, declined 6.2 percent.

—by *Denis Dunham, 50 pp.*

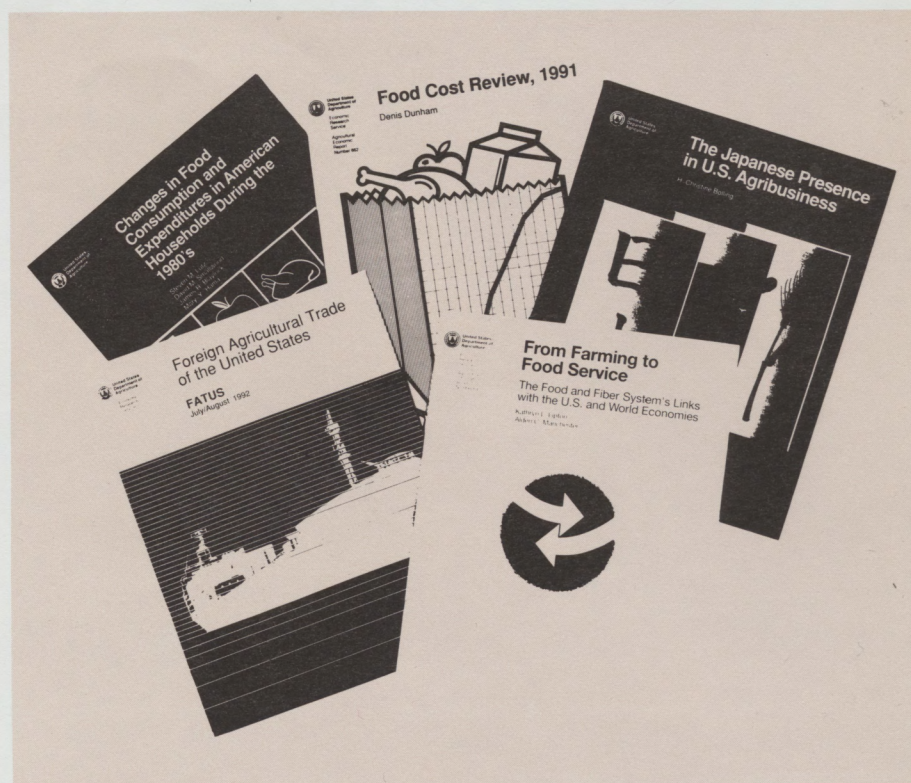
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—by Elizabeth Frazao, 55 pp.

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—by Mary L. Fant, 291 pp.

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From Farming to Food Service: The Food and Fiber System's Links with the U.S. and World Economies

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—by Kathryn L. Lipton and Alden C. Manchester, 37 pp.

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Reports the quantity of U.S. imports of 200 fresh fruit and vegetables subject to the Plant Protection and Quarantine program. Data are reported by commodity, by country of origin, and by port of entry for fiscal years 1983-89.

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Processed Food Trade

U.S. trade in processed food, 1988-91. Values of exports and imports are shown by SIC product group for each trading partner.

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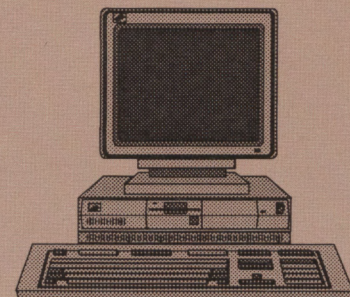
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Tobacco Yearbook

U.S. and world data on production, supply, trade, disappearance, and prices for tobacco products, 1950-91. Includes data on U.S. tobacco acreage, yield, production, stocks, and marketings by type.

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—by Alden C. Manchester, 165 pp.

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Updating a popular 1989 publication, this report is a single-source reference that summarizes Federal laws and regulations governing employment, taxes, wages, and working conditions of agricultural workers. Includes an expanded section on agricultural employers' Federal safety and tax requirements and a new section on Federal equal opportunity guidelines.

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