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Publications

Fats and Oils Statistics 1963-78, ESCS, USDA, SB-631, March 1980.

A comprehensive series of statistics on U.S. supply, disappearance, utilization, trade, and prices for oilseeds, fats, and oils and their products. It complements the statistics appearing regularly in ESCS' *Fats and Oil Situation*, issued four times a year.

The Changing Financial Structure of Farmer Cooperatives by Nelda Griffin and others. ESCS, USDA, FCRR-17, March 1980.

This report analyzes the financial structure of farmer cooperatives, including amounts, types, and sources of equity and borrowed capital. Sales and other operating income and amounts and distribution of net savings and losses are also covered. Data are presented by major function, principal products handled, geographic location, and income tax status of the cooperatives.

Transportation Fuel Requirements in the Food and Fiber System by John A. Barton. ESCS, USDA, AER-444, January 1980.

A look at fuel consumed in 1977 to transport agricultural production inputs, commodities, and manufactured food products.

Foreign Investment in the U.S. Food and Agricultural System: An Overview by Kenneth R. Krause. ESCS, USDA, AER-456, April 1980.

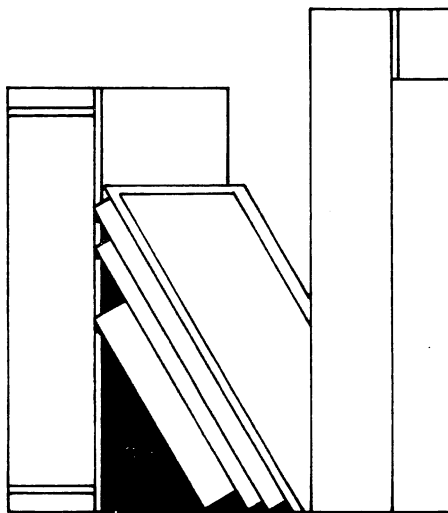
The status of foreign investment in the U.S. food system is examined, including agriculture, in the mid-1970's and highlights of the results of ensuing governmental studies and actions.

Relationships between Size of Schools and School Districts and the Cost of Education by William F. Fox. ESCS, USDA, Technical Bulletin 1621, April 1980.

More than 30 studies of size economies in the production of local education services are reviewed in terms of their theoretical basis, methodological approach, data, results, and possible applications.

What's to Eat? and Other Questions Kids Ask About Food, USDA Yearbook 1979. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

1979 was designated as the International Year of the Child. In keeping with this,



USDA prepared a yearbook for children. The book covers many aspects of food, including its history, how it gets from farm to table, as well as nutritional information and shopping tips. In addition to colorful illustrations, the book includes games, puzzles, and jokes about food and nutrition.

Wood and Energy in New England: A Review and Bibliography by Lynn Palmer, Robert McKusick, and Mark Bailey. ESCS, USDA, BLA-7, April 1980.

Because of New England's dependence on petroleum products for energy (89 percent of total energy consumed in 1976 including natural gas), its energy costs are nearly 30 percent higher than the national average. Forest land, covering almost 80 percent of New England, contains a huge volume of fuelwood that could potentially provide the equivalent of 55 million barrels of oil a year. This report reviews a number of fuelwood feasibility studies, fuelwood's role in the national and regional energy picture, wood availability and demand, energy alternatives, and environmental impact.

Producing Fresh Tomatoes in California and Baja California: Costs and Competition, USDA, ESCS-78.

California and the Baja California region of Mexico compete directly in fresh tomato production during September, October, November, and December. Baja's increased exports of fresh tomatoes to the United States since 1975 raise questions about whether Baja tomatoes will account for increasingly larger shares of the late summer and fall market now supplied largely by California. This study examines costs of producing and marketing fresh tomatoes in Baja and in California and assesses future production trends of fresh tomatoes in the two areas.

Developments in Marketing Spreads for Food Products in 1979. ESCS USDA AER-449, March 1980.

The Congress has directed USDA to monitor, analyze, and report on the price spread between the prices farmers receive and consumers pay for food. This report examines the recent behavior of food prices and influencing factors including (1) farm value and price spreads for a market basket of domestically produced food, (2) trends in prices of marketing inputs, and (3) food industry profits and productivity. This is followed by a discussion of the components of retail expenditures for farm foods and price analyses for selected products.

Agricultural Finance Review. ESCS, USDA, AFR-40, April 1980.

Articles report on concepts and research in a broad range of agricultural finance issues that relate to farm and rural finance, financial management, farm income, farm supplies, taxation, rural economic development, and the organization of agricultural production.

Supplement for 1980 to Statistics on Cotton and Related Data, 1961-78 by Mildred V. Jones. ESCS, USDA, SB-617S, April 1980.

This report presents data on U.S. production, consumption, trade, and prices of cotton and manufactured fibers for 1974-79. This is the first annual supplement to SB-617, *Statistics on Cotton and Related Data, 1960-78*. This supplement also serves as a handbook to the *Cotton and Wool Situation*, issued four times a year by ESCS.

Landownership in the United States, 1978 by James A. Lewis. ESCS, USDA, AIB-435, April 1980.

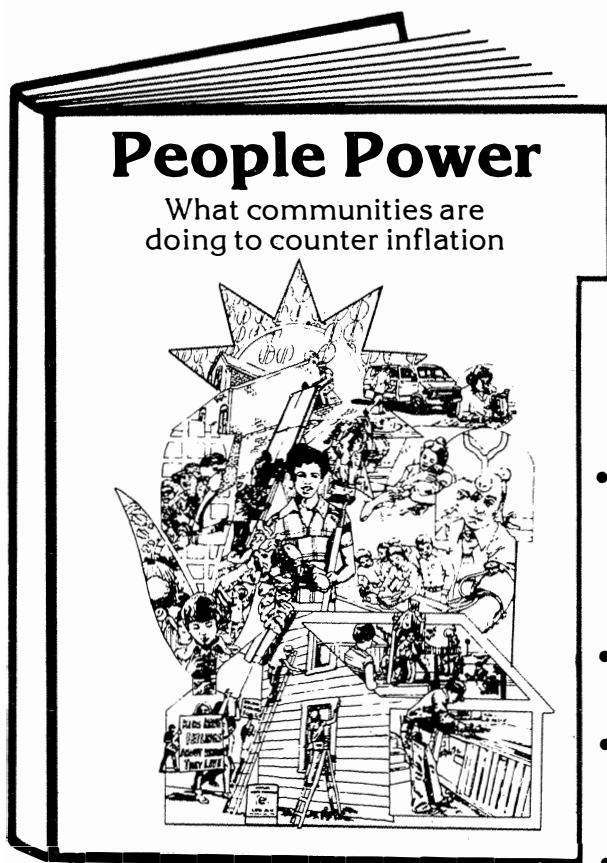
This report is based on the Resource Economics Survey, a 1978 survey of landowners in the United States. The data presented provide information on landownership characteristics at the national level, and show some comparisons of landownership among regions.

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