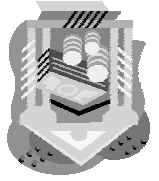


◆ **O**f each dollar spent on food, the farmer's share is approximately 19 cents. The remaining 81 cents is spent on marketing expenses associated with the processing, wholesaling, distributing and retailing of food products.



◆ **A**ccording to the United States Department of Agriculture, the average consumer spends just 10 percent of his or her disposable income to pay for food.

◆ **E**thanol and biodiesel fuels made from corn, soybeans and other crops are beneficial to the environment, promote energy security and contribute to the stability of the rural farm economy.



◆ **M**ore than half of America's agricultural producers intentionally provide habitat for wildlife. Deer, moose, fowl and other species have shown significant population increases in the past several years.



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Food Check-Out Week is when we celebrate the bounty from America's farms and ranches and how that bounty is shared with American consumers through affordable food prices.

◆ **C**ompared to other expenses facing America's families, food is a bargain. Americans have earned enough wages to pay for their yearly food supply by mid-February, yet we have to work until mid April – almost two additional months - to have earned enough wages to pay our taxes.

◆ **M**ore than twenty – one million American workers produce, process, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. Today, 98 percent of U.S. farms are operated by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations.

