2010 FINANCE AND CREDIT ISSUES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM

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U.S. FARM EQUITY (\$ billions)

		2008	2009	2010
SOURCE (EST)		USDA	USDA	USDA
•	Real Estate	1,693	1,634	1,570
•	Total Assets	2,001	1,944	1,876
•	Total Debt	239	250	233
•	Equity	\$1,767	\$1,649	\$1,643
•	Net Income	\$87	\$56	\$63
•	ROA	4.3%	2.9%	3.4%

Farm Loan Demand and Funds Availability

- Ag Lenders have sufficient funds to make farm loans in 2010 and beyond. Cash flow drives ability to repay.
- Ag Lenders want farm loans and will compete to get your business.
- It is <u>not</u> business as usual for the banking industry or for the ag sector...credit risk... increases rates.
- Risk continues until global demand improves.



Joseph W. Glauber Chief Economist, USDA 86th Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum February 12, 2010

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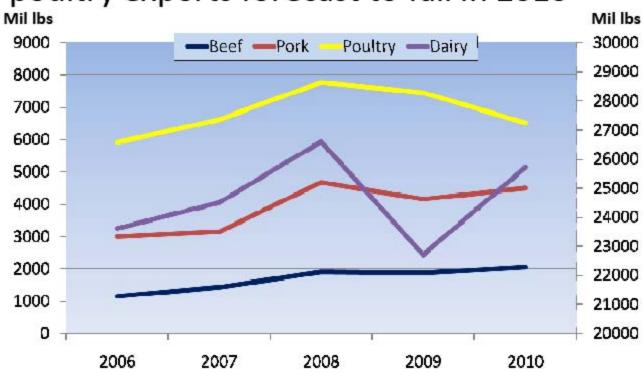
Crop prices mixed; livestock, dairy and poultry to rise in 2010

Crops	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
wheat	6.78	4.85	4.90
corn	4.06	3.70	3.60
soybeans	9.97	9.45	8.80
rice	16.80	14.30	13.00
cotton	47.8	62.0	64.0
Animal products	2008	2009	2010
beef	92.27	82.68	88.25
pork	47.84	41.24	47.75
broilers	79.70	77.60	79.50
milk	18.29	12.81	16.55

Source: Office of the Chief Economist, February 2010

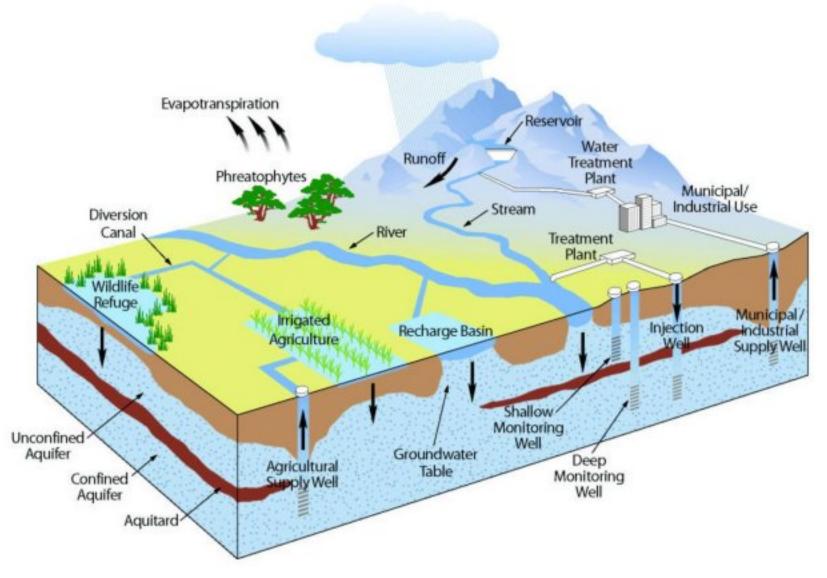
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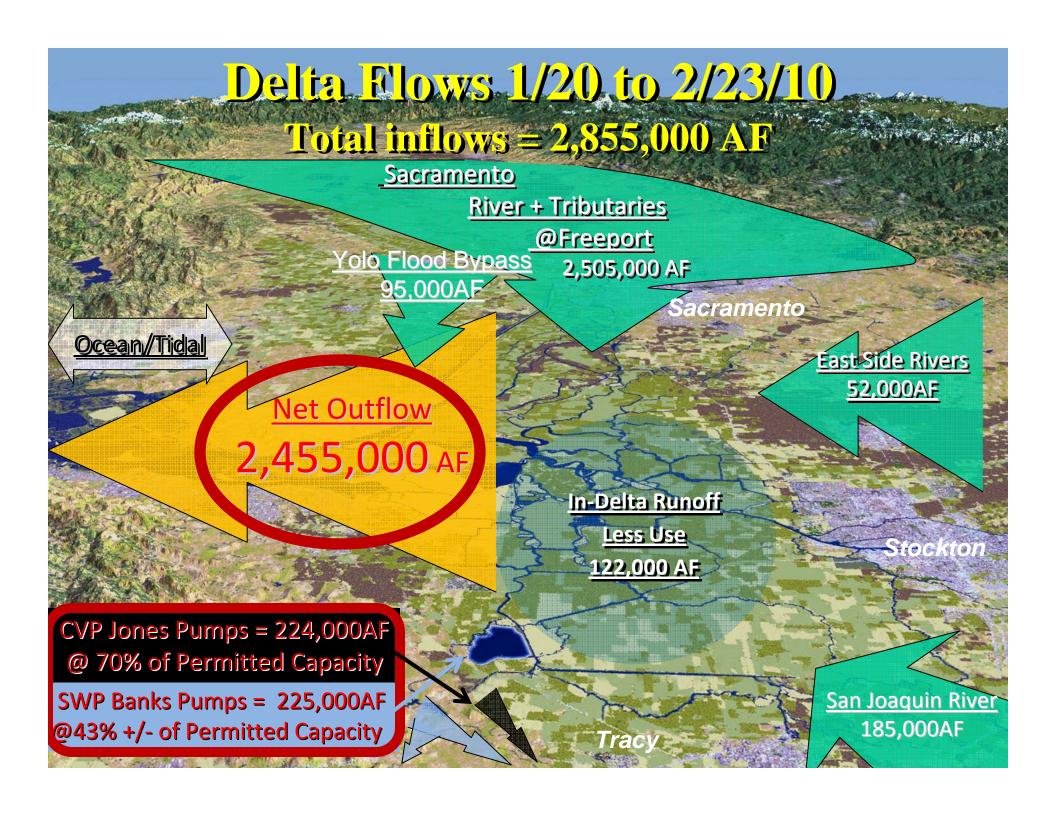
Beef, pork and dairy exports recover, poultry exports forecast to fall in 2010



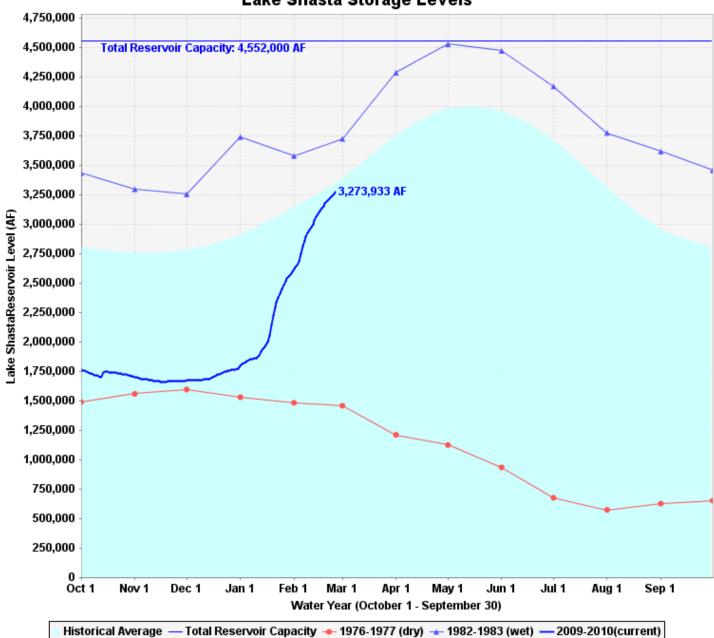
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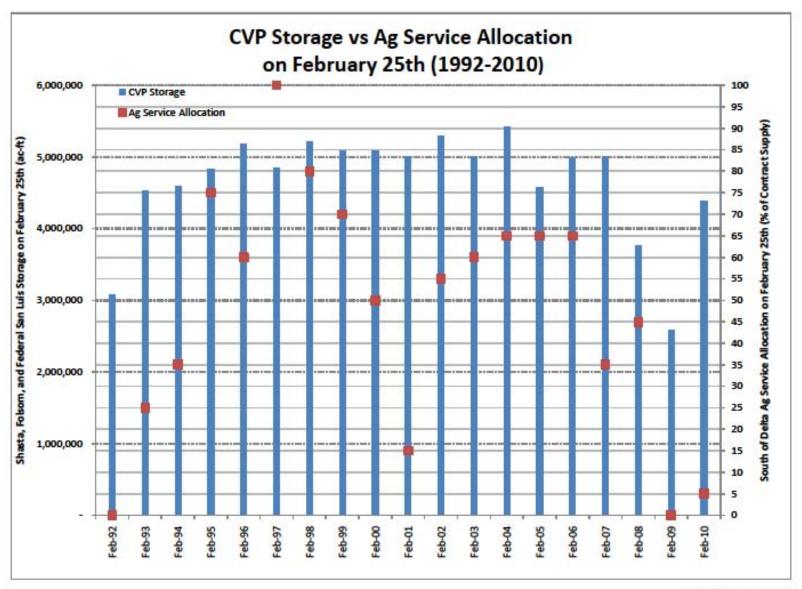
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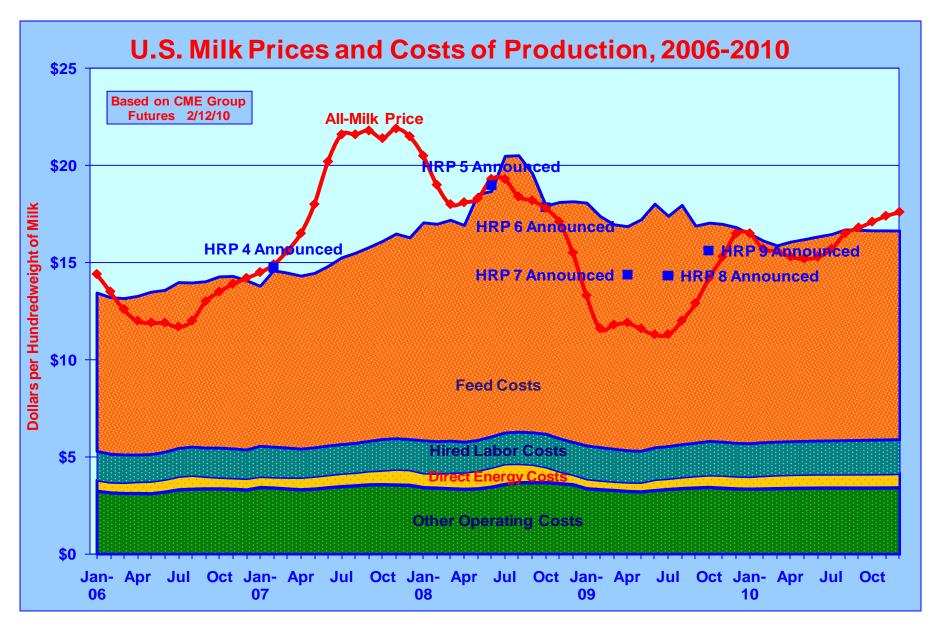








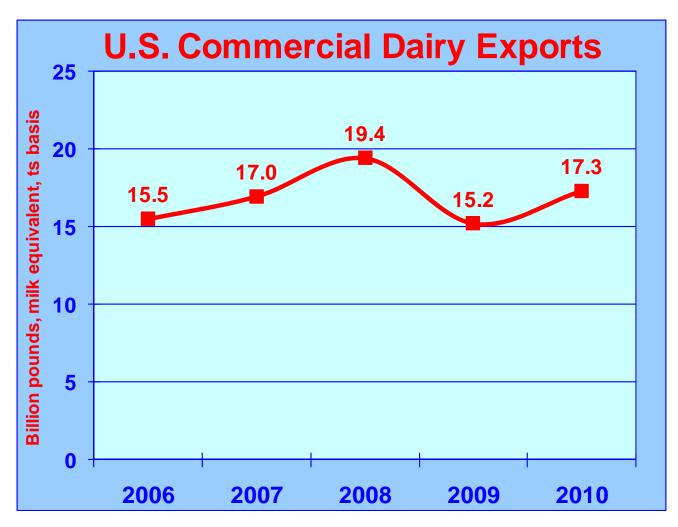




Dairy Situation and Outlook

SOURCE JIM TILLISON, NMPF

USDA is projecting a partial recovery in U.S. commercial dairy exports from their steep drop in 2009, equivalent to 2.1 billion pounds of milk

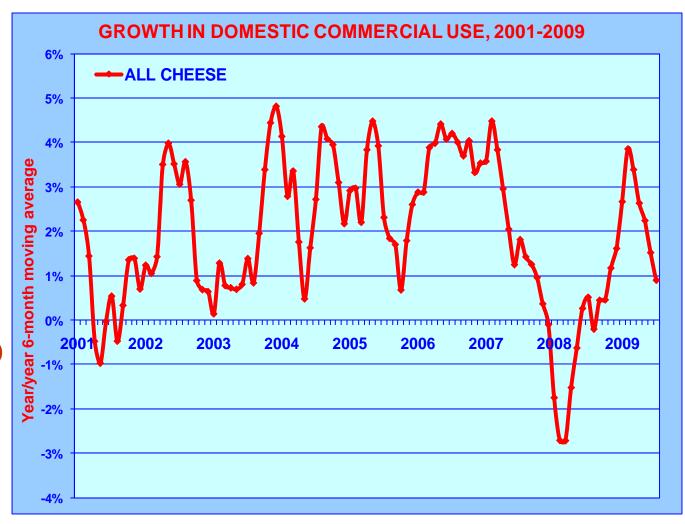


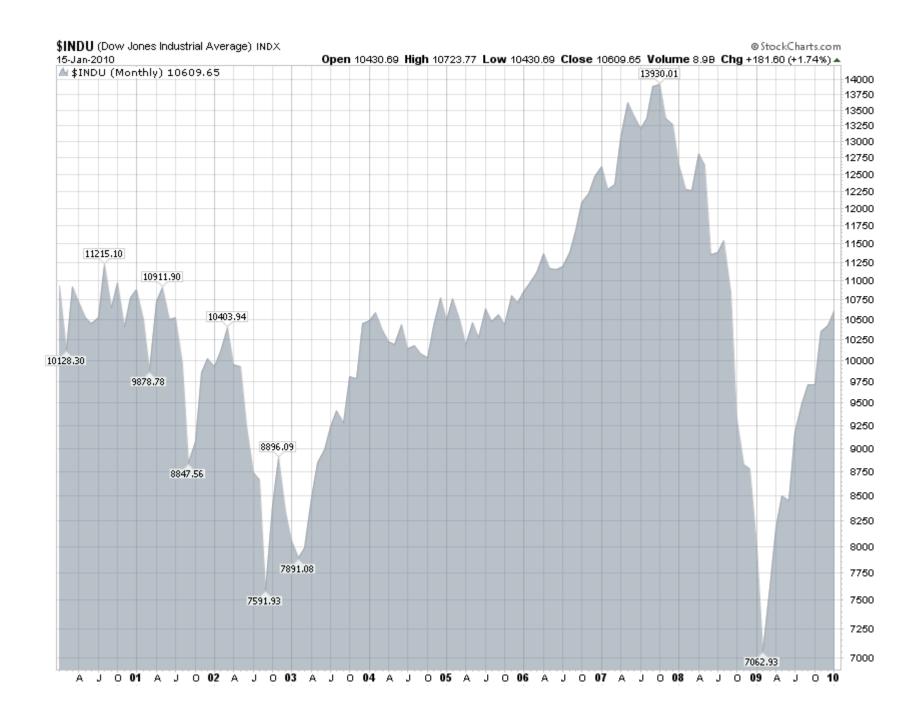
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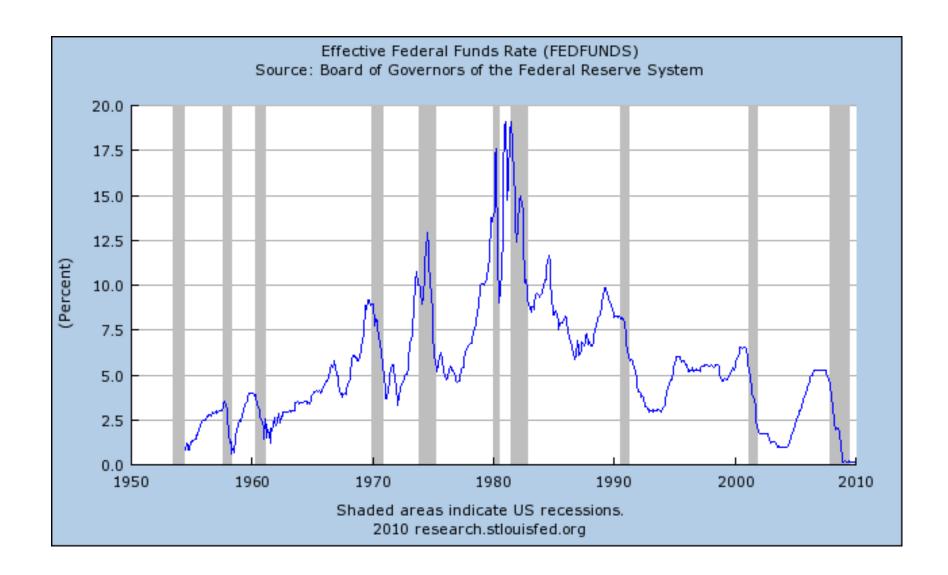
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Domestic cheese consumption has recovered from 2008 levels, but growth has moderated in recent months

Growth of
American types
was strong in 2009
but currently
weaker; nonAmerican types
were weak in 2009
but currently
recovering







GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM ISSUES

- The food system policy and regulatory "tent" has expanded well beyond traditional ag organizations and they may not be in leadership position.
- Focus on lessons learned from Global financial crisis
- System is more interconnected and interdependent than expected.
- Biggest lesson is stick to the basics.
- Know your risks and core opportunities.
- Investments must have a reasonable risk based return.
- Shocks may continue.
- Interest rates and US dollar value will change and both impact commodity values.
- Global Food and Water demand will increase and current technology will not meet anticipated demand.