Farm Foundation Forum

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“Do right and feed everyone.”

-Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue
VISION

...to serve as the expert source for economic analysis on agricultural transportation from farm to markets

MISSION

...provide insightful agricultural transportation information, analysis and data to help agricultural shippers move their products to market. As part of USDA, we inform, represent, and assist agricultural shippers and government policymakers through Market reports, Economic Analysis, Regulatory representation, Transportation disruption reports, Technical Assistance, and Outreach to stakeholders.
Transportation Analysis & Market Reports:

- U.S. Grain
- Other Ag. Commodities
- Brazil & Mexico Grain Analysis
- Modal Share Analysis
- Commodity Profiles
- Rail Studies
- Study of Rural Transportation Issues
- Internal Disruption Reporting
- STB Filings
- Co-op Research Agreements
- Data
Rural Infrastructure: USDA’s Utilities Programs

- Infrastructure for Growth
- Access to Essential Services
- Job Creation

Electric Program
Telecommunications Program
Water and Environmental Programs
Rural Utilities Service Borrowers & Grantees

- Infrastructure for 80% of the nation’s land mass
- Enhancing the lives of 25% of the population
USDA Broadband Programs

**Loans**
- Farm Bill Broadband Loans and Grants
- Telecommunications Infrastructure

**Grants**
- Community Connect
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine