



Fun Ag Facts.....

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Farm and ranch families comprise just 2% of US population.



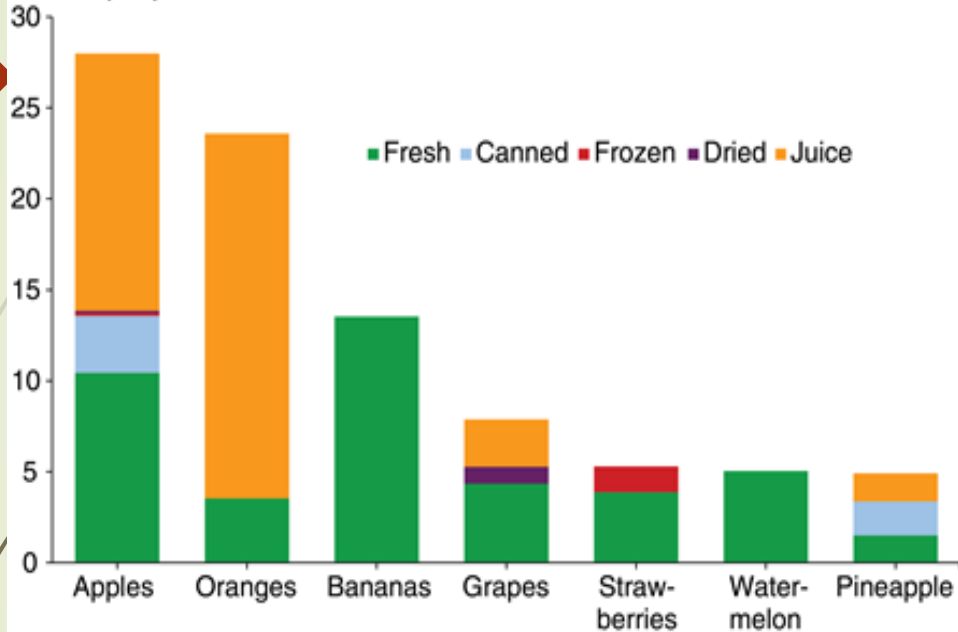


In 1960, the average US farmer could feed 25.8 people and today they can feed over 155 people.

- This is over a 600% increase in less than 60 years
- 100% increase every ten years
- 10% increase each year

U.S. per capita loss-adjusted fruit availability, 2016

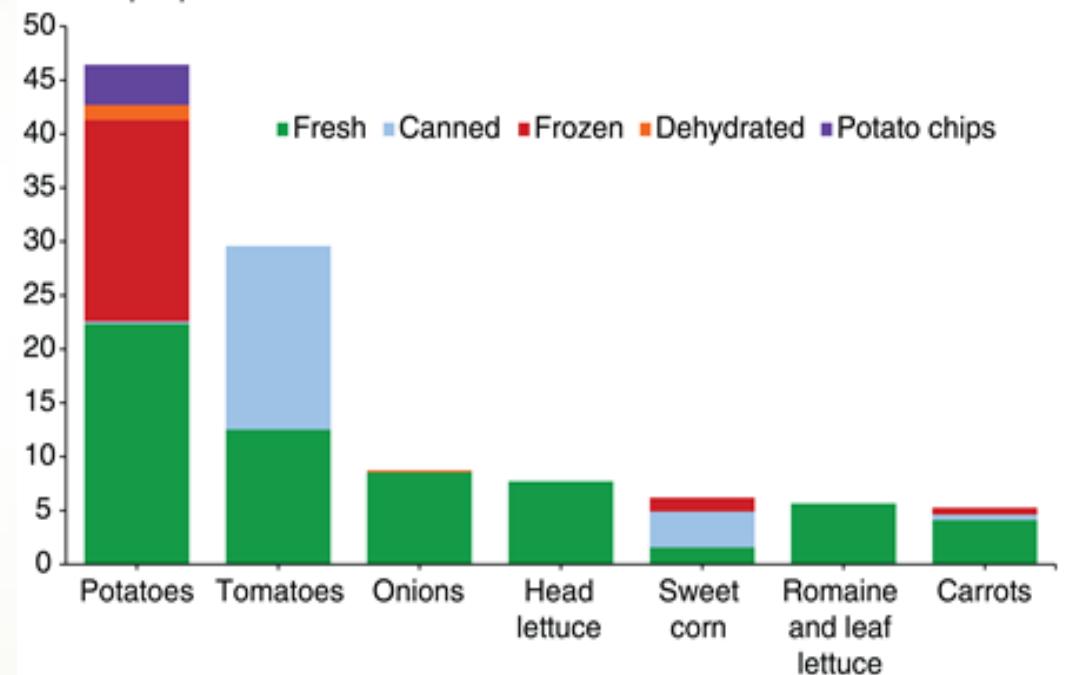
Pounds per person



Loss-adjusted food availability data are proxies for consumption.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Loss-Adjusted Food Availability Data.

U.S. per capita loss-adjusted vegetable availability, 2016

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In Mexico, squash cultivation began around 10,000 years ago.



Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers in the US.



Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.



The average household spends over \$7,000 a year on food.



Pigs are thought to be the 4th smartest animal, behind chimpanzees, dolphins and elephants.



The pounds of feed a dairy cow needs to eat to produce 100 lbs. of milk has decreased by more than 40 percent on average in the last 40 years.



**Longest recorded flight of a chicken is
13 seconds.**



Elevators in the Statue of Liberty use a soybean-based hydraulic fluid.



Millennial Moms

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of Millennials go to
a grocery store at
least once a week

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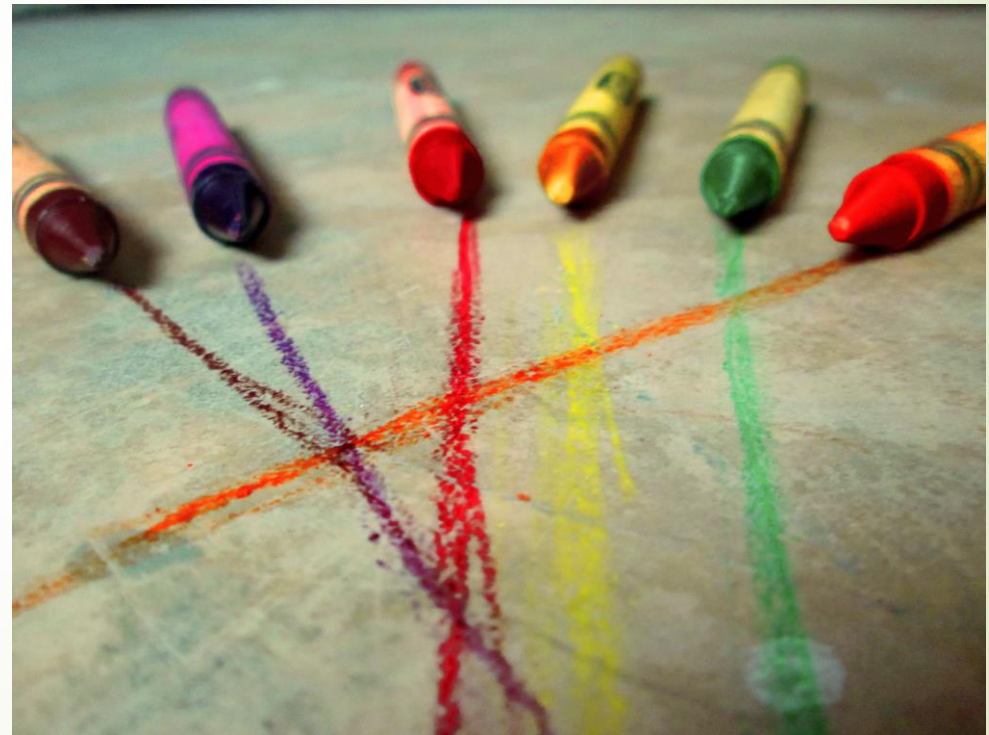
spend \$75 or more
in groceries every
time they shop

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belong to at least one
loyalty or frequent
shopper program

**One acre of soybeans can produce
82,368 crayons.**



**99% of US farms are operated by families-
individuals, family partnerships or family
corporations.**



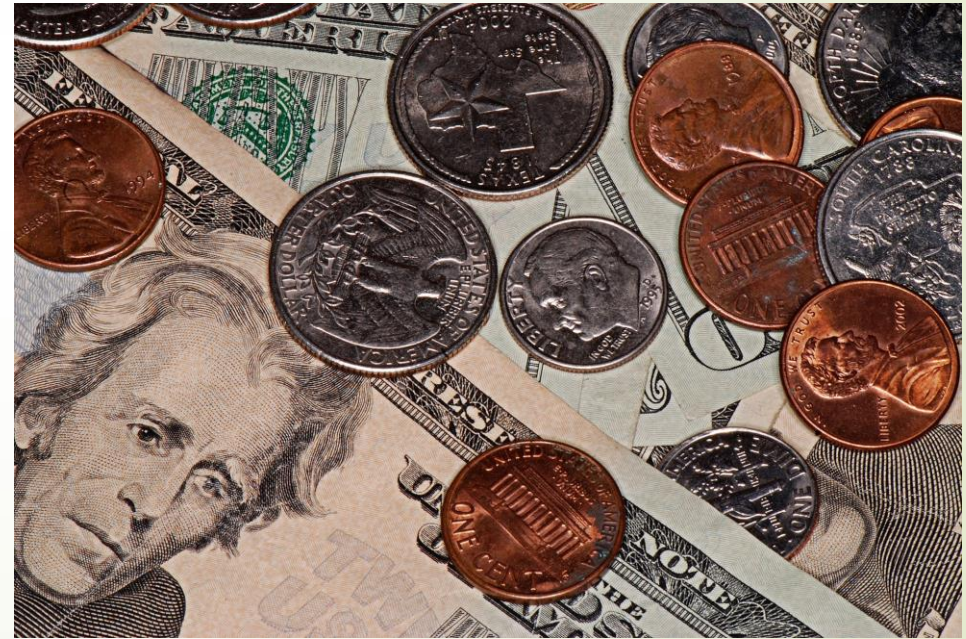
**Most eggs
produced
today will
be at the
grocery
store
within 72
hours.**



By 2050, global farmers will need to produce 70% more food to keep up with global population.



Farmers and ranchers receive only 15 cents of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home.



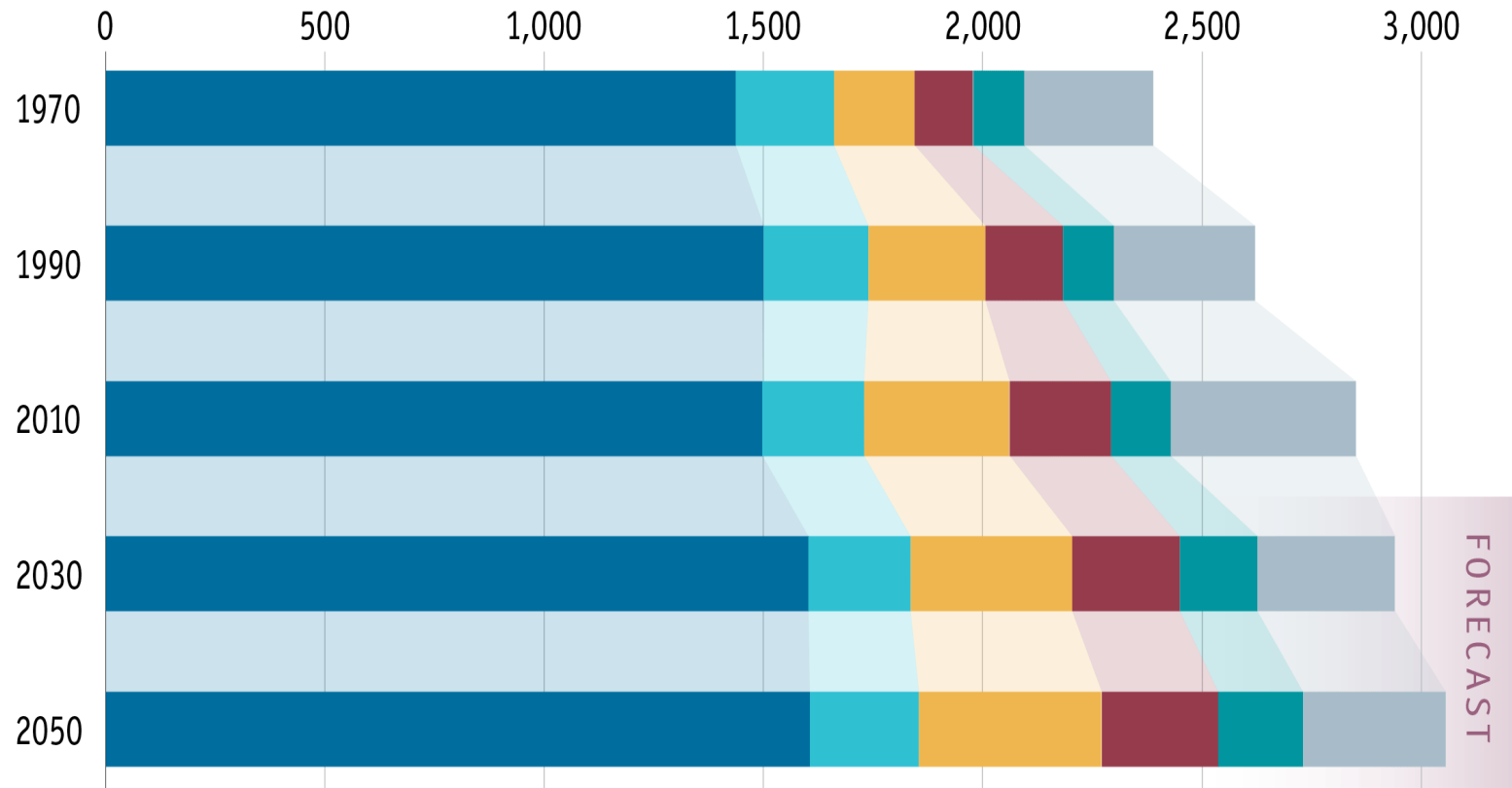
Women make up 30 percent of the total number of US farm operators.



What's on the world's menu

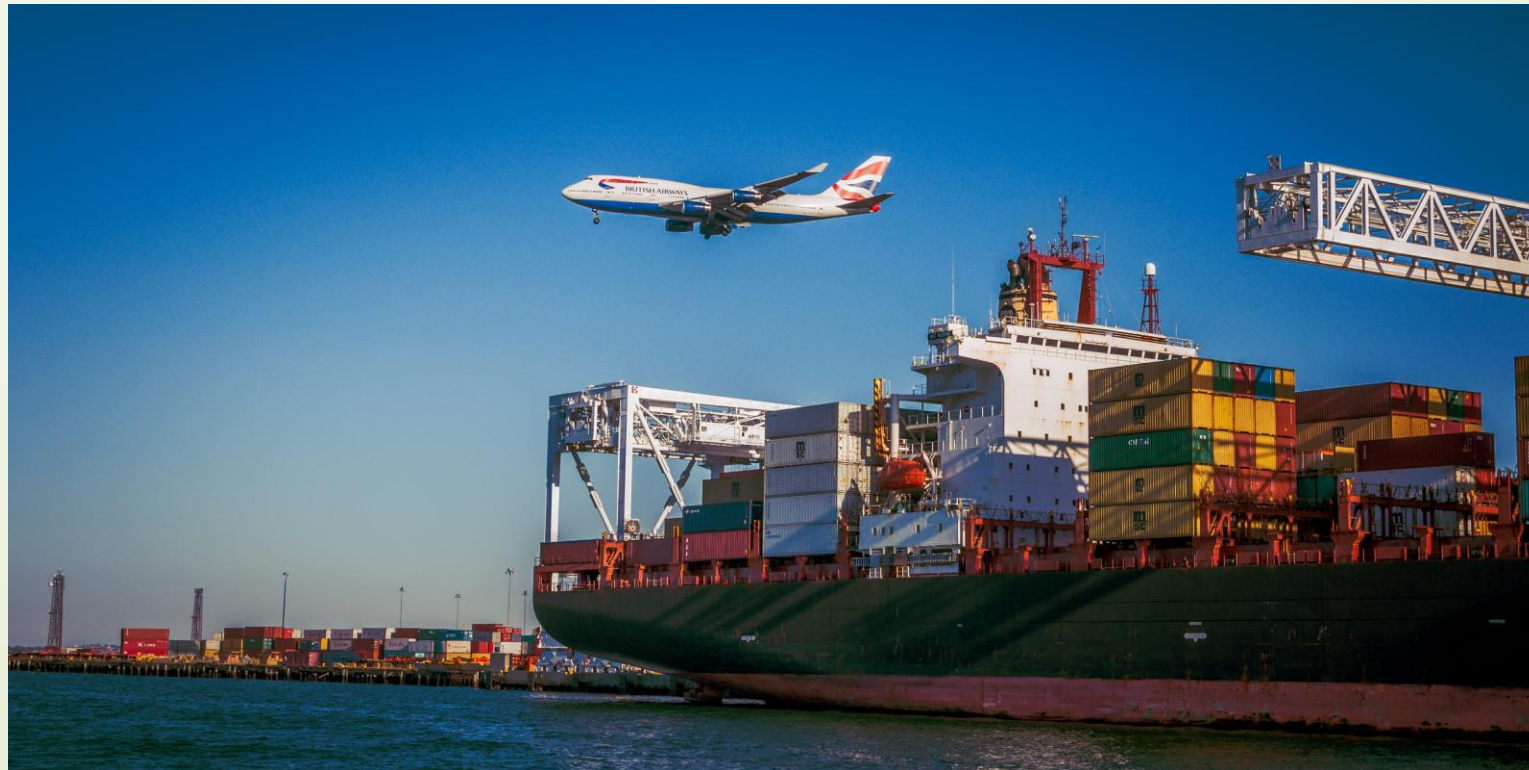
Daily calories per person by type of food

Cereals, roots and pulses Sugar Vegetable oils Meat Dairy Other



Source: FAO

31% of US gross farm income comes directly from exports.



**8% of US
farms
market
food
locally.**





More than 6,000 different kinds of apples are grown around the world.





Average cow produces 7 gallons of milk a day.

➡ There are 350 squirts in a gallon of milk.



One acre of corn will give off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation.



One bushel of corn produces enough syrup to sweeten 324 cans of soda pop.



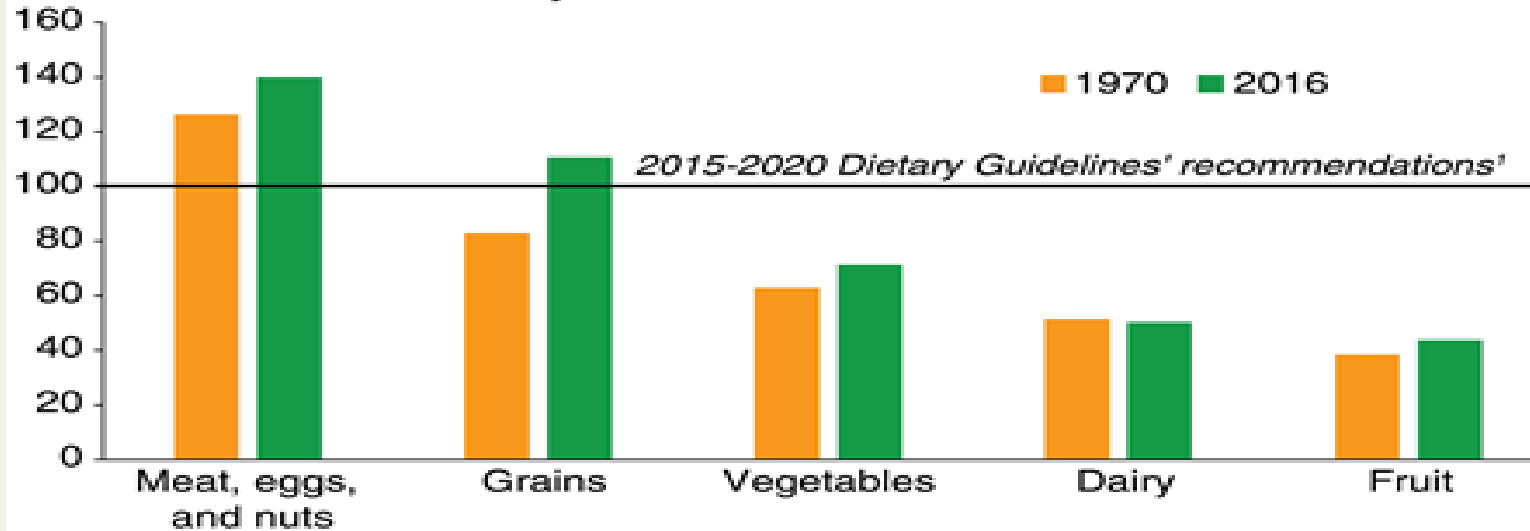


**More than 80,000 newspapers in the US
use soy ink.**



Estimated average U.S. consumption compared to recommendations, 1970 and 2016

Percent of *2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines'* recommendations



¹Based on a 2,000-calorie-per-day diet.

Loss-adjusted food availability data are proxies for consumption. Rice availability data were discontinued and thus are not included in the grains group.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Loss-Adjusted Food Availability Data and *2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines*.