ABSTRACT

$VALUING YOUR DIET-Effects of Rising Food Prices on Food Insecurity and Diet Quality. An expected recession along with increasing food and gas prices has forced consumers to make tough decisions. Why have food prices risen? How are consumers responding to the price increases? Dr. Wilde’s research examines the factors that affect U.S. consumer food prices and the impact on rising food prices on U.S. household food insecurity and hunger, as well as on the cost of healthy foods. Ms. Rhoades will discuss how consumers are responding to the increase in food prices and provide examples of how Extension is working in the community to help people consume nutritious diets with limited resources.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Parke Wilde, Ph.D., is a food economist and Associate Professor in the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. His career includes stints as the editor of Nutrition Week, the publication of the Community Nutrition Institute, and at USDA’s Economic Research Service. In 2003, he joined the faculty of the Friedman School, where he teaches graduate-level courses in statistics and U.S. food policy. Wilde earned his Ph.D. in ag economics at Cornell. His research addresses food security and hunger measurement, the economics of food assistance programs, and federal dietary guidance policy.

Deborah Rhoades, M.A., R.D., is an Extension Educator with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Frederick County. Ms. Rhoades translates food and nutrition research for consumers – educating and empowering families to make healthy eating and physical activity a priority in their daily lives. Ms. Rhoades is a Registered Dietitian and authors a weekly food and nutrition column and has worked with a variety of Federal nutrition programs. She received her M.A. in Nutrition Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
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