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## **YOUR COUNTY** Farm Bureau celebrates Food Check-Out Week

**YOUR CITY, KY (DATE)** – The cost of food in America remains affordable. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service, American consumers spend, on average, just over 10 percent of their disposable income for food. That means the average household will have earned enough disposable income – that portion of income available for spending or saving – to pay for its annual food supply in about seven weeks, said Kentucky Farm Bureau president Mark Haney.

“America’s food supply is the most affordable as well as the safest in the world,” Haney said. “Domestic foods that are produced by farmers in Kentucky and throughout the United States are responsible, in part, for our nation’s increased standard of living.”

In recognition of this, **(YOUR COUNTY)** Farm Bureau is celebrating February 15-21, 2015, as Food Check-Out Week.

To mark the occasion, **(Use this paragraph to mention any specific events your county Farm Bureau is planning locally, such as food baskets, food drives, etc. during that time.)**

Long after Food Check-Out Week, Americans are required to continue earning income for other necessities. The Tax Foundation has reported that Americans must work over 100 days to pay their federal taxes.

“We work much longer to pay for federal taxes than for food,” Haney said.

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