



Understanding the Economic Concepts and Characteristics of Food Access

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Economic Research Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20036

Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Welcome & Introduction Sheldon Danziger, University of Michigan
8:45 - 9:15 AM	Overview of USDA Research on Food Access Shelly Ver Ploeg, USDA Economic Research Service
9:15 - 10:00 AM	An Economic View of Food Deserts in the United States Steven J. Haider, Michigan State University Marianne Bitler, University of California, Irvine
10:00 - 11:15 AM	Measuring Food Access in Urban Areas Kathryn M. Neckerman, Michael Bader, Marnie Purciel, and Paulette Yousefzadeh, Columbia University Food Access in Urban Areas: Context, Concepts, and Community Interventions Donald Diego Rose, Tulane University Discussant: Tom DeLeire, University of Wisconsin
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Alternative Measures of Food Environments Jessie Fan, Lori Kowaleski-Jones, Cathleen D. Zick, Ken R. Smith, Barbara Brown, and Ikuho Yamada, University of Utah Obesity, Fast Food, and Grocery Stores: Evidence from Geo-referenced Microdata Susan E. Chen, Raymond J.G.M. Florax, and Samantha D. Snyder, Purdue University Discussant: Parke Wilde, Tufts University
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Lunch

1:45 - 3:00 PM

Characteristics of Food Access, Availability, and Affordability in Rural Areas

Joseph R. Sharkey, Texas A & M University

Finding Food Deserts: A Comparison of Approaches to Measuring Spatial Accessibility to Supermarkets in Portland, Oregon

Andrea L. Sparks, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Neil Bania and Laura Leete, University of Oregon

Discussant: Marie-Soleil Cloutier, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, Centre Urbanisation Culture Société

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Closing Comments
