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*June 30, 2009*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

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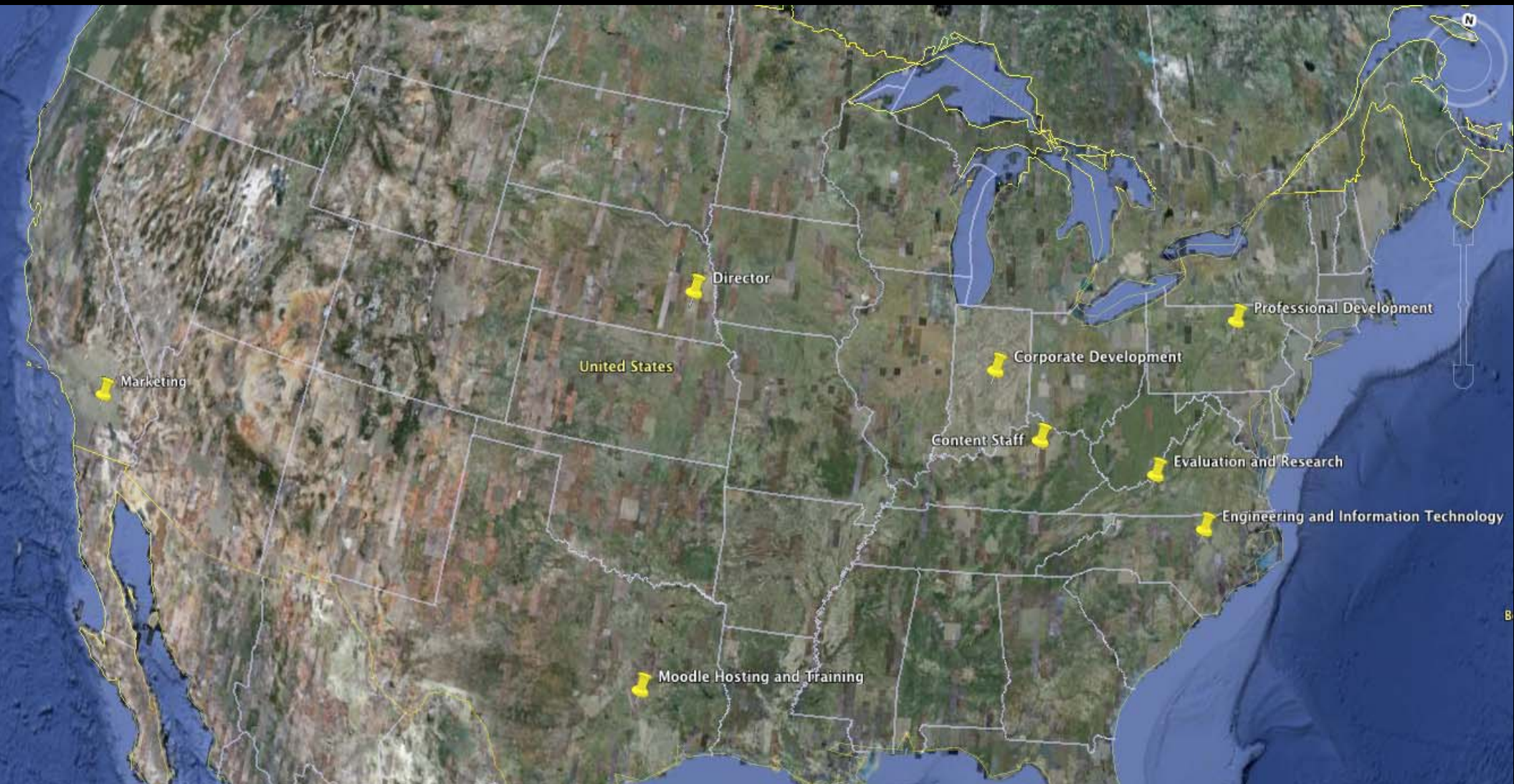
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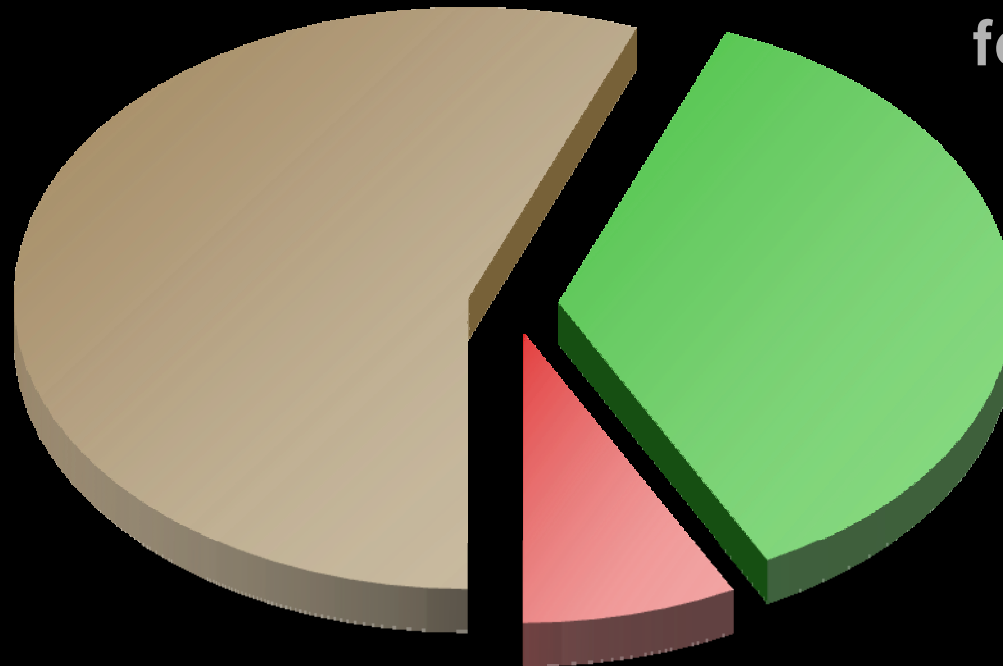




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Assessments

New Technologies  
for Ag Extension  
(USDA)



Private Funding

Financially tough times, I need some answers.



Wow, good stuff!





Articles from our resource area experts.

## Sizing Up Your Financial Situation

Last Updated: December 12, 2008 | Related resource areas: [Personal Finance](#), [Financial Crisis](#)

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### SIZING UP YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Sometimes unforeseen events in life challenge us. They may include unemployment, downsizing, a disability, natural disasters, divorce, or widowhood. Regardless of the reason, you need to take charge during these challenging times. When faced with reduced income or increased expenses, you need to develop a spending plan to help pay your bills. If your income will be affected for more than a month, you will need to adjust your spending habits to maintain control of family finances over an extended period.

Many people try to hide financial problems from themselves or family members. Not facing your problems can be very destructive because the worry and stress caused by financial uncertainty and lack of cash may be worse than the financial problem itself. It is important to look realistically



at your situation and actively seek solutions to your problems, despite the discomfort.

Because spending decisions affect the whole family, talk with your family about the situation. Let them know the

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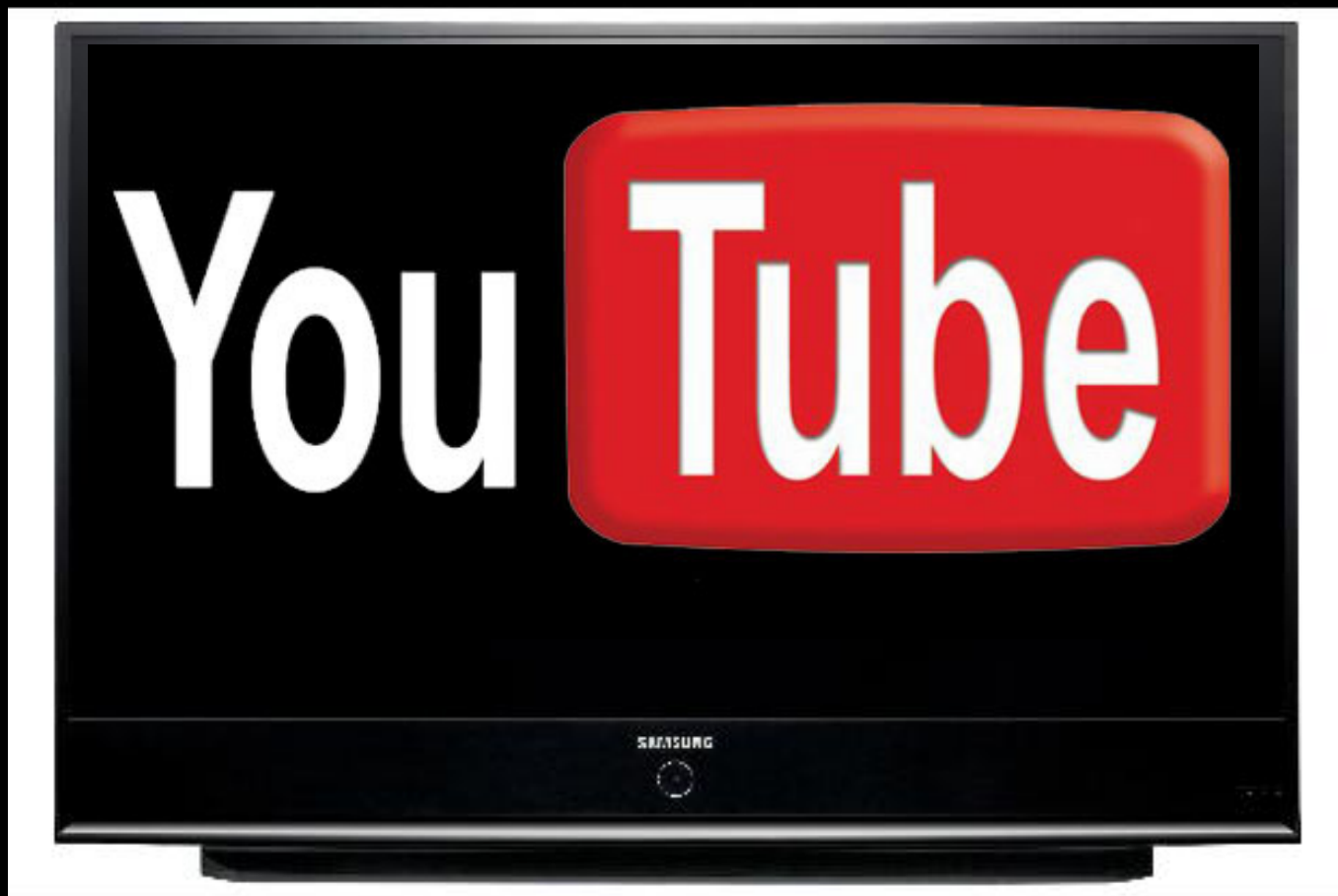
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**Which on-line survey?**  
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**Research on Website Design for Education**  
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**runneals** Hmm... Can YOU believe this?!? I saw an Isle Casino Shuttle Van today.  
 7 minutes ago from TweetDeck

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**BethStuever** Ya! Expected to see a box, not a sheet! RT @jmfleetwood: Nice transfer of MJ's body off the stretcher in the van! Weekend at Michael's?  
 10 minutes ago from Tweetie

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