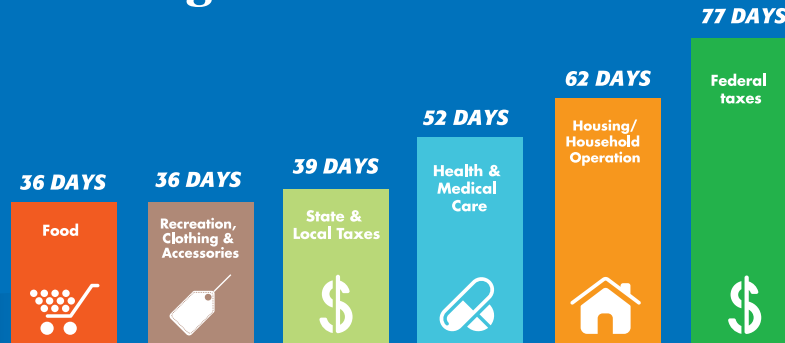


How many days do Americans work each year to pay for food, compared to other things?



U.S. consumers spend just 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. Consumers in other countries pay much more: Japan – 14 percent; Israel – 20 percent; China – 26 percent; Philippines – 38 percent; Indonesia – 55 percent.

American Farm Bureau Federation Graphic
Sources: USDA, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Tax Foundation



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. . . it takes the average
American just **5 weeks**, or 37
days, to earn enough dispos-
able income to pay for their
food supply for the entire year!

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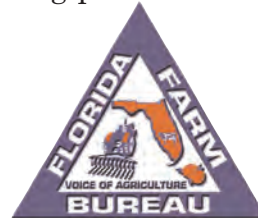
Fast Facts:

◎ U.S. consumers spend just under 10 percent of their disposable annual income on food! Consumers in other countries spend much more: Japan – 14 percent; France – 15 percent; China – 26 percent; Philippines – 38 percent; Indonesia – 55 percent.

◎ More than 21 million American workers (15 percent of the total U.S. workforce) produce, process, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. But only 4.6 million of those people live on farms -- slightly less than 2 percent of the total U.S. population.

◎ Thanks to modern farming techniques, America's farmers and ranchers are producing more food on fewer acres, leaving more open space for wildlife habitat. Modern farming practices free up millions of acres for wildlife to live and thrive.

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