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Large Food Supply Predicted For Holidays (1:08)

Beef, pork, broiler-fryers and turkeys will be in large supply for the December holiday season. The U-S Department of Agriculture says fresh potatoes, dry onions, sweet potatoes, navel oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, pears and cranberries also will be plentiful.

U-S-D-A says December beef production should be two to four percent above last year's record level. Marketings of broiler-fryers will be six percent larger and turkey marketings two percent higher than a year ago. Pork supplies are expected to be 22 to 24 percent more than 1975's unusually low level.

The 1976 cranberry crop is expected to set a record with production fifteen percent above last year. Eggs, apples and dried prunes will be adequate. Raisins are expected to be light due to heavy crop losses from September rains and pecan production will also be light.

Other supplies predicted as plentiful in December include milk and dairy products, rice, wheat, corn, dry beans, peanuts, almonds, walnuts and canned noncitrus fruits. Frozen green peas, sweet corn-on-the-cob, canned green peas, spinach and sweet potatoes are forecast as plentiful.

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Nutrition Survey (0:20)

A survey conducted by the Food and Drug Administration indicates that Americans are concerned about the nutritional value of their food and are willing to pay a bit more to have the extra information available. Nearly three out of five shoppers have noticed nutritional labels and about half of this group say they use the information in selecting foods.