

- Well, looks like you bought a bundle of groceries there, Aunt Bee.

- And it seems to cost a bundle too.

- Yeah, it does, but you know what, food's the bargain today. The consumer spends the smallest percentage of his after-tax dollar for food than any time in the history of the United States.

- Is that so?

- Course! Don't forget, Aunt Bee, I'm well-informed on these matters. In 1947 to 1949, the consumer spent 26 cents out of his after-tax dollar for food. But today, food only costs him 19 cents out of every dollar. And another thing--

- What's that, Andy?

- Today in this country, people spend less of their total income on food than the people anywhere in the world.

- Well, that's good to know, Andy.

- So please, Aunt Bee, when you hear talk about the cost of food, just give out the facts. Food is a bargain.

- I will, Andy, and I'll say you said so.

- Me, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.