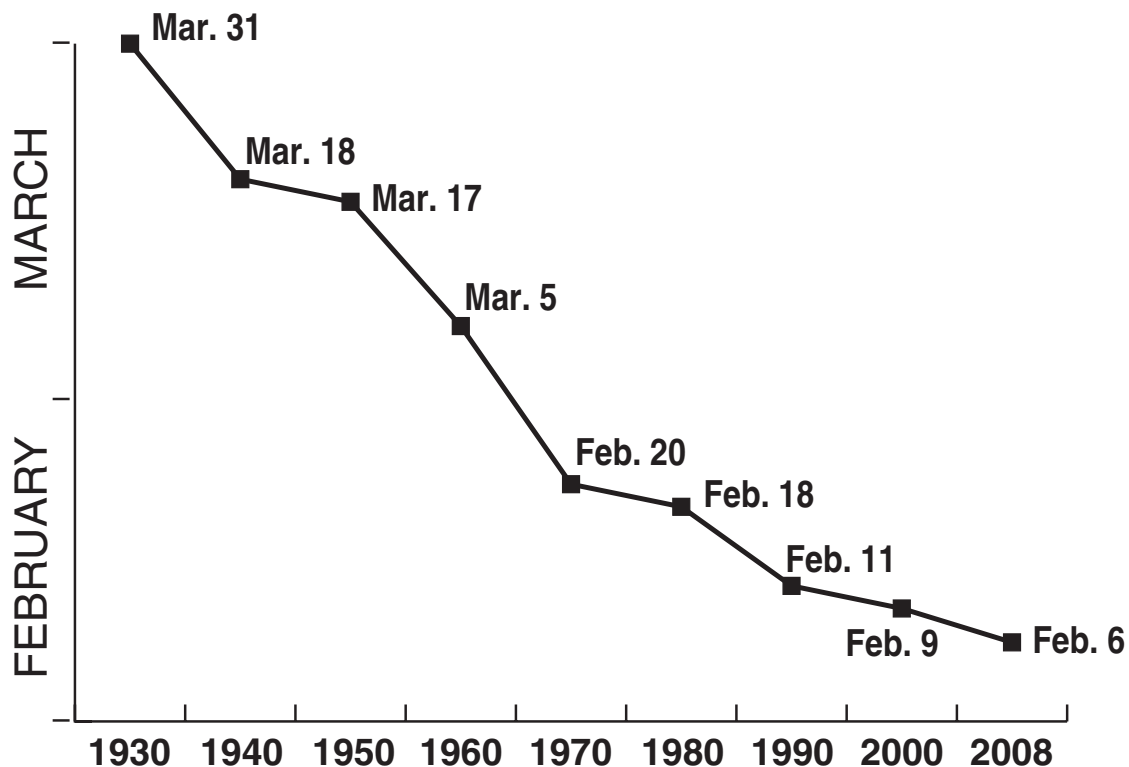


2009 Food Check-out Week

Third Week of February



Americans enjoy the safest and most affordable food supply in the world thanks to the innovative and efficient practices of the American farmer. Once a year Food Check-out Week is celebrated to bring attention to the contribution made by America's farmers and ranchers to our food supply. Starting in 2009, the timing of Food Check-Out Week is not related to the date Americans have earned enough money to pay for their food for a year. The third week of February was selected for Food Check-Out Week as a bridge to National Nutrition Month in March.



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