

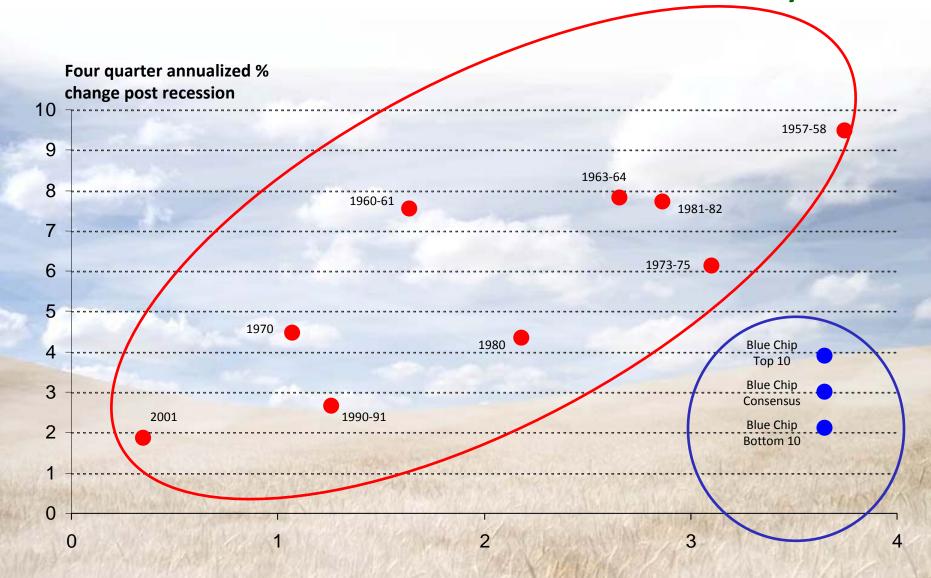
# The Economic Outlook for Montana: Transition to Growth

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### A Recession Like No Other

- Recession has been longer, more severe, more global
- A "net worth" recession that wiped out wealth
- A crisis of confidence in financial markets now over
- An unprecedented, coordinated, global policy response, especially in the U.S.

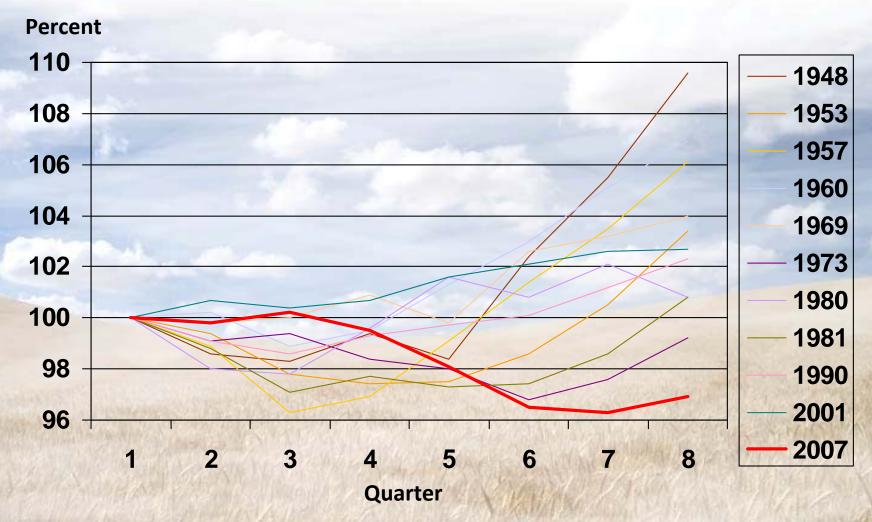
#### A Different Recession Leads to a Different Recovery



Peak to Trough decline in Real GDP (%)

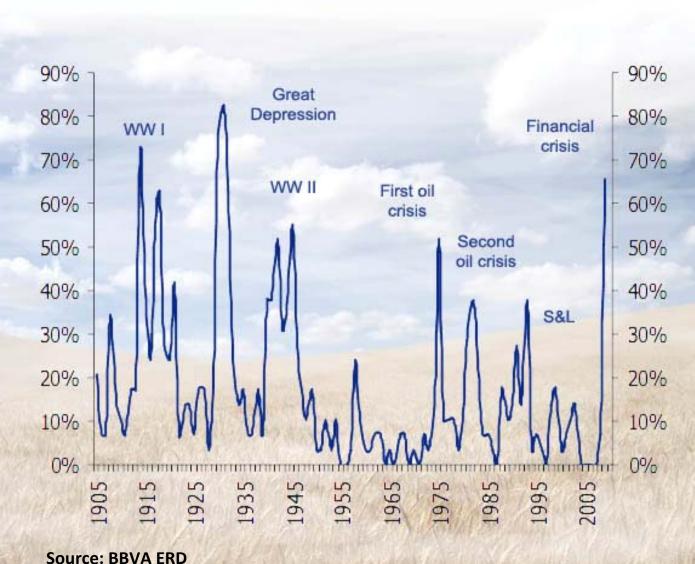
Source: BEA, Blue Chip

### A Longer and Deeper Recession, But Still on the Same Page



Real Gross Domestic Product as a Percent of pre-Recession Peak Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

# Number of Countries in Recession in the Same Year (as a % of total countries)



#### **Recession Wiped Out \$17 Trillion in Household Assets**

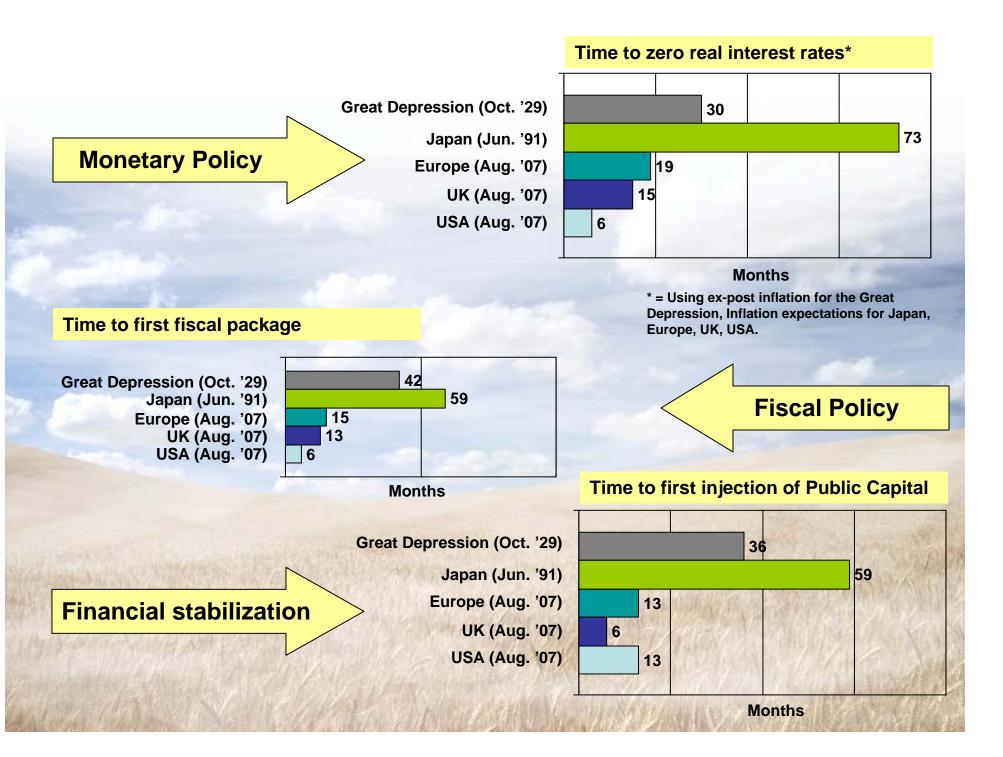


U.S. Household Net Worth, Market Value, \$ Trillions Source: Federal Reserve



**Economic Policy Tools** 

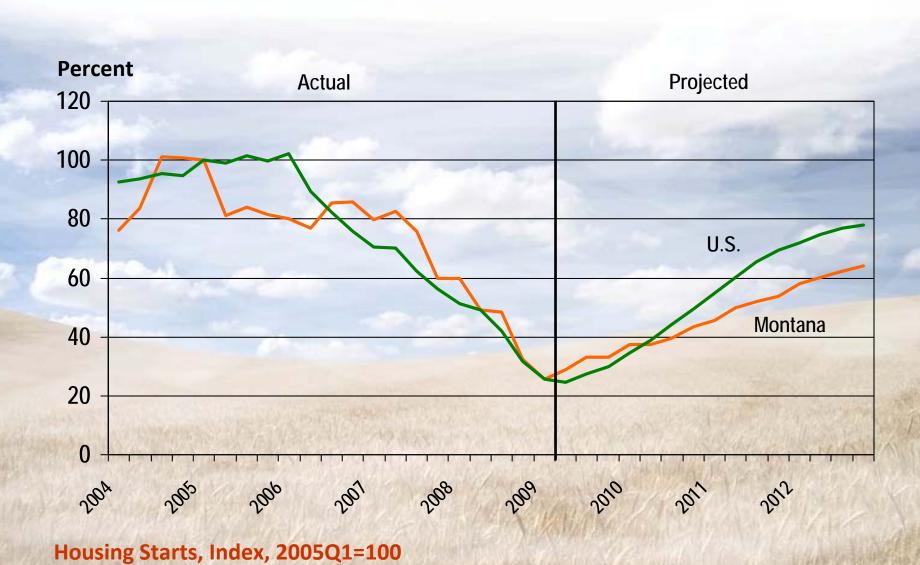
- Fiscal Policy
  - Taxes and Spending
- Monetary Policy
  - Interest Rates and Money Supply



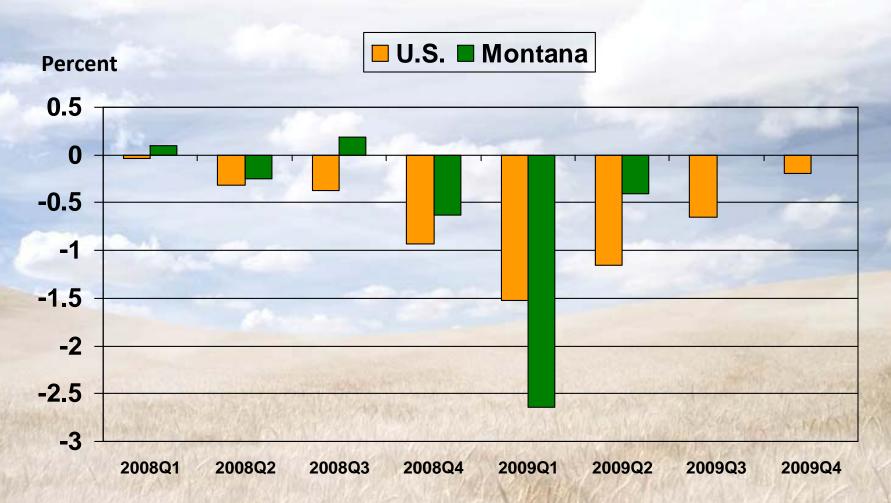
#### A Recession Like No Other in Montana

- First two consecutive year decline in income since late 1980s
- Every sector of the economy, every part of the state affected
- Job declines peaked in first three months of 2009
- Hangover for state government will continue

## Housing is Not Expected to Recover to Pre-Recession Levels

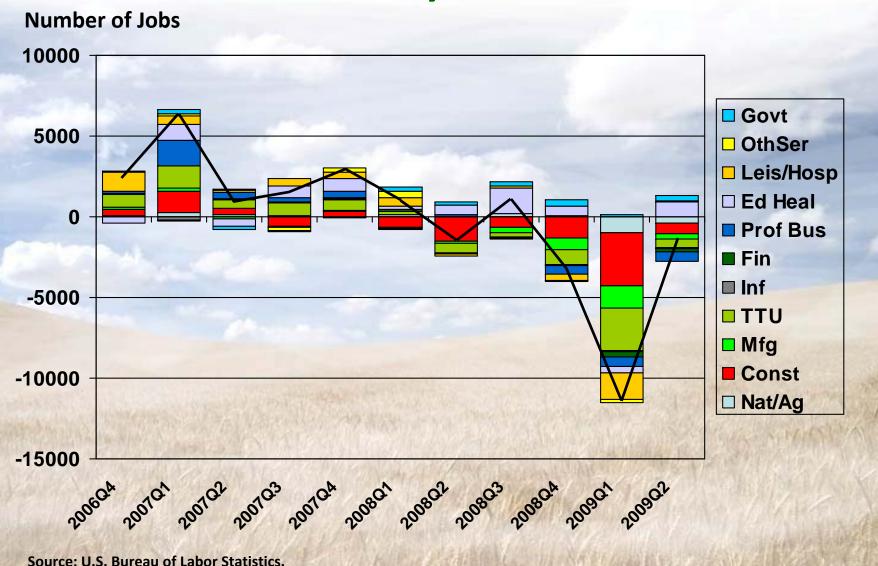


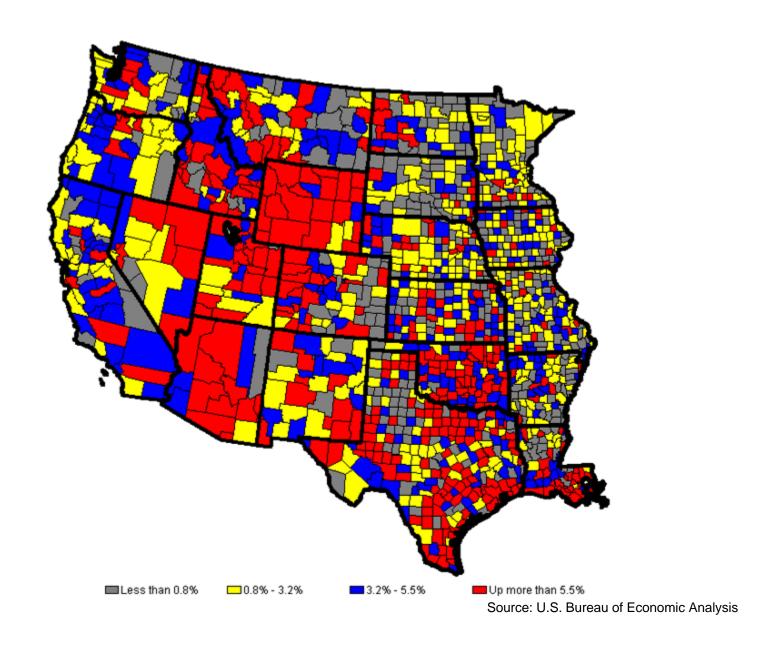
# U.S. and Montana Downturns Are Moving Together

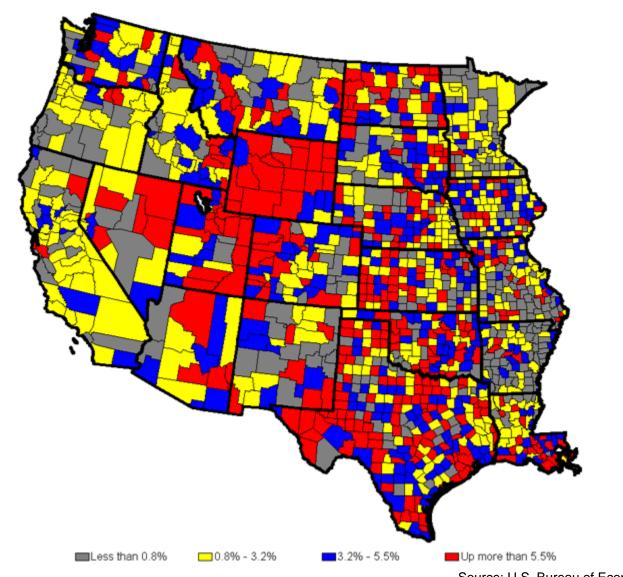


Payroll employment, percent change. Seasonal Adjustments by BBER Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

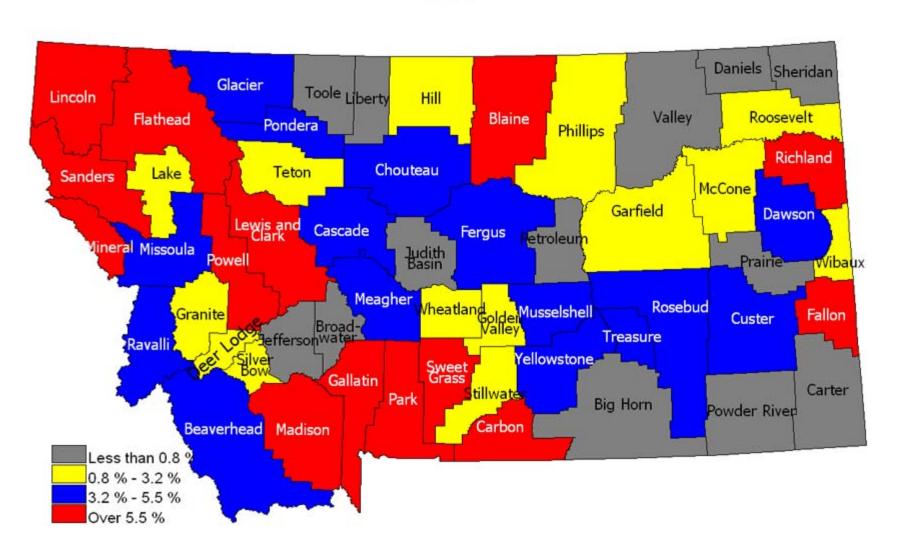
## Montana Payroll Employment Growth by Sector

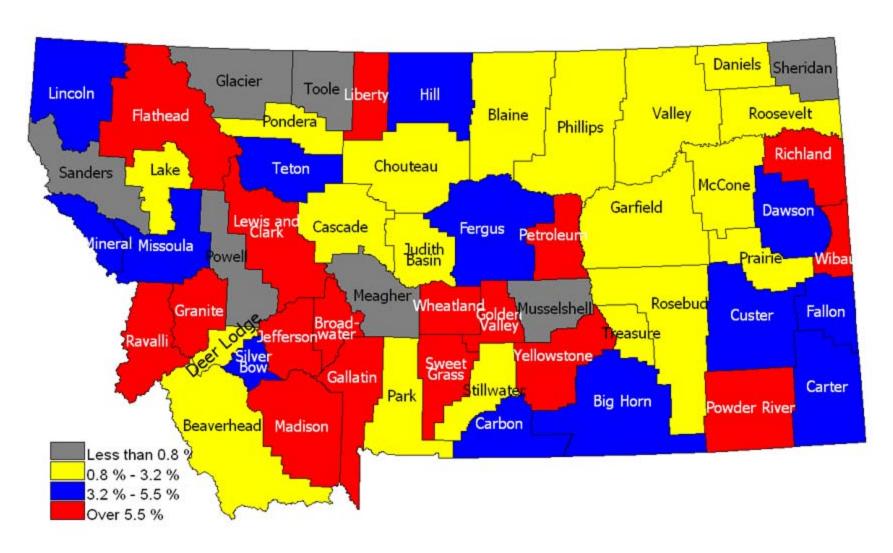


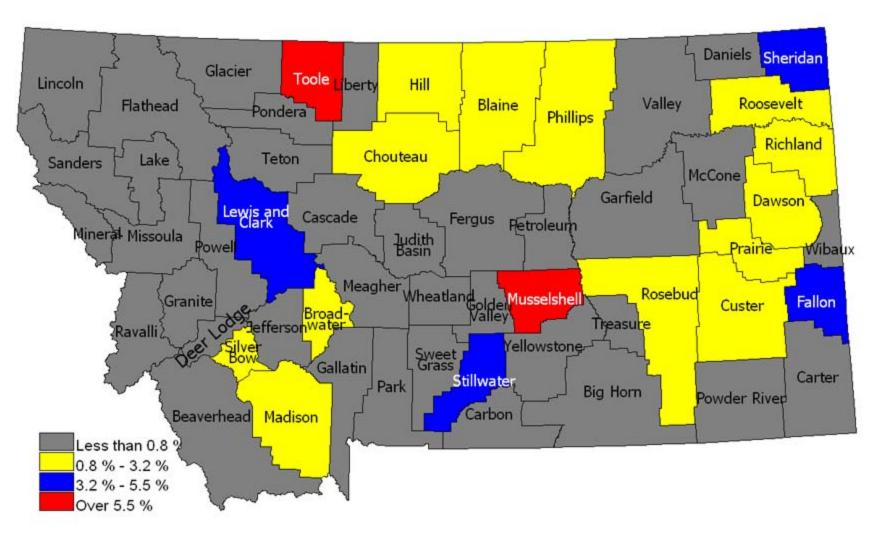


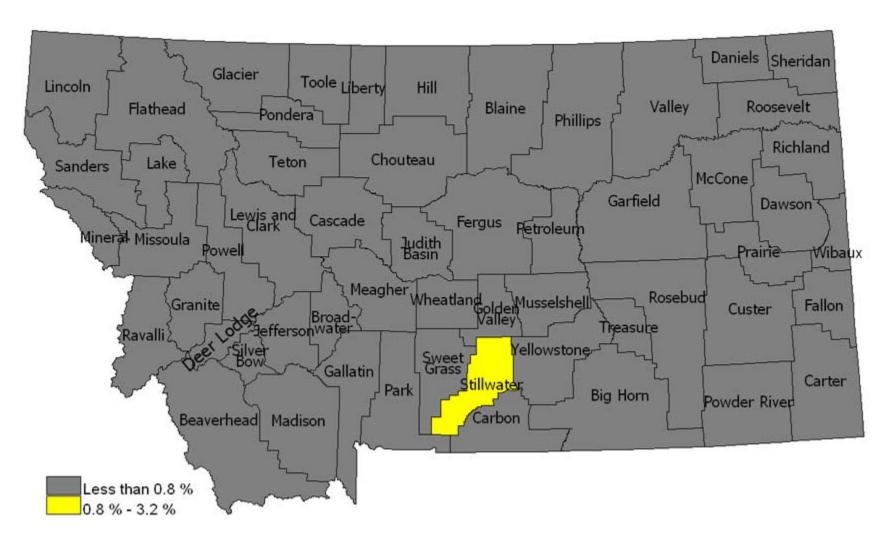


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis









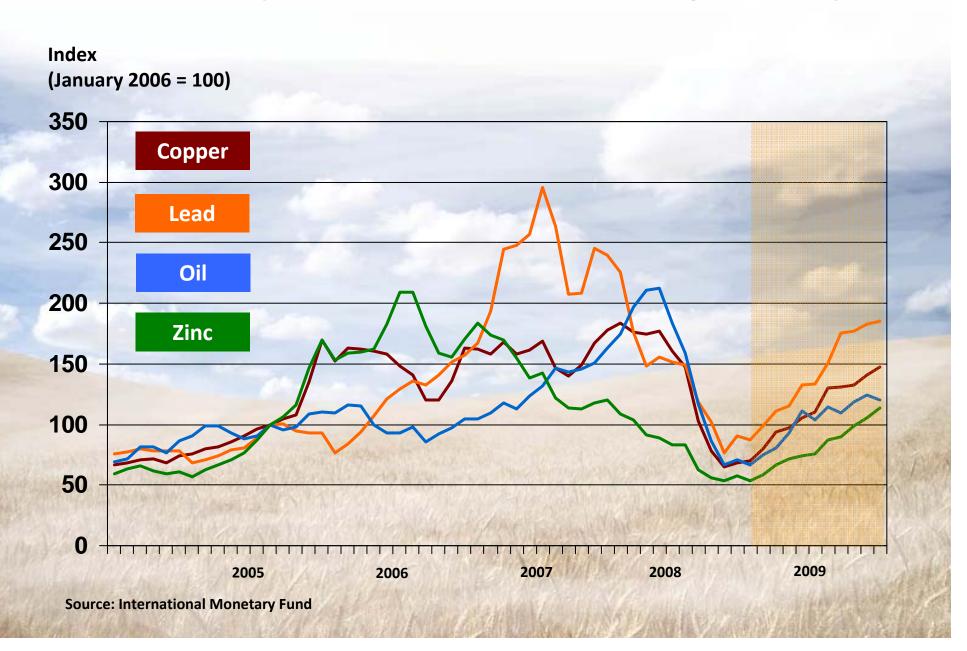
Source: IHS Global Insight

#### **Headwinds and Tailwinds for the Montana Economy**

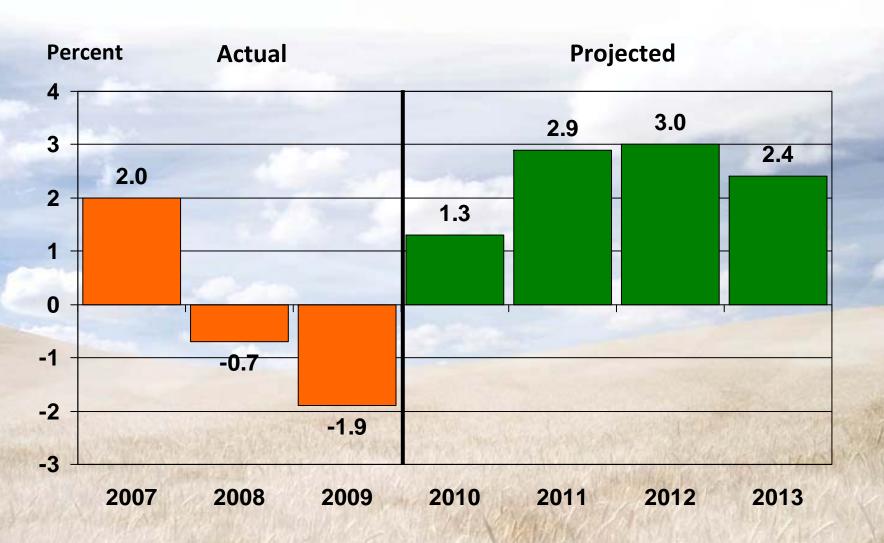
- Rebound in prices holds promise for commodity and energy industries
- Housing bubble, foreclosures less of an issue
- Agriculture, federal government reasonably stable

- Permanent closures in wood products
- No sign of quick return for construction
- Consumers still repairing balance sheets

#### **Commodity Prices Have Rebounded Significantly**



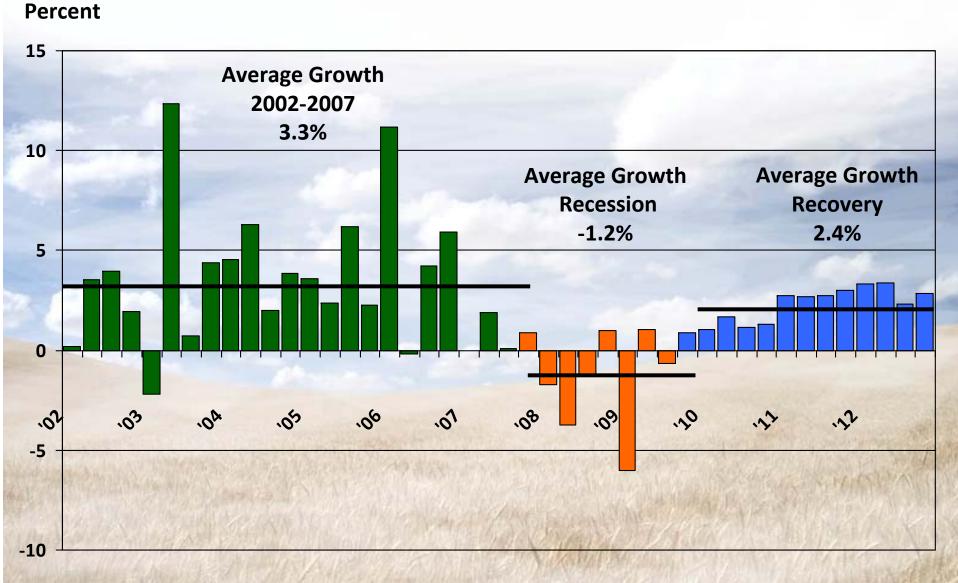
#### Nonfarm Labor Income, Actual and Predicted



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and BBER Forecast.

#### Nonfarm Labor Earnings, Percent Change





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