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Jin Huang, School of Social Work, Saint Louis University

The Summer Food Service Program and Food Insecurity in Low-Income Households with Children: Evidence from California
Daniel Miller, School of Social Work, Boston University

A Behavioral Economics Experiment on the Effect of Incentives on Food Choice in the National School Lunch Program
Anya Samak, Department of Consumer Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison

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Christopher Swann, Department of Economics, University of North Carolina–Greensboro

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Impact of the 2009 ARRA Increase in SNAP Benefits on Dietary Intake and Consumption Patterns
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The Dynamics of Joint Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Unemployment Insurance by Low-Educated Workers during the Great Recession

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