

Saving Daylight



The debate over daylight savings time was almost as hot as the sun whose beams it aimed to save. Congressman Charles Rose said it was "Like cutting off one end of a blanket and sewing it to the other end to make the blanket longer." Are the following statements true or false?

1. Daylight Saving Time was created mainly to please farmers, who needed more daylight hours during the summer to finish their chores.

- True
- False

2. The adoption of Daylight Saving Time has been definitively shown to save the country fuel and energy.

- True
- False

3. The move to create standard time zones across the U.S. was stimulated mostly by railroad companies, who needed to standardize their train schedules.

- True
- False

4. The United States contains four time zones.

- True
- False

5. The Department of Transportation currently has responsibility for setting time zone boundaries in the U.S.

- True
- False

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