

Bean Count (Normal) [Solution]

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Each item asks for a number which, with occasional cleverness, can be estimated to within a factor of two:

- Distance between the two rails of the Green Line (micrometers) – 1.4×10^6
- Growth rate of human scalp hair (millimeters per year) – 1.5×10^2
- New books published in the United States (titles/year) – 2.9×10^5
- Density of the most common type of concrete (pounds per pint) – 2.5
- Average time a current US senator has been in office (years) – 1.4×10^1
- Length of path traced out during “The Great Work Begins” (feet) – 5.8×10^3
- Height of the CITGO sign (feet) – 6.0×10^1
- Food consumed by average American (pounds per day) – 4.7 – 5.5
- Footprint of Coolidge Corner Trader Joe’s (feet squared) – 1.8×10^4
- World population in 1900 (people) – 1.7×10^9

Reading the corresponding letters off the spiral gives the answer, **SNACK MONEY**.