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## The Markets

During the dog days of summer, a triple dip - three melting scoops of frozen goodness perched precariously on a waffle cone - can be delicious. There are other kinds of triple dips that are a lot less welcome, though. Just look at Italy.

Last week, the Italian National Institute of Statistics released its preliminary estimate of productivity in the third largest Eurozone economy. It showed Italy's economy contracted (again) during the second quarter of 2014. That puts Italy firmly in triple-dip territory, according to The Washington Post:



"The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing Italy to join the euro. It hasn't grown since. After its GDP fell 0.2 percent, Italy is stuck in a triple-dip recession. Yes, triple: its economy started shrinking in 2008, relapsed in 2011, and now again in 2014. Although, at this point, it's probably more accurate to just call this a depression. After all, Italy's economy has contracted 11 of the previous 12 quarters. It's been enough to wipe out almost all its growth the past 14 years."

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## Fastest Growing Country in Latin America

Quick! what's the fastest growing country in latin america?



Nope, it's not Brazil. The gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for Brazil was lowered from 2.2 percent in January 2014 to 1.8 percent in June 2014, according to The Economist. That means Brazil is expected to grow more slowly than the United States this year.

It's not Peru, "a country that has enjoyed Asian-style growth averaging 6.4 percent a year in 2003-13." Peru's growth has benefited from the country's role as a major producer of gold and copper. During 2014, Peru dropped to second place in Latin America's economic growth contest. So, who's in first? Here are a few hints:

- It's between Ecuador and Venezuela
- It has a coastline on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea
- It's the second most bio diverse country in the world (In addition to having lots of butterflies, orchids, and amphibians, it has more bird species than Europe and North America combined.)
- Americans of a certain age may remember it as the epicenter of the 1980s war on drugs (Think cartels and FARC guerillas.)

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## 8 Herbs and Spices That Fight Disease

Cooking with these seasonings regularly can protect you from Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, eye disease & more.

The Delicious Health Benefits

You already know how important your diet is for health; you know to eat your greens and sample a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables every day. But do you know that your spice cabinet and herb garden may provide you with powerful protection against disease, as well? Read on to discover eight common pantry items that deliver uncommon health benefits.



### **Cinnamon and Parkinson's Disease**

Cinnamon, which comes from the bark of a type of evergreen tree, is said to contain more antioxidants than any other spice. Among other feats, it's been shown to lower LDL (bad) cholesterol and to reduce the proliferation of leukemia and lymphoma cancer cells.

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