



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

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## **Announcements**

### **Still time to apply for MSAE program for fall 2020**

Attention Graduating Seniors: It is not too late to apply for the M.S. Agricultural Economics (MSAE) program for Fall 2020.

### **Registration open for National Alliance for Broader Impacts Virtual Summit 2020**

Registration for #ARIS2020, our first-ever completely virtual summit, is open. Here is a schedule of events for the three-day event.

### **East Hall exterior improvement work**

There will be some work done on the exterior of East Hall this spring and summer, beginning April 15.

## **Department Highlights**

### **New textbook by Roy**

Sunanda Roy, lecturer, has had her textbook on undergraduate mathematical economics, “A First Course in Mathematical Economics,” accepted for publication by Cambridge Scholars and is currently in press.

### **New CARD COVID-19 policy brief now available**

Economists at the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University have issued a new policy brief that measures the revenue impacts the COVID-19 outbreak is having on some of Iowa’s largest agricultural industries.

### **Hennessy and Feng to join faculty**

David Hennessy and Hongli Feng have accepted faculty positions with the department, beginning August 2021.

### **Elobeid, Luvaga, Kimle advanced**

The Iowa State University Provost’s Office has announced the approval of advancements for Amani Elobeid, Ebby Luvaga, and Kevin Kimle.

### **CALS students inducted into Cardinal Key honor society**

Iowa State’s Cardinal Key Honor Society selects new student members each year who embody four virtues: scholarship, leadership, service and character.

### **Slaughterhouses starting to close: Hayes**

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in several recent media outlets about slaughterhouse closings.

### **Recent media contacts: Orazem**

Peter Orazem, university professor, talked with Robbie Sequeira, *Ames Tribune*; Trent Rice, WHO Radio; Zach Tecklenburg, KCCI; and Sony Heitshusen, WHO TV, about his analysis of shelter-in-place policies and commuter rates on the COVID outbreak.

### **Farm management resources available: Hart**

Chad Hart, associate professor, was interviewed in an April 14 *Hoard's Dairyman* story, "Farm Management Resources Available during COVID-19."

### **Schulz: Hog industry in very challenging situation**

Lee Schulz, associate professor, was interviewed for an April 14 *Star Tribune* story, "Sioux Falls plant closing is risk to pork supply, but plenty of others are open."

### **Zhang: Farmland as investment**

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was interviewed for an April 13 *S&P Global* story, "In a sea of red, an inviting patch of green."

### **Swenson: We are stuck in this cycle**

David Swenson, associate scientist, was interviewed for an April 11 *Gazette* story, "Medical news key to recovery, economists say."

### **Iowa universities due millions in COVID-19 aid**

Among the trillions federal lawmakers have approved to speed relief from the novel coronavirus is billions meant for educational institutions, including colleges and universities, according to an April 9 *Gazette* story.

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