



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Announcements

Building service interruption April 6-8

Facilities Planning and Management has announced a temporary building service interruption:
From Monday, 04/06/2020 7:00 AM through Wednesday, 04/08/2020 4:30 PM

Funding application deadlines pushed back

OSPA has moved agency deadlines on sponsored funding applications. They are triaging their review and submissions so that hard deadlines have priority and proposals to programs where deadlines got pushed back will also be pushed back.

NIFA coronavirus FAQ

This FAQ covers the most commonly asked questions about impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grants.

Advice, encouragement about online teaching

Faculty: Setting up online courses comes with a lot of questions and setbacks, but know that you are not in this alone.

Department Highlights

Hart, Plastina promoted

Congratulations to two faculty members who have been promoted effective the 2020-21 academic year!

Edelman receives extension award

Mark Edelman, professor, is this year's recipient of the North Central Region's Excellence in Extension Award.

New position for Sawadgo

An econ department Ph.D. candidate Wendiam Sawadgo will join the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Auburn (Alabama) as Assistant Professor/Extension Economist next August.

Alum is virtual guest speaker

Agricultural Entrepreneur B.J. Brugman ('12 agricultural business) shared the story of his startup agtech business, Sentinel, with the fifty-five students in ECON 334, and did so from Lyon, France.

Partial refunds available for students

Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen addressed payments for campus services and what refunds can be given during the time of online instruction in an email sent March 30.

Hart: In emergencies, Congress can act

Chad Hart, associate professor, was interviewed in a March 27 *Kokomo Perspective* story, “Senate stimulus includes aid for ag.”

Planting window getting shorter: Edwards

Looking at USDA data over the years, William Edwards, Iowa State University Extension economist emeritus, found that the trendline for days suitable for fieldwork from April through mid-June has dropped from 48 days to 35 days since 1964.

Upcoming Event

Virtual Fulbright workshop

For those with interest in the Fulbright program, a virtual zoom meeting is being offered to replace the canceled in-person Fulbright seminar:

Wednesday, April 8

12 – 1 p.m.

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