



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

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## Announcements

### New innovative teaching courses - Call for proposals

Below please find three internal “Calls for Proposals.” The goals of the three Calls for Proposals are:

### Green dot training

Iowa State University had adopted the Green Dot program as a mechanism to decrease power-based personal violence on campus. General information about the program can be found here: <https://www.studentwellness.iastate.edu/greendot/aboutgreendot/>.

## Department Highlights

### Edelman presents at extension symposium

Mark Edelman, professor and director of the Community Vitality Center, presented “Iowa Rural Equity Project: Alternative Models for AgTech & Rural Angel Investor Networks,” at the “Rural Capital and Innovations”...

### Brazil taking advantage of US export slowdown: Hayes

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in an August 21 story, “As Trump Presses Trade War, Farmers Feel the Squeeze,” on PEW Charitable Trusts online.

### Acerenza paper published

Grad student Santiago Acerenza had his paper, “Optimal pricing strategies for a cluster of goods: Own- and cross-price effects with correlated tastes,” accepted for publication in the journal *Applied Economics incorporating Applied Financial Economics*.

### Jacobs’ work cited in article

The work and insights of Keri Jacobs, associate professor, were cited in an August 5th *Feedstuffs* article, “Co-ops shift to ‘offensive consolidation.’”

### Fun at the fair

Several members (and their spouses) of the department were seen enjoying the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Sunday, Aug. 18th.

### **Ag bus students pitch ideas at Iowa State Fair**

Two ag bus students, Andrew Albrecht (senior, ag business), left, and Tristen Snyder ('19 ag business), joined more than 150 Iowa State University entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas to visitors at the university's exhibit during the Iowa State Fair, Aug. 8-18. The theme of this year's exhibit, "The Great Iowa State Pitch Off.

### **Alum named program director at EMU**

Andrew Miller ('03 MS ag econ) was appointed director of the MBA and MA in organizational leadership programs at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, according to a story in the August 21 Augusta Free Press.

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