



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Announcement

Winter break department office hours

Heady Hall will be considered locked but occupied during the period Dec. 24, 2018-Jan. 1, 2019.

Department Highlights

Commodity prices and higher interest drive modest farmland value loss

Results of the 2018 Iowa Land Value Survey show that after a reprieve in 2017, commodity prices, interest rates, and trade disruptions drove Iowa farmland values down for the fourth time in five years.

Tesfatsion receives honor, wins grant

Leigh Tesfatsion, emeritus professor, has been elevated to the grade of Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Swenson, Eathington media contacts

David Swenson, associate scientist, and Liesl Eathington, assistant scientist, assisted in interpreting new American Communities Survey data on median household income growth by county in Iowa and poverty rate changes for Kevin Hardy, *Des Moines Register*.

Ag bus senior wins Outstanding Ambassador award

The CALS Student Council will present the 2018 Senior Outstanding Ambassador of Agriculture Award to Kayleigh Koch, ag bus senior from Hawkeye, Iowa.

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