



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, January 3, 2020

Announcement

Decreased IRS mileage rate effective Jan. 1, 2020

For travel expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2020, the default rate will be 28.75 cents/mile, a decrease of .25 cents/mile.

Department Highlights

Orazem on Iowa's economic divide

Peter Orazem, professor, was quoted in a Dec. 31 *Des Moines Register* article, "2020s vision: What's ahead for Des Moines and Iowa — growth in the metro; challenges in housing, retail."

Hart on China trade increases, number of Iowa farms

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in the Dec. 26, 2019 *New York Times* story, "At Each End of Pacific, Skepticism Over China Farm Purchases" about the administration claim that China has agreed to increase American ag imports to \$40 billion according to U.S. trade representative, Robert Lighthizer.

Schulz sees better beef prices in 2020

Lee Schulz, associate professor, was quoted in a Dec. 31 St Louis Public Radio story, "For Beef And Pork Producers, 2019 Wasn't As Bad As It Could Have Been."

CARD survey cited

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, and author of CARD's annual Iowa Farmland Value Survey, was quoted in a Dec. 26 AgriNews story, "Iowa land prices stabilize."

Swenson: Iowa has two economies

David Swenson, associate scientist, is one of the Iowa State University experts who are available to discuss Iowa caucuses. Swenson comments on the Iowa economy, labor and workforce issues and demographics.

Upcoming Events

Donna Otto send-off

Monday, January 6, 2020

9:00 am to 11:00 am

260 Heady Hall

John Crespi (ISU)

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

11:15 am to 12:00 pm

0013 Curtiss Hall

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