



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, June 26, 2020

## **Announcements**

### **ISU to require face mask use on campus**

Face coverings and/or face shields will be required in classrooms, offices, and other areas where physical distancing is not possible. The requirement will take effect Wednesday, July 1.

### **ResearchGate Funding+Plus capabilities now open to Iowa State**

ResearchGate recently released a new set of features to help researchers find funding. All members of Iowa State have immediate access to the advanced features of Funding+Plus, including:

## **Department Highlights**

### **Moschini analysis shows soybean trials generate value**

GianCarlo Moschini, professor, led a new economic analysis that showed field trials led by Iowa State University scientists saved farmers and seed companies millions of dollars by helping them select soybean varieties resistant to a major pest.

### **Huffman laid to rest**

Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Life Sciences Wallace Huffman was laid to rest at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at ISU Cemetery in Ames.

### **NIFA funds nine research projects**

David Swenson, associate scientist, is part of an Iowa State University Sustainable Agricultural Systems project which has been awarded \$10 million by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

### **2020 Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference cancelled**

The 2020 Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference has been canceled for the year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Hayes: Farmers damaged in fall without more aid**

Dermot Hayes, professor, was interviewed for a June 23 *Des Moines Register* story, "Farmers hoping for more COVID-19 aid from Congress."

### **Boosted unemployment benefits a mistake: Orazem**

Peter Orazem, professor, was interviewed in a June 22 *Des Moines Register* story, "8 charts that explain Iowa's economy right now."

### **Hart on Trump China trade deal**

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in a June 19 *DNYUZ* story, "Trump's Trade Appeals to China Still Left Farmers Reeling."

### **Farmland values expected to decline by November**

Land values would decline by an additional 1% by November 2021, according to a survey conducted annually for Iowa State's Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference.

### **Swenson: Economic recovery will be slow**

David Swenson, associate scientist, was interviewed for a June 19 *Des Moines Register* story, "8 charts that explain Iowa's economy right now."

### **Article cites Murray's Ag 450 program**

A program concept and farm that were developed by Dr. William Murray, a professor of agricultural economics at ISU, in 1938 was mentioned in a June 23 *The Monitor Online* story, "On-the-farm training: Gaining the knowledge, and confidence, to enter agriculture."

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