



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Announcements

NIFA extending deadlines

Due to the disruptions arising from the national response to COVID-19, NIFA is extending the following deadlines. NIFA will continue to monitor the situation and post updates to this guidance on our web site.

Procurement services FAQs

Procurement Services has released two FAQs in response to COVID-19 that contain the most updated information that we have.

Foundation emergency relief fund

The ISU Foundation has established a special emergency relief fund, supporting students, faculty, staff, and programs, to add to the resources available in the colleges.

Homeschooling resources during COVID-19

These are difficult times for many ISU faculty and staff, especially those who must now juggle teaching in a virtual format while juggling full-time home care for their children.

Mail processing for Heady Hall

Beginning immediately, here are the new mail-handling procedures for Heady Hall:

Because we are practicing social distancing, department staff is working remotely and the offices will be locked.

Working remotely, but not alone

Everyone's adapting to new work situations, but you're not alone. We may be apart, but we're pulling together! Join us in sharing your office photos or other coping methods.

Department Highlights

Iowa State suspends spring commencement

Other campuses (besides Kirkwood College) either considering virtual ceremonies this May—or planning them—include Cornell, Mount Mercy, and Iowa State University.

Orazem: COVID-19 disruption an economic blip

Peter Orazem, professor, was interviewed for the article, "Economists see real pain, but recovery in Iowa starting before end of 2020," in the March 20 *The Neighbor*.

Beef prices to remain strong: Schulz

Lee Schulz, associate professor, was quoted in a March 26 *Des Moines Register* story, “Panic buying — and hoarding — drive higher prices for eggs, milk and other staples.”

Swenson: Saudis and Russia playing chicken

David Swenson, associate scientist, was interviewed for a March 20 *Gazette* story, “Eastern Iowans get a break on Gasoline Prices.”

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