

# Iowa State University Department of Economics

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## Announcements

Essential research applications

Economics Faculty and Staff: Attached is the application to request that your research be designated as "essential." From VPR Sarah Nusser concerning research activities during the pandemic:

### NBER Call for Papers - Economics of Artificial Intelligence

The fourth annual NBER Economics of AI conference will now be held virtually on 24-25 September 2020. Papers and video from the 2019 conference are available at https://www.economicsofai.com/nber-conference-toronto-2019.

## **Department Highlights**

### Moschini wins AAEA award

GianCarlo Moschini, professor, is the recipient of the 2020 Quality of Research Discovery Award from the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA).

### Recent COVID-19 paper for Bhattacharya

Joydeep Bhattacharya, professor, had his paper, "Exponential-growth prediction bias and compliance with safety measures in the times of COVID-19," coauthored with Ritwik Banerjee and Priyama Majum-dar published by arXiv.org.

### It's hard to eat a meal with a mask on your face: Orazem

Peter Orazem, university professor, was interviewed in a May 4 *Des Moines Register* story, "Iowa's restaurants, shops welcome chance to reopen, but many businesses and customers still on sidelines."

### Hart: Grocery stores trying to be proactive

Chad Hart, associate professor, was interviewed for a May 5 WHO Radio News story, COVID restricts meat supply, even in pork-rich Iowa."

### Schulz: Finding labor is challenge for hog farmers

Lee Schulz, associate professor, had several recent media contacts:

#### Swenson analysis on impact of Iowa industries

A new report from David Swenson, associate scientist, provides a more complete picture of an industry's economic impact on Iowa's economy.

## Millenkamp looks to future after graduation

EllieMae Millenkamp's senior year at Iowa State University started with singing on national TV and is ending with the unknown of when she'll sing live again.

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