



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, October 2, 2020

Announcements

Quarantine guidelines updated

A letter from President Wintersteen, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Wellness Erin Baldwin and Public Health Coordinator Kristen Obbink outlined how the university would respond to updated quarantine guidance from the state.

October is Green Dot Month

A green dot represents any moment, big or small, that either directly or indirectly helps reduce the prevalence of violence on campus.

Students: Protect your data!

Starting October 31, MFA will be required for all students; those who have not activated by that date will be required activate MFA before gaining access to their ISU accounts.

Department Highlights

Researchers investigate ag supply chain resiliency

A new grant will allow Iowa State University researchers to study how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the U.S. food supply chain with the goal of finding short- and long-term solutions to increase resiliency against future disruptions.

New publication for Orazem, Artz

Georgeanne Artz (1974-2019), Peter Orazem from Iowa State University, Peter Han from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Younjun Kim from Southern Connecticut State University published the article “Which small towns attract start-ups and why? Twenty years of evidence from Iowa” in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

Department alumni and staff selected for USDA-NIFA AgVets grant

Two nonprofits led by ISU Ag Business alums will collaborate with ISU’s Extension and Outreach (ISUEO) Beginning Farmer Center; Farm, Food, and Enterprise Development (FFED) program, Area Farm Management staff, and Ag Ventures Alliance Co-op on a three-year \$700,000 AgVets grant recently announced by USDA-NIFA.

Record crop despite drought, derecho: Hart

Chad Hart, professor, was quoted in an Oct. 1 *Des Moines Register* story, “Hit by too much rain, then drought, a derecho and the pandemic, Iowa farmers roll into a harvest unlike any before.”

Jacobs on study of COVID-19's impact on food supply chain

Keri Jacobs, associate professor, was interviewed for a Sept. 24 *Pork* story, "ISU Researchers to Investigate Ag Supply Chain Resiliency."

Zhang: Ag land market remains stable

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was quoted in a Sept. 30 *Star Tribune* story, "Farmland prices hold steady, maybe even ticking upward in Minnesota."

Alum grows business in Story City outlet mall

Jackson Kimle ('16 ag business) is president and founder of Midland Co., a new sustainable, environmentally friendly seafood company in Story City, Iowa.

Upcoming Events

Job Market Talk Practice: Gyu Hyun Kim (ISU)

Virtual department seminar
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Job Market Talk Practice: Liyuan Ma (ISU)

Virtual Labor-Public Economics Workshop
Thursday, October 8, 2020
3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

Flavio Toxvaerd (University of Cambridge)

Virtual Macro-Development-Trade-Environment Reading Group workshop
Friday, October 9, 2020
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Todd Schoellman (Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank)

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Friday, October 9, 2020
3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

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