



Iowa State University

Department of Economics

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Announcement

Registration open for Sadie Alexander Conference

The Sadie Collective will host the fourth annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Conference for Economics and Related Fields (SACE) Feb. 17-19, 2022, in a hybrid format. The overarching theme of SACE 2022 will be “Upholding the Standard: Cultivating Economic Shifts Through Accountability and Community.”

Department Highlights

Winters: January temperatures linked to immigrant entrepreneurship

A study by John Winters, professor, and Jun Yeong Lee, PhD candidate, reveals the ratio of immigrants who are self-employed vs. paid-employed is much higher in parts of the country with warmer January temperatures.

Hayes: No permanent barriers to cheaper food

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in a Dec. 22 DRGNews.com story, “Higher wages, rising input costs and supply chain problems pushing up pork prices but not producer profits.”

Severe weather drives up prices of oats, coffee: Hart

Chad Hart, professor, was quoted in a Dec. 22 Quartz story, “Why coffee and oat prices are rising faster than oil’s.”

Winters: Unemployment rates in 2022

John Winters, professor, was interviewed for a Jan. 4 WalletHub story, “2022’s Best Cities for Jobs.”

Livestock prices should stay strong in 2022: Schulz

Lee Schulz, associate professor, was interviewed for a Jan. 3 Citizen Tribune story, “Strong livestock prices should hold in 2022, economist says.”

Plastina: Ag carbon credit programs increasing

Alejandro Plastina, associate professor, was interviewed for “Economists answer carbon market questions,” in the Dec. 22 edition of *The Neighbor*.

Zhang: Profile of farm owners in Iowa hasn’t changed much

Wendong Zhang, associate professor, was interviewed for a Jan. 1 KIWA story, “Profile of farm owners in Iowa hasn’t changed much.”

Swenson on impending layoffs

David Swenson, research scientist, was interviewed by Donnelle Eller for a Jan. 3 *Des Moines Register* story about the impending layoffs of 710 workers at TPI Composites in Newton.

Task force submits recommendations to legislature

John Lawrence, Iowa State University vice president for extension and outreach, was part of the Farm to Table Task Force commissioned during the 2021 state legislative session to identify strategies to improve the farm-to-table supply chain in Iowa.

Novak proposal accepted for MEA

Jackson Novak, senior in economics, has had his proposal “Commodity-Specific Regulation in the Rail Industry” accepted for presentation in an Undergraduate Session at the MEA’s 86th Annual Meetings, March 25-27, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Students named to CALS Council

Congratulations to two economics department students who were recently elected to the Iowa State University CALS Council executive team. Julia Quisley, ag business senior (far left in photo) was elected secretary, and Colton Moore, (far right) ag business junior, treasurer.

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