



## Regional Extension News Worth, Mitchell, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin

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### **Regional Director Darts**

A **local food directory** has been developed for nine counties. The effort has been made to connect people in our region with local foods. You can find the directory online at [www.earthdaynorthiowa.org](http://www.earthdaynorthiowa.org) under Healthy Harvest of North Iowa. Free copies are also available. Thanks to Rick Pleggenkuhle for serving on the Executive Committee for this effort.



**Strategic planning** for County and Regional programming continues with each Council considering census data and developing a list of issues. Excellent conversations about county issues.

**Legislative Update:** The cut to ISU Extension for the FY2012 budget was less than 6 percent. Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics line is \$ 17,936,722, or 3.6 percent less than in FY2011. The full Education Appropriations Bill (House File 645) is available online at [http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/linc/84/external/HF645\\_Enrolled.pdf](http://coolice.legis.state.ia.us/linc/84/external/HF645_Enrolled.pdf) and Governor Branstad has until July 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or line item veto any section of all bills.

**"...and Outreach" being added to wordmark:** The current Iowa State University Extension name/wordmark will be transitioning to that of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, to better align with the mission of our organization. This process is expected to take a year to complete.

**Staff Changes:** With the retirement of Mark Settles, Jacy Johnson will serve as interim director for Extension Communications and External Relations. Director of Field Operations Sherry Glenn will serve as ISU Extension's liaison to the Iowa Association of County Extension Councils (IACEC).

**Fiscal year end:** Bookkeepers have completed end FY11 budget procedures and are preparing to publish the past year's income and expenses in two local newspapers by July 31 which will be filed with the county auditor by August 1. This process is required by the Iowa Code and gives the general public another level of accountability for public funds. All Counties in Region 3 are balanced and getting published!



### **County Connotations**

Many County Fairs took place in July. Even with all the time a county fair demands, Counties found time to work on many different programs.

**Mitchell** County is cooperating with Women Land and Legacy in holding a Feast of Local Foods on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Farmland Leasing Workshop, Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Osage/Mitchell County/V.F.W., Women Land and Legacy helping with the logistics.

**Floyd** Bug Camp was a chance for a large number of youth to find out more about insects. The day was filled with education and learning. Farmland Leasing Workshop, Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Nashua/Chickasaw County/NE Research Farm



**Franklin** County enjoyed a newly air conditioned food stand for their fair. Plans are to heat the facility as a year round meeting facility. Farmland Leasing Workshop, Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Hampton/Franklin County/Center 1.



**Worth** County held their fair in June with all staff working hard to make for a very successful early fair. A large number of youth attended the State 4-H Conference.



**Cerro Gordo** Master Gardeners helped youth at their county fair pot flowers to take home. Farmland Leasing Workshop, Friday, August 19, 2011, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mason City/Cerro Gordo County/NIACC, Women Land and Legacy helping with the logistics.

**Black Hawk** Farmland Leasing Workshop, Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Waterloo/Hawkeye Community College, Tama Hall.

**Bremer** County Fair will be held the first week of August. Even with all the fair preparation more barn quilts are being produced, Master Gardeners are providing educational tours.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **Regional Council Meeting for all Council members** starting at 7 pm at the 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City. Dr. Cathann Kress, Vice President for Extension and Outreach will be attending.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**, Region 3 and 9 Field Specialist/County Program Coordinator Meeting at the Borlaug Center near Nashua

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** Region 2 and 3 Staff Meeting will be held at the MacNider Art Museum in Mason City which is designed to build better staff relationships.

**For upcoming events and programs, visit our county web pages:**

[www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo)

[www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin)

[www.extension.iastate.edu/worth](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/worth)

[www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer)

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