**LAWRENCE NAMED DIRECTOR OF ANR EXTENSION**

John Lawrence, Iowa State University professor of economics and extension livestock specialist, has been named College of Agriculture and Life Sciences associate dean of extension and outreach and director of ISU Extension to Agriculture and Natural Resources effective Feb. 1. Lawrence, an Iowa State alumnus, will replace Gerald Miller, who is stepping down from the post. Miller, who became associate dean in 1998 and added the extension director position in 2004, is retiring. Wendy Wintersteen, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, thanked Miller for his service to this vital extension program and said Lawrence’s work in ISU Extension has prepared him for his new position. Jack Payne, vice president for ISU Extension and Outreach, announced Lawrence’s hiring Tuesday at a meeting of Extension to Agriculture and Natural Resources campus and field specialists. Payne praised Lawrence's commitment to this vital extension program and said in this period of transition his background will be an asset to assuring our future success.

**ANR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations given by Sue Crum and Gerald Miller at the December 15th ANR Professional Development Workshop are posted on the ANR For Staff website at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/staff/homepage.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/staff/homepage.html)

**ANR EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED DURING WINTER BREAK**

In response to the University’s request that buildings shut down during the winter break, the ANR Extension office will be closed December 24th through January 3rd.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ANR EXTENSION!**