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Prepare for Heat Stress Possibilities

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After a cold winter and long cool spring, summer is here. Temperatures will be in the mid 90s this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and with all the precipitation we have had, the humidity will be elevated as well. Feedlot cattle may not be acclimated to summer temperatures yet and the fast warm up this weekend may cause some heat stress issues.

Evaluate your cattle in the morning and again in the afternoon to make sure they are coping with the heat. Make sure cattle have access to plenty of fresh water and provide shade or sprinklers if possible. Pay close attention, as the rapid change in temperature may catch some at-risk cattle (cattle at end of feeding period or cattle with previous respiratory disease) dealing with excessive heat stress.

This early heat event is a good opportunity to make sure that your mitigation strategies will be functional for the rest of the summer. The Iowa Beef Center website has information and details on [proper heat abatement strategies](#) such as shade and sprinklers.

Check out these additional resources:

- [Heat Stress in Beef Cattle](#) 4-page publication by Dewell, available as free download
- [USDA ARS 7-day heat stress forecast](#)
- USDA smartphone app provides forecasts of weather conditions that can trigger heat stress in cattle. Free download from [Google Play](#) (Android) and the [App Store](#) (Apple devices)

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Financial Impairment on the Farm Webinar

Offered July 30

Mediation, reorganization and bankruptcy will be focus of webinar

I-29 Moo University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host a Financial Impairment on the Farm webinar from 12-1 p.m. on July 30. The webinar is free and open to all those involved in production agriculture, specifically, producers and agribusiness personnel.

The program will focus on issues producers face during times of financial impairment with emphasis placed on mediation, reorganization options and Chapter 12 Bankruptcy.

Donald Swanson, an attorney with Koley Jessen in Omaha, and Kristine Tidgren, director of the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation and an adjunct assistant professor at Iowa State University, will facilitate the discussion.

“Don Swanson has devoted his career to helping clients with financial impairment, bankruptcy issues and mediation, and Kristine Tidgren works with these issues every day,” said Fred M. Hall, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “The program will be informational and answer questions for many local ag producers and businesses alike.”

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, [online pre-registration is required](#). After registering, information on accessing the webinar will be provided.



The webinar will also be archived for viewing at a later date. For more information on this and other programs, contact Fred M. Hall at 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu.



See you at the North Iowa Fair—
July 18 –21



See you at the Iowa State Fair —
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**NOTHING
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Enterprise Development Team Helps Entrepreneurs Plan Ahead

Established businesses and startups benefit from Iowa State's long-term analysis and planning tools

AMES, Iowa – When an entrepreneur or business owner needs a business plan, the [Enterprise Development Team](#) at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has options that can help. As part of the [Farm, Food and Enterprise Development Program](#), the Enterprise Development Team can help with feasibility studies for startups, or more commonly, help an established business improve and find new ways to advance.

Brian Tapp, business development and finance specialist, leads a team of professionals who assist with feasibility studies, entrepreneurship training, business plan development, and long-term feasibility analysis, which includes three years of financial projections and a formal look at where the business is going.

Tapp has an extensive background in helping entrepreneurs succeed, through his time at Iowa State and prior work at the [Iowa Small Business Development Center](#).



Now that his team is part of FFED, he shares office space with the small farm and food systems teams. He said having the three groups together makes for a more cohesive, connected experience for clients.

“We can really work through the whole process with them, rather than just one part,” Tapp said. “We’re more connected now than we were before.”

In a typical year, the enterprise team will advise 16 to 20 in-depth clients, plus many others, some of whom are referred to other experts at Iowa State, or to off-campus experts such as the SBDC.

“We try to collaborate,” Tapp said, adding that the type of collaboration differs depending on the client and where the business is located.

In the past, clients have included fertilizer companies, feed mills, hotels, biofuel producers, event centers and recreational facilities.

Fees are based on the nature of the project and the type of advising the client seeks. To learn more about what the Enterprise Development Team offers, [visit them online](#) via the [FFED website](#). Brian Tapp can be reached at 515-294-4417, or btapp@iastate.edu.

Photo: The Farm, Food and Enterprise Development Program helped Shaughn and Jerry Roorda of In't Veld Meat Market in Pella, Iowa, analyze their business and make a plan for expansion. Photo supplied by the Roordas.

Prevent Plant Acres and Graze/Hay Deadline

Last week RMA adjusted prevent plant acres planted to cover crops to allow haying, grazing or chopping those fields beginning September 1. "Producers can hay, graze or cut cover crops for silage, haylage, or bale age on prevented plant acres on or after September 1 and still maintain eligibility for their full 2019 prevented plant indemnity." If you have questions regarding seeding options for fall grazing or forages, please give me a call.

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**North Iowa Fair—
— July 18-21 !!**

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Calendar of Area Events

- **July 11—Blast Off! Day Camp**—1 –3:00 pm—as part of the Summer Reading Program 2019 “A Universe of Stories—Clear Lake Library, children completing K—3rd grade.
- **July 2 and July 9—Summer Webcast Series—Lunch & Learn—** Cerro Gordo Extension and Outreach—call to RSVP 641-423-0844
- **July 23 and August 20—Power of Produce** - 4:00—6:00 pm – North Iowa Farmers Market, corner of 1st SE and Delaware Ave, Mason City
- **August 1**, starts at 1:30 –4:30 pm, Farmland Leasing, Muse-Norris Conference Center—NIACC, for Landowners and renters \$20/ person or \$30/couple. One Workbook included.
- **August 3**, 4-6:30 pm, **Demonstration Garden Field Day**, ISU NE Research and Demonstration Farm—Nashua, IA
- **August 20-22** 7:30 am –concludes Aug 22 at 3:30 p.m—Iowa Drainage School—Borlaug Learning Center, Nashua. Register <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/ids/index.html>