

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has a wide range of experts, who deal with topics ranging from crops and animals to mental health and nutrition to families and small businesses. As news and concerns rapidly evolve during this global pandemic, we want to make you aware of several extension specialists who would be available for interviews or comments regarding any of the following topics:

Agriculture and the Environment

- Farm Safety
 - [Charles Schwab](#), professor and extension farm safety specialist
- Meat and Vegetable Safety
 - [Terry Houser](#), Smithfield Foods Chair in Meat Science Extension
 - [Angela Shaw](#), associate professor and extension food safety specialist
- Farm Markets and Financials of Farming Amidst COVID-19
 - [Chad Hart](#), associate professor and extension economist
 - [Lee Schulz](#), associate professor and extension livestock economist
- Agricultural Law
 - [Kristine Tidgren](#), director of the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation
- Implications for Swine
 - [Jason Ross](#), professor and director of the Iowa Pork Industry Center
- Implications for Beef
 - [Dan Loy](#), professor and director of the Iowa Beef Center
- Implications for Dairy
 - [Jennifer Bentley](#), dairy specialist
- Implications for Poultry
 - [Richard Gates](#), director of the Egg Industry Center
- Implications for Crop Production
 - [Mark Licht](#), assistant professor and extension cropping systems specialist

Family Life and Finances

- Behavioral and Mental Health of Adults
 - [David Brown](#), behavioral health state specialist
- Marriage and Relationships
 - [Anthony Santiago](#), human science college projects specialist
- Child Care Quality
 - [Lesia Oesterreich](#), adjunct assistant professor and family life state specialist
- Family Finances
 - [Suzanne Bartholomae](#), assistant professor and family finance extension state specialist
 - [Cindy Fletcher](#), professor and resource management specialist
- Finances for Older Adults
 - [Suzanne Bartholomae](#), assistant professor and family finance extension state specialist

- Food Safety, Retail Foodservice
 - [Ani Naig](#), associate professor and food safety state specialist
- Food Safety: Local Foods, Cottage and Small Food Manufacturers
 - [Shannon Coleman](#), assistant professor and nutrition and wellness extension state specialist
- Nutrition and Wellness
 - [Ruth Litchfield](#), professor and nutrition and wellness extension state specialist
- Nutrition and Wellness for Older Adults
 - [Sarah Francis](#), associate professor and nutrition and wellness extension state specialist
- Nutrition on a Budget
 - [Christine Hradek](#), coordinator, Buy. Eat. Live. Healthy program
- Older Adult Social Resilience
 - [Jel Lee](#), assistant professor, human development and family studies
- Parenting, general
 - [Cathy Hockaday](#), Strengthening Families program for parents and youth 10 -14 specialist
- Parenting, Science of Parenting
 - [Donna Donald](#), extension human sciences field operations specialist
- Reading and Literacy for Young Children
 - [Connie Beecher](#), assistant professor and family literacy extension state specialist

Community and Economic Development

- Housing
 - [Abbie Gaffey](#), community economic development field specialist
 - [Jon Wolseth](#), community development specialist
- Land Use
 - [Eric Christianson](#), community and economic development field specialist
- Emergency Management Plans
 - [Erin Mullenix](#), data analyst
- Local Government/Council Effectiveness
 - [Julie Robison](#), program manager II
- Impact on Tourism
 - [Diane Van Wyngarden](#), community tourism specialist
- Disaster Resilience and Leadership
 - [Deborah Tootle](#), associate professor and extension specialist, community and regional planning
- Local Government Budgeting and Finance
 - [Biswa Das](#), associate professor, community and regional planning, and community development specialist
- Impact on Nonprofit Sector
 - [Lynn Adams](#), community development specialist
- Rural Small Business
 - [Steve Adams](#), community development specialist
- Metro Small Business
 - [Kameron Middlebrooks](#), program coordinator II

- Retail Small Business
 - [Lisa Bates](#), community development specialist
 - [Victor Oyervides](#), retail specialist
- Targeting Small Businesses and Immigrant-owned businesses
 - [Kameron Middlebrooks](#), program coordinator II
 - [Victor Oyervides](#), retail specialist
- Local Food Systems Impact
 - [Courtney Long](#), program coordinator
- Rural Community Mobilization
 - [Jane Goeken](#), community development specialist
- Immigrant Communities
 - [Jill Sokness](#), community development specialist

Youth Development

- Youth Resiliency
 - [Brenda Allen](#), professional development specialist
- Youth Wellness and Healthy Living
 - [Laura Liechty](#), healthy living program specialist
- Youth Learning and Home
 - [Cayla Taylor](#), educational opportunities manager

Should you have other needs not listed here, please feel free to reach out. We would be happy to connect you with one of the many experts across Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

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