2016 Annual Report: Our Leading Indicators

Leading indicators are factors that we can measure. We’ve gathered a few in this report. They help us see our progress toward what we want: a strong Iowa.

Our work in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is for the public good, and our communities and families depend upon us. We’re honored to serve our state – because Iowans believe education and partnerships are how you solve today’s problems and prepare for the future. We are committed to carrying out Abraham Lincoln’s – and now – ISU Extension and Outreach’s legacy, that higher education should be practical and available to everyone. In good times and in challenging times we continue to put the university’s research and resources to work for a strong Iowa.

Cathann Kress, ISU Vice President for Extension and Outreach
More participants
More than 1 million people directly benefit each year.

• About 100,000 4-H youth are building skills for college and career readiness.
• We support online courses for 50,000 users.
• More than 16,000 volunteers partner with us.
• 1,200 faculty and staff provide education and resources.
• 900 locally elected council members serve our state.
• We’re a 99 county campus for Iowans.
• We’re also online. We reach more than 4 million through our digital presence.

More engagement

• Our Indicators Portal provides Iowa decision makers with one-stop access to reliable, current data.
• 4-H ignites interest in STEM projects, with 11 percent growth in enrollment.
• Eight counties are investing in engaged scholarship to support Iowa State research in communities. Current projects are building literacy and STEM skills in children and improving quality of life for Iowans with Parkinson’s disease.
• Nearly 2,000 Master Gardeners volunteered more than 119,000 hours for community garden and beautification projects.

Leading critical issues

• Our Growing Together project has donated more than 62,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables into the Iowa food pantry system through extension nutrition education, Master Gardeners, and ISU Research and Demonstration Farms.
• We’re helping producers examine their finances, evaluate alternatives, and make informed decisions as they cope with decreasing commodity prices and lower net farm income.
• A revitalization partnership with Dubuque will address business and residential engagement along its Central Avenue corridor.
• Farmers are implementing strategies to reduce nutrient loss and improve Iowa waterways. Extension professionals support them as they share best practices with neighbors.
• We helped 117 minority business owners start or improve their businesses. We also helped create and retain 78 jobs for minority employees.
• Nearly 2,500 foodservice workers participated in ServSafe® classes; 80 percent earned food safety certification. We partner with the Iowa Restaurant Association in this effort.

Leading growth

• ISU Extension and Outreach is a key player for economic development efforts in the university’s strategic plan.
• Our Conference Planning and Management team and the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted more than 350,000 people for professional development, training, and youth events.
• We educate producers, conduct research, and help develop job training programs to support Iowa’s $420 million grape and wine industry.
• Value Added Agriculture feasibility studies and market analyses for 10 Iowa businesses resulted in $57 million in investments and the potential for 248 new jobs.
**Strategic initiatives**

- In 4-H leadership accelerators, youth of color use their culture, history, and traditions to explore healthy living, STEM, citizenship, leadership, communication, and the arts.
- Start to Farm: New Farmer Learning Network groups are receiving extension education and support as they manage and grow their operations.
- We’re incorporating public-made art in economic vitality and development efforts, because when a community has art, people want to live there.
- Through crowdsourcing, our Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic is working with county extension offices to identify insects, and is developing platforms for plant identification and plant disease diagnosis.
- We help communities revitalize local food systems to improve food security, increase environmental diversity, and build financial sustainability.
- Our Presidential High Impact Hires are addressing early literacy, food safety, multicultural education, and integrated cropping systems.

**Finances**

**ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH REVENUES**

- State Co-op Direct Line Appropriations: $18,266,722 [33%]
- State Appropriations (General University): $3,678,373 [7%]
- Federal Appropriations: $9,764,134 [18%]
- Grant Receipts: $12,003,977 [22%]
- User Fees: $10,253,260 [18%]
- Other: $1,123,030 [2%]
- **Total Revenues**: $55,089,496 [100%]

(1) Includes receipts for General University Funds less Administering Unit Indirects and 3% Admin Fee
(2) Includes receipts for Federal General Smith-Lever 3(b) (c) and other designated programs
(3) Includes receipts for Programs, Conference Planning and Management, and Extension Online Store
(4) Includes receipts for PI Incentives, Administering Unit Indirects, 3% Admin Fee, and ISU Foundation

**ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH EXPENSES BY PROGRAM**

- Agriculture and Natural Resources: $23,305,368 [43%]
- Community and Economic Development: $4,536,378 [8%]
- Human Sciences: $8,405,971 [16%]
- 4-H Youth Development: $5,661,149 [10%]
- Conference Planning and Management: $1,163,923 [2%]
- Administration: $440,300 [1%]
- Organizational Advancement and Development: $1,974,810 [4%]
- County Services: $2,883,298 [5%]
- Central Operations: $2,298,889 [5%]
- System Support: $3,514,766 [7%]
- **Total Expenses**: $54,184,852 [100%]

(1) Includes Central Administration, STEM activities, and Early Retirement Costs from 2009 restructuring
(2) Includes partial upgrade to new county accounting software
(3) Includes ISU Extension and Outreach central support for IT, Finance, and EDC
(4) Includes rent, utilities, broadband, membership/association dues, facility improvements, as well as expenses for ISU Extension and Outreach share of University allocated expenses (Facilities/Space, Library, University IT, and Business Services)

**ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH EXPENSES BY CATEGORY**

- Personnel: $38,681,411 [71%]
- Supplies and Services: $12,602,868 [23%]
- Capital and Equipment: $213,575 [1%]
- Allocated Expenses: $2,686,998 [5%]
- **Total Expenses**: $54,184,852 [100%]

(1) Actual percentage is 0.4%
(2) Includes ISU Extension and Outreach share of University allocated expenses (Facilities, Library, University IT, Business Services)
**County Revenues**

- **Tax Receipts**: $21,932,047 (61%)
- **Grant Receipts**: $5,283,710 (15%)
- **User Fees**: $7,853,579 (22%)
- **Other**: $746,843 (2%)
- **Total Revenues**: $35,816,179 (100%)

**County Expenses**

- **Personnel (1)**: $19,593,962 (57%)
- **Supplies and Services**: $11,148,173 (32%)
- **Facilities and Equipment**: $3,246,710 (9%)
- **Shared Services Support**: $523,987 (2%)
- **Total Expenses**: $34,512,832 (100%)

(1) Includes personnel costs paid from tax receipts, grants, and program fees

**Revenue Source Trends**

- **Federal**: $9,024,454 (2011-2012) to $8,286,312 (2015-2016)
- **State**: $24,591,834 (2011-2012) to $21,945,095 (2015-2016)
- **Soft Funds**: $33,083,848 (2011-2012) to $23,380,267 (2015-2016)
- **County (all sources)**: $31,074,322 (2011-2012) to $35,816,179 (2015-2016)
- **Total Revenues**: $97,774,458 (2011-2012) to $90,905,675 (2015-2016)

Decreases between FY 14 and FY 15 primarily due to:
- CIRAS is no longer reporting under Extension and Outreach beginning FY 15; approximately $4.7M in FY 14
- Odyssey of the Mind conference not held at Iowa State University in FY 15; approximately $2.4M in FY 14

**Join us.**

- Call our hotlines or visit our 100 ISU Extension and Outreach county offices across the state.
- Contact your county extension council; 900 locally elected council members serve Iowa.
- Join more than 16,000 volunteers who partner with us.
- Support us through the Iowa State University Foundation or the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

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