

8 Things You Need to Know on ‘Day One’

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides research-based education and engages Iowans in solving today’s problems and preparing for a thriving future. We are working for a #STRONGIOWA.

1. [Iowa State is a land-grant university](#), with a three-part mission: teaching, research, and extension and outreach. About 1,200 extension staff and faculty put the university’s research to work throughout the state.
2. **ISU Extension and Outreach is guided by our [strategic plan](#)**, which outlines our goals and strategies for engaging all Iowans in research, education, and extension experiences to address current and emerging real-life challenges.
3. **Messages from the Vice President keep you tuned in to what is really important.** When he wants you to know something, he sends an email, posts to his [Did You Know blog](#), or shares an update on the [Office of the Vice President website](#). You can ask a question or leave a comment via the [Virtual Suggestion Box](#).
4. **ISU Extension and Outreach is a federal, state, and county partnership.** These partners – along with grants, user fees, the ISU Foundation, and other sources – fund our educational programs in [Agriculture and Natural Resources](#), [Human Sciences](#), [Community and Economic Development](#), and [4-H Youth Development](#).
5. **Our [100 county extension districts](#) serve Iowa** and each district has a [nine-member elected council](#) that enters into a partnership agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with ISU Extension and Outreach to carry out extension work. The core purpose of this relationship is to provide research-based educational programs of the highest quality.
6. **Our educational programs focus on four broad, signature issues:** economic development, food and the environment, health and well-being, and K-12 youth outreach. Review our [quick facts](#) and [annual report](#) and watch our [videos](#) to learn about our impact.
7. [MyExtension](#) is your online source for templates, guidelines, and other resources to help you with your daily work. [MyData](#) is our new, centralized data collection and reporting system that is being developed.
8. **We live the [Extension Professional’s Creed](#) every day.**

Welcome to ISU Extension and Outreach.

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