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The opportunities come with many challenges. That's why we contend that Iowa State University also needs to be the leader in research and extension for the benefit of agriculture.

This special issue of *Integrated Crop Management* focuses on one challenge: corn following corn. ISU Extension specialists explore this topic and share their expertise on what it means for managing those fields. This special newsletter was made possible by Iowa State University's Corn and Soybean Initiative, which provides science-based crop production information to Iowa growers to increase their productivity and competitiveness.

We hope you'll gain new insights. We'll continue to keep you up-to-date on the latest science-based information and education. We welcome your input. That's what Iowa State University Extension is all about.



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