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Abstract
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I was particularly interested in an agronomy specialist position with Iowa State University because of the unique opportunity to be involved with research as well as extension. I will work with Roger Elmore in corn production and management. I have a wide range of work experiences, including the family farm, local cooperative, industry, and university. It is this combination of experiences that has helped to diversify my overall perspective of agronomy and keep me rooted in production agriculture. I held a similar position previously at the University of Nebraska in corn and soybean management, where I was involved in research and teaching, including field days, workshops, and writing for an extension circular. I am particularly interested in providing producers and consultants with relevant research and extension programs that address both the current and future issues they face in producing corn. I believe research and extension are critical components to the continual advancement of agriculture not only here, but worldwide. I am thankful to join the extension group at Iowa State University.

I look forward to meeting producers, consultants, and others around the state. Please introduce yourself in the future or feel free to contact me by e-mail at labend@iastate.edu or phone at 515-294-5692.

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