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Phil Kaus joined CARD in July 1998 after completing a master’s degree in statistics and economics at the University of Nebraska. He is the U.S. and Iowa crops and livestock analyst for the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), part of CARD’s Trade and Agricultural Policy Division. Phil also does analysis of international sugar, and quantity and value of U.S. exports.

“One of the biggest challenges is trying to be a jack-of-all-trades,” Phil says. “We are providing a variety information to several different audiences.”

One of those audience groups comprise Iowa Ag Review readers. Phil writes and compiles information for the “Iowa’s Ag Situation” column that appears in each issue. He also conducts analysis for the FAPRI baseline and annual 10-year outlook projection. Phil’s recent research has been looking at Midwest state-level exports of agricultural goods.

“We are trying to find a better method of estimating state-level exports,” he says.

Prior to graduate school, Phil worked on a 2,000-acre farm and ranch that raised Angus cattle, wheat, and irrigated hay in the northwest panhandle of Nebraska. While he misses the wide-open spaces of the farm, Phil says he likes his work at CARD.

“I enjoy being able to provide producers and policymakers with valuable information to help in their decision-making process,” he says.

Phil is married to Lyndi, and they have four children, Reed, Alec, Taylor, and Samantha. He enjoys spending time with his family and attending his children’s sporting events. Phil also enjoys hunting and fishing in his free time.