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FAPRI’s newest analyst brings to his job a keen interest in how public policy impacts the agricultural sector. In fact, Steven L. Elmore, who came to Iowa State University in June, 1993 from the University of Nebraska’s agricultural economics department, says that his job at FAPRI is one of the few places in the country where he can fully use his background in economics, natural resources, and political science. As the U.S. crops and livestock analyst, Steve helps prepare policy assessments for both houses of the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as agribusinesses and public interest groups. Steve has already made significant contributions to FAPRI’s new economic modeling system for Iowa and looks forward to doing more intensive analysis of Iowa’s agricultural sector.

Steve’s research topics during his master’s degree program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln were issues familiar to Iowa Ag Review readers: the 1995 Farm Bill, the emerging ethanol industry, the changing structure of the pork industry, and the future of farmland after CRP. For Steve, one of the attractions of working for FAPRI was that his job of managing the Iowa Ag Review publication would give him opportunities to address contemporary issues in agricultural policy.

Steve is a native of Kearney, Nebraska, in the central part of the state. Even though he wasn’t raised on a farm, he notes that some of his fondest memories are of time spent on a farm that has been in his family for four generations (and is now operated by his cousin). Steve graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) with a B.S. degree in public administration and economics (both awarded “with distinction”). He earned his degree (on time) while working full-time at the Platte Valley State Bank in Kearney as a computer operator.

Lest anyone think that he’s solely a policy wonk, Steven has already gained a reputation for his lively sense of humor (and undying love of Nebraska Cornhusker athletics) among his FAPRI and CARD colleagues! Even though he’s not likely to become a Cyclone fan anytime soon, the ISU administration knows when they’ve got a good ambassador on hand. In late April, Steve will be part of the annual “Road Scholar” tour where ISU top brass and select new faculty and staff members travel out-state to get a true picture of what Iowa is like. Steve is looking forward to meeting some of the Iowa Ag Review readers on his road trip, so have those story ideas ready for him!

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