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John Kruse, the founding editor of Iowa Ag Review, recently accepted a position with Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Des Moines. His move was an untimely loss for this publication as well as for the FAPRI staff at CARD. Much of this issue was organized by John before his departure, but the publication staff has been revamped to continue the work he began. William H. (Willi) Meyers is now the editor, at least for the remainder of the first year. He is assisted by an editorial committee composed of Keith Heffernan, CARD Assistant Director; Darnell Smith, FAPRI Managing Director; and Marvin Hayenga, Professor of Economics. The editorial staff includes Seth Meyer, contributing writer, and Mary Adams, editorial assistant.

Willi Meyers is known to many of our readers as Professor of Economics, Associate Director of CARD, and Co-Director of FAPRI at Iowa State University (ISU) since 1985. He has also been Executive Director of the Midwest Agribusiness Trade Research and Information Center (MATRIC) since 1987. Meyers joined the ISU faculty in 1979 to teach and conduct research in agricultural policy and agricultural trade. He has been associate editor of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (1987-90), member of the Editorial Board of Agricultural Economics (1989-91), and editor for North America of Agricultural Economics (1991-94). Prior to coming to ISU, Meyers was an agricultural economist in the Forecast Support Group, Economic Research Service, USDA. He continued to develop commodity and policy analysis models at ISU and initiated the FAPRI unit at ISU in 1984 to focus on trade modeling and analysis. This program became part of CARD in 1985.