Meet the Staff

Center for Agricultural and Rural Development
As editor and principal author of *Iowa Ag Review*, let me welcome you and introduce you to our new publication and what we hope to accomplish. *Iowa Ag Review* is a quarterly publication for farmers, agribusinesses, legislators, and other persons interested in Iowa agriculture. We will communicate proposed farm policy changes and analyses completed or underway. It is CARD's intent in this report to provide objective and unbiased discussion of the issues and analytical results where applicable. Many of the analyses discussed will refer to more detailed reports that can be ordered from CARD. In addition, we would like to hear from you about issues you are interested in or comments on our analyses. We may not be able to answer all your concerns, but your input would be extremely valuable. Finally, we would like to provide a synopsis of the current situation for Iowa agriculture and the potential impacts of international developments.

I am the U.S. crops and livestock analyst at CARD/FAPRI. My primary responsibilities include U.S. agricultural policy analysis, econometric development of modeling systems for crops, livestock, and farm income at the state and national level, publishing *Iowa Ag Review*, and database development. Currently, I am wrapping up an analysis of extending the CRP program, beginning an analysis of a proposed regulation on use of antibiotics in livestock feed, compiling background data on Revenue Assurance as proposed by the Iowa Farm Bill Study Team, preparing for our new baseline analysis in November, and addressing policy concerns as they arise.

I grew up on a small Missouri livestock and crop farm specializing in feeder pig production. I have a M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia with emphasis in econometrics and statistics. While attending college, I worked for FAPRI at Missouri for four years. In June 1991, I joined The WEFA Group in Philadelphia, PA working as Forecast Manager for U.S. Agricultural Services. In July 1993, I joined FAPRI at Iowa State University.