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Lamkey is an Iowa State alumnus who earned a doctorate in plant breeding and cytogenetics in 1985. He earned a master's degree in plant breeding and genetics and a bachelor's degree in agronomy from the University of Illinois. His research focuses on the application of quantitative genetics to plant breeding problems in corn. Lamkey runs an inbred line development program and conducts several recurrent selection programs. The agronomy department educates about 350 undergraduate and graduate students annually and has about 50 faculty and 100 staff members. Learn more at www.agron.iastate.edu.

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