

# ISU AGRONOMY AT A GLANCE

AGRONOMIST

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Agronomy

# **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Academic Fellowships

• ~\$200,000 per year

Travel Fellowships

- Support for Travel Courses
- Support for Semester-Long Studies
- Total Awards: ~\$60,000 per year

**Judging Teams** 

- Crops Judging Team
- Soils Judging Team

Clubs

- Agronomy Club
- Soil and Water Conservation Club
- ISU Good Earth Student Farm

# **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Agronomy Major

• 2023 Enrollment: 211

Interdepartmental Majors

- Environmental Science
- Seed Science
- Data Science
- Digital and Precision Agriculture

Certificate

• Soil Science

### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Departmental Majors (71 MS and PhD students)

- Agricultural Meteorology
- Crop Production and Physiology
- Plant Breeding and Genetics
- Soil Science

Online MS Programs

- Agronomy (76 students)
- Plant Breeding (21 students)

Interdepartmental Majors

(26 MS and PhD students)

- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- Environmental Science
- Genetics and Genomics
- Plant Biology
- Sustainable Agriculture

#### **RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

# Extramural Research Funding

- 1 Jan. 31 Dec. 2022: 93 proposals, \$55,601,737; 71 awarded, \$14,728,230, 76% success
- 1 Jan 31 Dec. 2023: 75 proposals, \$32,003,122; 69 awarded, \$14,872,055, 92% success
- 1 Jan 1 June 2024: 54 proposals, \$31,297,856; 30 awarded, \$3,561,254

#### Collaborators

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ARS National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment
- Iowa Soybean Research Center for Farming Innovation
- ISU organizations, including the Raymond F. Baker Center for Plant Breeding and the ISU Plant Sciences Institute.

### **EXTENSION PROGRAMS**

#### **Focus Areas**

- Integrated Crop Management
- Nutrient Management
- Forage Management
- Weed Science

#### Faculty Extension Specialists in the Department

• 6

# Examples of Online Tools

- Daily Erosion Project
- Forecast and Assessment of Cropping Systems
- Iowa Environmental Mesonet (accessible meteorological data)

#### **FACILITIES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Classrooms	• 11
Teaching Labs	• 4
Research Labs	• 135
Service Labs	• 3
Research Farms	• 9
Growth Chambers	• 31
Square Feet of Greenhouse Space	• 23,372
Active Companies Founded or Co-founded by Faculty	EnGeniousAg LLC (instant-read nitrate sensor for plants, soil and water)     Dryland Genetics Inc (proso millet breeding)     Data2Bio LLC (analysis of genomic data)

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Faculty Members (Sept. 2023 – Nov. 2024)

- Nitrogen Extension/Research
- Forage Extension/Research/Teaching
- Weed Science Extension/Research/Teaching

Curriculum and Teaching

Curriculum revisions (Jr/Sr courses) are moving forward

**Building Renovations** 

 Commons, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway, 1102, 2142, 3140, 1026, G541, 1022

Enhancing our Research Enterprise

- Purchase of new growth chambers
- Strong grant support

#### **Enhancing Our Efforts**

- Support of the Iowa Nitrogen Initiative
- Teaching assistantships for undergrad and graduate students
- New part-time Communications Specialist















