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**FACULTY PRESENTATION AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY:  
“ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE 2012 DROUGHT”**

**Action Requested:** Receive the presentation.

**Executive Summary:** The 2012 drought will impact Iowa’s agricultural economy in many ways, both now and in the future. Professor Elwynn Taylor and Professor Chad Hart will discuss the impacts and how Iowa State University is helping Iowa farmers and businesses during this difficult time.

Dr. Elwynn Taylor joined the Iowa State University faculty in 1970 and is professor of agricultural meteorology. He also serves as the University’s Extension and Outreach climatologist and is well known for his analysis of weather influence in the Midwest, including the effects of flooding, drought, global warming, ozone depletion, and El Niño. Professor Taylor received a bachelor’s degree in botany from Utah State University and a doctorate in biology from Washington University. His numerous honors and awards include the Board of Regents Professional Achievement Award, the Iowa Farm Bureau’s Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, and Iowa State University awards for excellence in distance learning and extension education.

Dr. Chad Hart is an extension economist and associate professor of economics at Iowa State University. He is the grain markets specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach, mainly focusing on soybean and corn pricing and risk management. Professor Hart received a bachelor’s degree in economics from Southwest Missouri State University and a doctorate in economics and statistics from Iowa State University. Prior experience includes work at the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute and the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University. He has received numerous awards and honors, including a Board of Regents Award for Staff Excellence, Iowa State Extension and Outreach Team Achievement Award, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary’s Group Honor Award for Excellence.