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Who’s Who

• Mike Duffy, ISU Economics professor continues as Beginning Farmer Center director and advisor to the Beginning Farmer Network on ISU campus.
• John Baker, Staff attorney for Iowa Concern Hotline is the BFC’s administrator.
• David Baker, started staff position in May of 2006 as the Farm Transition Specialist. Advisor to BFN
• Other primaries: Farm Mgt Specialists, CEED’s, Farm Financial Associates, and all ISU field staff.
History of Center

• Beginning Farmer Center was established in 1994 by the state legislature.

• BFC continues to facilitate the transfer and transitioning of farm operations between multiple generations.

• FarmOn, Ag Link, Financial Analysis, educational research.
“Entry into farming is a process not an event.”

Dr. Paul Lasley
Don Hofstrand’s 6 Critical Success Factors

• Are parents ready for a partner?
• Is the child committed to farming?
• Is the business large enough?
• Does everyone have a common vision?
• Can all those involved live and work together?
• Are all the non-farming children supportive?
Thank you for your interest and support!

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Questions?
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Providing such programs as Farm On, Ag Link Seminar, educational materials, individual consultation, National Farm Transition Network