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Dennis Dewitt, who has worked for ISU Extension for more than three decades, serves Iowa cattle producers as a field specialist in NW Iowa.

Daryl Strohbehn, who has been with ISU Extension for thirty-five years, serves as a campus program specialist, working with cattle producers throughout the state.

Dale Thoreson joined the ISU Extension staff in 1973 and serves NE Iowa cattle producers as a field specialist.

John Lawrence, Iowa State University Extension livestock economist and current director of the Iowa Beef Center, has accepted a new position as the Director of ISU Extension to Agriculture and Natural Resources. He replaces Gerald Miller, who is retiring in spring 2010 after more than ten years of leadership with ISU Extension.

Lawrence himself has served the Iowa Beef Center for more than a decade as its director and has been with the university since 1991. His replacement will be announced before Lawrence begins his new position February 1, 2010. The announcement of the new IBC director will be made available online at www.iowabeefcenter.org.

### New year brings changes to IBC staff

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Extension field specialists’ new county coverage

Important members of the Iowa Beef Center team, the Iowa State University Extension beef field specialists, are an excellent local resource for cattle producers. They hold local events for the counties within their regions and work with individual cattle producers in their areas to answer questions and solve problems. With the retirement of several IBC staff in January 2010, the field specialists’ county coverage has been altered so that all of the counties are split into six regions. See below for contact information for the field specialist in your area.

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