

**Class information**

- Class meets Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-10:20am in East 119
- Lab meets Tuesday 2:10-4:00pm in Heady 68
- Class website: <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/~chart/Classes/econ337/Spring2017/>

**Professor**

- Chad Hart, 478F Heady Hall, [chart@iastate.edu](mailto:chart@iastate.edu), 294-9911
- Office hours by appointment

**Guidelines and rules**

- Class attendance is recommended
- Lab attendance is recommended and is very difficult to reschedule

**Course objectives**

- Understand the use of futures, options, and other tools in marketing and risk management decisions
- Understand the use of cash sales and contracts and the role of basis, storage, and transportation in determining prices
- Know the various sources of agricultural data information and the roles these data play within the commodity markets
- Understand the forces that shape commodity markets and learn about market/price forecasting
- Design an integrated production and marketing plan for farms and agribusinesses

Course reading and resource materials will be available online.

**Grading**

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| • Two exams                         | 40% |
| • Homework assignments and quizzes  | 30% |
| • Marketing plan project and report | 30% |

### **Academic Dishonesty**

The class will follow Iowa State University's policy on academic dishonesty. Anyone suspected of academic dishonesty will be reported to the [Dean of Students Office](#). The link below will take you to the university's policy.

<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/ja/academic/misconduct.html>

### **Students with Disabilities**

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