

# Aaron Gerdts

## Research Analyst

As a Research Analyst Aaron is responsible for helping to develop, manage, and analyze data and solutions to assist clients in making informed and strategic business decisions. He is responsible for writing reports and articles, performing economic impact, contribution analysis and maintaining agriculture trade and agriculture production data.

Aaron's love for agriculture developed at a young age; he grew up on a family farm near St. Ansgar Iowa. His family raised cattle as well as farmed corn and soybeans. Aarons dairy interest grew once he started milking cows at a local dairy farm. His agriculture background helped persuade him to pursue a degree in agriculture.

Aaron received a B.S. in Dairy Science and an M.S. in Agriculture Economics from Iowa State University. His graduate research examined the effectiveness of generic advertising undertaken by the agricultural check-off programs, specifically, the almond check off program. After receiving his degree Aaron worked for the Iowa State Legislative services agency as a fiscal analyst. In this position Aaron was responsible for estimating the fiscal cost of legislation proposed by the Iowa General Assembly. Other responsibilities included staffing the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee and researching topics of interest for legislators and caucus staff related to agriculture and natural resources.



### Contact



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### Education

#### Iowa State University

Master of Science: Agriculture  
Economics

B.S.: Dairy Science

Minor: Agricultural Business

### Areas of Expertise

- Agriculture Economics
- Data Management
- Data Analysis