

Daniel Otto Brief Biography

Education:

- Doctorate in agricultural economics, Virginia Tech
- Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics, University of Minnesota
- Bachelor of Arts in economics, University of Minnesota

Master's thesis: "Economic Impacts of recreational farming in suburban fringe areas of the Twin Cities"

Doctoral dissertation: "An Economic assessment of state level public investments in corn and soybean research and extension"

Experience:

July 2001 – Dan Otto joined the Strategic Economics Group (SEG) as one of the initial members. Since joining SEG he has worked on studies for a retail development, a youth baseball tournament facility, an electric transmission line company, and two gaming facility proposals. In addition, he has completed several studies of the rural electric cooperative system, impact of rural health systems, farmers markets in Iowa, several studies on the economic impact of colleges to a local economy, and other community development projects.

From 1981 – Dan was professor of economics and extension economist, Iowa State University. In November 2012, he retired as emeritus professor.

His current areas of research include

- Community and Regional Economic Modeling and Policy Analysis,
- Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis and Project Evaluation,
- Rural Policy Analysis,
- Locational Determinants of Firms and Individuals in Rural Areas,
- Economics of Rural Services and Infrastructure Issues,
- Spatial Impacts of Infrastructure Investments
- Economic impacts of recreational and quality of life investments on local economies

His specialties include:

- Community level economic impact analysis,
- Applied decision aids for state and local economic development analysis,
- Strategic planning for community economic development,
- Evaluation of public service provision
- Outdoor recreation impact studies