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## NEWS BRIEFS

### MidAmerican to retool old wind turbines

MidAmerican Energy Co. plans to upgrade hundreds of older wind turbines to improve efficiency, [the company reported](#). The project will not increase rates, and MidAmerican did not apply for state assistance. The equipment upgrades will move MidAmerican Energy closer to its goal of producing all of its power with renewable sources. The company expects to hit 95 percent in 2021, when another round of new turbines will be in place.

### Analyst: China could boost corn imports sixfold

An analyst predicted China could import up to 20 million metric tons of corn a year, more than six times the current level, to meet a switch to greater use of ethanol in fuel, [Successful Farming reported](#). China plans to approve a 10 percent ethanol mix by 2020, state media reported last week.

### Kemin commits \$100,000 to Des Moines Symphony

The Des Moines Symphony has received a five-year commitment totaling \$100,000 from Kemin Industries Inc. in support of the symphony's guest artist program. The contribution of \$20,000 annually by the Des Moines-based food, feed and health ingredients company will help the Des Moines Symphony engage renowned visiting soloists from around the world as well as the best emerging guest artists. The symphony typically brings in six or seven guest artists annually; \$20,000 could fund two to three of them, said Megan Helmers, director of marketing and public relations. Kemin's gift will support the Des Moines Symphony's 80th anniversary season debut concert on Sept. 23 and 24 featuring Grammy nominee and American violinist Jennifer Frautschi.

### UI's nonprofit resource center expands services, will open Des Moines office

The University of Iowa's nonprofit consulting center is expanding its services and opening a new office in Des Moines to assist nonprofit organizations in improving the lives of Iowans. The [Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center](#), which has provided assistance to thousands of Iowa nonprofits since 2001, will open its new office Oct. 1 at UI's Des Moines Higher Education Center, 2300 Fleur Drive. The center's new services are focused not just on startups, but also on strengthening existing nonprofit organizations and helping them deliver services to Iowa communities effectively and efficiently, the organization said. The new services include strategic planning, leadership development and coaching, and board member and executive staff assessment. Paul Thelen, assistant director, will work in the Des Moines office two days a week. The center will continue to operate from its office in Iowa City, and will still hold seminars and workshops across the state throughout the year.