

Iowa-Iowa State rivalry extended through 2021

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The Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones reached a joint agreement Wednesday to extend the annual series in football four years, with the new arrangement now set to go through the 2021 season.

Originally, the deal established between the two schools after Iowa Corn took over as a sponsor was set to expire in 2017. Iowa will continue to play host to Iowa State during even years, with Sept. 8, 2018 and Sept. 12, 2020 being the new dates set for when these teams meet at Kinnick Stadium. The Hawkeyes will travel to Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 14, 2019 and Sept. 11, 2021.

The following are statements made via release Wednesday by Iowa athletics director Gary Barta and Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz:

Barta: *"We are pleased to have the contract extended through the 2021 season. In-state rivalries are an exciting part of college athletics and you can feel a different energy across the state during the week of the Hawkeye-Cyclone matchup."*

Ferentz: *"The annual contest with Iowa State is anticipated each year by fans of both programs. With the changing of the conference schedules, we are happy this series will be continued without interruption."*

It should be noted that with a nine-game Big Ten schedule beginning in 2016, this new four-year extension only leaves any remaining schedule openings between 2017-2021 for non-

conference games at Kinnick Stadium.