

IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

Policy Resolutions

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1 **BIOTECHNOLOGY**

2 **ISA Statement of Principles**

3 *The Iowa Soybean Association believes that biotechnology based on sound science, full*
4 *disclosure, and with the approval of regulatory agencies, has helped and will continue to*
5 *help farmers meet growing world food, health, and energy needs while benefiting producers,*
6 *consumers, and the environment.*

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8 **2024 Biotechnology Food Labeling**

9 We oppose any additional state or federal initiative to mandate labels on bioengineered
10 agricultural products.

11 **2019 Biotechnology Acceptance Process**

12 We support a science-based, expedited process for approval and acceptance of biotechnology
13 products across all domestic and export markets.

14 **2021 Biotechnology Education**

15 We support producer and industry involvement in programs that illustrate scientific facts and
16 the public and environmental benefits of biotechnology crops, products, and technologies.

17 **2022 Biotechnology Enhanced Products**

18 We support the open trade access of biotechnology-enhanced agricultural products approved
19 by a science-based regulatory system. We support the federal government maximizing
20 education and understanding in countries that biotechnology can help address environmental
21 challenges, augment nutrition, and improve food security. We support uniform international
22 intellectual property laws and the enforcement of those laws that protect the technological and
23 financial interests of the developers of new biotech traits. We support the development and
24 release of new varieties only in countries that protect intellectual property rights. We oppose
25 the practice of U.S. farmers paying technology or royalty fees for products that are available to
26 our competitors for sharply reduced fees.

27 **2022 Product Use Liability**

28 We oppose producers being held liable for damages resulting from biotechnology-enhanced
29 product use when recommended practices and procedures are followed. We support
30 addressing liability at the federal level.

31 **2023 Biotechnology Product Synchronization and Transparency**

32 We support biotechnology companies:

- 33 1. Aligning product releases with domestic regulatory approvals for all traits,
34 technologies, and system components.
- 35 2. Securing required trade clearances and implementing effective control measures.
- 36 3. Establishing robust documentation systems for approval, acceptance, and product
37 tracking.
- 38 4. Fostering collaboration among industry stakeholders to establish criteria and timelines
39 for introducing new technologies without market disruptions, including those going off
40 patent.

41 **ENERGY**

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44 *The Iowa Soybean Association encourages state and federal governments to incorporate*
45 *incentives for renewable fuels, products, and infrastructure to facilitate greater renewable fuel*
46 *production and consumption.*

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2024 Biodiesel Quality Standards and Testing

48 We support government recognition of the unique fuel quality attributes of biodiesel and the
49 enforcement of ASTM 6751 and other ASTM biodiesel blend standards. We support the
50 adoption and utilization of the BQ 9000 quality program. We offer continued support of a state
51 funded and certified testing laboratory and quality enforcement program to evaluate biodiesel
52 quality.

2024 Small Refinery Exemptions (SRE)

53 We oppose the granting of small refinery exemptions under the RFS.

2019 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

55 We support a Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS2) that reflects the expansion of the renewable
56 fuels industry for biodiesel and opposes any changes that would reduce Renewable Volume
57 Obligations (RVO).

2019 State Funding of Biodiesel Projects

58 We support funding infrastructure projects designed to increase soybean usage and profitability
59 through the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Board (RFIB). We support the equitable distribution
60 of infrastructure funding between biodiesel and ethanol.

2021 Bioenergy Programs

61 We support the continuation and expansion of bioenergy programs in any future farm bills.

2021 Biodiesel Sustainability

62 We support the continued work of the Clean Fuels Alliance America (CFAA) to promote the
63 use of sustainable feedstocks in biodiesel production methods. ISA supports the industry's
64 demand that any policy involving direct and indirect land use metrics be based on sound
65 science and transparent, verifiable data so that biodiesel's impact on greenhouse gas (GHG)
66 emissions and soybean sustainability is accurately assessed.

2021 Energy and Food Security

67 We recognize and support the role agriculture can and should play in US energy and food
68 security. We support federal, state, and local education and promotion of biofuels as an
69 economically important and environmentally friendly solution to utilizing grain production,
70 decreasing carbon intensity, and increasing U.S. energy, food independence, and security.

2021 Renewable Energy Support

71 We support a comprehensive energy policy that utilizes all current sources, and the study and
72 development of additional renewable energy sources.

2022 Ethanol

73 We support all EPA approved ethanol blends E15 and above.

2022 Energy Utility Damages

74 We support owners of energy utilities (i.e., pipelines, transmission lines, and wind generators)
75 paying damages for the full life of the infrastructure.

2022 Net Metering

76 We support net metering for agricultural producers who generate their own electricity cleanly
77 and efficiently.

2023 Biomass-Based Fuels

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89 We support renewable fuels derived from soybean oil, including biodiesel, renewable diesel
90 (RD), and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). We support tax incentives, cost-share programs,
91 and educational initiatives that enhance the production and consumption of these fuels. We
92 support policies promoting higher blends of domestically produced biomass-based diesel
93 (BBD) in compliance with WTO standards.

2023 Electronic Renewable Identification Numbers (eRINs)

94 We oppose the expansion of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to encompass non-
95 biomass-based fuels.

2024 Indirect Land Use Change

96 We support the development of alternative approaches to quantifying indirect land use
97 change in the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard and state Low Carbon Fuel Standards
98 programs.
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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102 *The Iowa Soybean Association believes that agricultural leaders should collaborate with*
103 *diverse stakeholders to develop and implement effective environmental policies and programs.*
104 *Policies and programs should be based on sound science using accessible and credible data as*
105 *a foundation for decision making. We believe programs incorporating adaptive management*
106 *and providing farmers with long-term benefits directed at productivity, profitability and*
107 *sustainability are the best routes to improving and maintaining environmental quality. Incentives*
108 *should be effective and efficiently used to initiate longer-term efforts to improve environmental*
109 *quality and natural resource management.*
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2024 Agricultural Dust

113 We support an exemption for agricultural dust from regulation.

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2024 DNR Enforcement

115 We support Iowa DNR as the enforcement agency for environmental and Concentrated
116 Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations rather than the EPA.

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2024 Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Management

118 We support State Soil and Water Conservation Districts as the primary jurisdictional
119 organization providing leadership and coordination for local watershed initiatives. We support
120 farmer consultation in the development, implementation, and review of watershed
121 management plans. We support state alignment on technical and financial assistance in
122 watershed planning and implementation. We support state-wide common definitions and
123 standards for watershed management plans.
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2019 Changing Weather Adaptation Recommendations

126 We support the research, assessment and implementation of agricultural management
127 adaptations addressing impacts of variable weather events and changing climatic conditions.
128 We support voluntary Smart Agriculture initiatives assisting farmers with implementing
129 strategies to address weather and climate issues.

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2019 Farmers as Suppliers of Ecosystem Services

131 We support the development of voluntary ecosystem service markets such as the Soil and
132 Water Outcomes Fund. Additionally, we support farmer compensation for voluntarily
133 providing ecosystem services, including water quality improvement, carbon sequestration,
134 habitat creation and more.

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135 **2019 Iowa Water Quality Initiative**

136 We support Iowa's Water Quality Initiative funded by the legislature as a voluntary, cooperative,
137 science and technology-based approach to reduce nutrient loss for water quality improvements.

138 **2019 Soil and Water Quality Tax Credit**

139 We support a soil and water quality improvement state tax credit program.

140 **2021 Clean Water Act**

141 We oppose expansion of EPA regulatory authority beyond navigable waters.

142 **2021 Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund**

143 We support sustainably funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

144 **2021 Nutrient Reduction Strategy**

145 We support the stated principles of Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy along with information
146 dissemination to the public regarding farmers' efforts to achieve continuous improvement. We
147 support enhancing the current INRS through increased education and incentives.

148 **2021 Regulations and Response**

149 We oppose allowing regulatory agencies to adopt new regulations that do not start as
150 legislation.

151 **2021 Soil Health**

152 We support healthy soil and the benefits provided to our ecosystem, the environment, and
153 the productive capacity of our land. We support the adoption of those practices and policies
154 that help build, sustain, and promote soil health.

155 **2021 Sustainable Funding for Iowa's Natural Resources**

156 We support securing sustainable, long-term funding for the conservation of Iowa's Natural
157 Resources, aligning with farmers' priority resource concerns and at funding levels that
158 address the scope of concerns.

159 **2022 Agricultural Drainage**

160 We support subsurface drainage such as tiling to increase crop productivity and farmer
161 profitability. We support additional funding for technical assistance and implementation of optimized
162 drainage systems. We support research to minimize subsurface nutrient loss and to maximize
163 the adoption of practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon, and reduce soil erosion
164 from surface water movement.

165 **2022 Climate Change Legislation**

166 We support climate legislation and carbon policies that (1) allow farmers to use the most
167 effective and appropriate production practices, and that (2) recognize farmers as a solution to
168 climate change through the contributions of biofuels, conservation practices, and production
169 efficiencies.

170 **2022 Constructed Wetlands**

171 We support the inclusion of constructed wetlands in any voluntary conservation plan where the
172 landowner has the flexibility to find the best solutions for their farming operation. We support
173 expansion of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) across the state.

174 **2022 Cover Crop Incentive Programs**

175 We support the expansion of cover crop incentive programs and additional research for the
176 optimization of cover crops in Iowa.

177 **2022 Data Accessibility**

178 We support a requirement that research data cited or used as the basis for rules and regulations
179 impacting production agriculture be made available and open for independent review.

180 **2022 Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)**

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181 We support commodity group representation on local and state REAP committees. We
182 support prioritizing REAP funds for soil and water conservation projects.

2022 Urban and Rural Collaboration and One Water

184 We support strengthening and promoting collaborative partnerships and holistic water
185 management through a One Water Approach. We support efforts to better align programs
186 and research to enhance communication and information exchange, and to establish new
187 opportunities that support the expansion of implementation projects. We support collaboration
188 across cities and industries in partnership with agricultural producers to develop and
189 implement accredited nutrient reduction practices that may offset the cost of implementing
190 technology at permitted facilities. Farmers and sponsors financing the implementation of
191 qualified practices should retain performance credits for future projects.

2023 Crop Protection Product Safety

193 We support reasonable efforts and data-driven decisions to improve crop-protection product
194 safety, handling, and education, including training to help farmers understand and follow label
195 requirements.

2023 Habitat and Cover Crop Seed Mixes

197 We support establishing and enforcing a seed inspection and certification policy to ensure
198 that seed used for cost-share habitat and cover crop programs is free from noxious weed
199 seeds.

2023 Worldwide Agriculture and Environment

201 We oppose initiatives or investments by U.S. institutions, multinational corporations, and the
202 World Bank that exclude the voluntary use of proven, science-based conservation
203 and environmental practices.

2023 Soil Carbon Amendments

205 We support increased state and federal funding for research on the use of biochar and soil
206 carbon amendments to improve soil health and carbon sequestration, as well as broader state
207 and federal policies that support the development of industries to produce biochar and
208 bioenergy from biomass to create new markets and opportunities for soybean farmers.

2023 Cover Crop Harvestability

210 We support the creation of a new, more inclusive definition of cover crop across government
211 agencies, allowing for the cover crop to be harvested while not compromising insurability or
212 value of the primary crop.

2023 Farm-Level Environmental Metrics

214 We support the farmer-led development of voluntary environmental metrics that would allow
215 farmers to financially benefit from their conservation practices.

2023 Conservation Technical Assistance

217 We support enhancing conservation planning by increasing [public] technical assistance
218 personnel and equipping private-sector planners with the same tools and resources as the
219 public sector. We support the use of private Technical Service Providers, funded by
220 producers, whose work should be fairly and promptly evaluated by NRCS to expedite
221 conservation practices. We support flexible funding for approved practices.

2023 Crop Protection Product Permitting

223 We oppose new permitting processes for crop protection products and insist that EPA's
224 regulations do not burden farmers. We also reject the need for National Pollutant Discharge
225 Elimination System (NPDES) permits for pesticide applications in crop production.

2023 Soybean Sustainability and Traceability

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227 We support a comprehensive approach to validating the sustainability of U.S. soybean
228 production. We endorse adherence to state and federal conservation, environmental, and
229 labor laws, affirming the sustainable practices of U.S. soybean farmers. We support the
230 opportunity for farmers to participate in premium pricing structures that compensate for
231 sustainability initiatives.

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FEDERAL FARM POLICY

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235 *We support a federal farm soybean program that enables soybeans to compete effectively with*
236 *other major crops, provides income protection to U.S. soybean farmers, provides planting*
237 *flexibility necessary for U.S. soybean farmers to base their planting decisions on market signals*
238 *and respond to environmental and conservation concerns, and protects farmers from buyer and*
239 *broker bankruptcies.*

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2024 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

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242 We support continuation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). We support a
243 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which prioritizes environmentally sensitive lands. We
244 support the development of CRP programs and payment mechanisms that promote active
245 management and productive use of the biomass

2024 Cover Crop Conservation Practices

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247 We support alignment between agencies such as USDA, EPA, and Treasury in delivery of
248 information and benefits as it relates to programs supporting the adoption of cover crops.

2019 Federal Crop Insurance

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250 We support a subsidized Federal Crop Insurance Program that provides realistic levels of
251 protection at the election of the producer. We support continuation of the Federal Crop
252 Insurance Program as part of any farm bill legislation. We support continued evaluation of crop
253 insurance policies – premium levels and adjustment guidelines – to address developing cultural
254 practices and technologies. We support pilot programs that gather the data necessary to
255 determine those developing conservation practices that reduce risk and can lower farmers'
256 crop insurance premiums. We support the continued use of trend adjusted yield in determining
257 insurable levels of yield loss. Premiums should be actuarially sound and based on production
258 risk. This protection should continue to be available from local insurance agencies and not a
259 part of federal farm programs administered by federal agencies.

2021 Carbon Credit Certification

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261 We support the establishment of a standardized process through which the U.S. Department
262 of Agriculture can determine third-party verifiers of on-farm ecosystem services and markets.

2021 On-Farm Carbon Capture Tax Credit

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264 We support a federal tax credit program that invests in natural climate solutions at the
265 individual farm level.

2021 Oversight of Climate Programs and Strategies

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267 We support USDA assuming the lead role on federal policies and programs involving
268 agriculture and climate related efforts and solutions.

2022 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

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270 We support fully funding the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to enhance
271 conservation efforts on working lands.

2022 Farm Storage Pack Factor Measurement

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273 We support evaluating and updating stored grain pack factors that allow agricultural
274 producers, warehouse officials, and stored grain managers to accurately assess and track
275 stored-grain inventories.

2022 Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Programs

277 We support affordable seed mixes, including milkweed species, which are evaluated and
278 approved for pollinator habitat seeding.

2022 Soybean Reference Price

280 We support increasing the Title 1 soybean reference price.

2022 USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Coordination

283 We support increased cooperation and communication between RMA and FSA to compute
284 more realistic and statistically defensible yields.

2023 Federal Inspections and Biosecurity

286 We support a requirement that state and federal inspectors follow biosecurity measures and provide at
287 least one-day prior notice when responding to farm and livestock issues.

2023 Pollinator Conservation

289 We support cooperative efforts by USDA, IDALS, and ISU to lead a science-based
290 conservation strategy to improve honeybee, monarch butterfly, and other pollinator
291 habitat on private and public lands.

2023 Endangered Species & Habitat Protection

293 We support the use of sound science, realistic assumptions, and real-world data for
294 Endangered Species Act (ESA) evaluations and consultations that protect producers and
295 landowners from penalty if species for which they develop habitat are listed under the ESA.
296 We support the involvement of farmers in discussions with regulators to identify practical and
297 flexible mitigation strategies that are viable for crop production while protecting endangered
298 species and their habitats. We oppose the implementation of broad, disruptive measures,
299 including county-wide prohibitions, in enforcing ESA stipulations in pesticide registrations.

2023 Conservation Programs

301 We support a farm bill conservation title focused on enhancing air and water quality, and
302 fostering resilient, productive soils. We support USDA initiatives enhancing farmer-level data
303 analysis and integration of conservation practices and the provision of incentives and
304 research to help farmers achieve these goals.

2023 Foreign Market Development

306 We support robust funding by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the United Soybean
307 Board (USB), American Soybean Association (ASA), the United States Soybean Export
308 Council (USSEC), and qualified state soybean boards (QSSBs) to develop international
309 markets for soy and soy-based products.

2023 Farm Bill

311 We support an on-time, meaningful, comprehensive, sufficiently funded farm bill that
312 addresses soy priorities.

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STATE OF IOWA FARM AND RURAL POLICY

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316 *We support a balanced state budget with expenditures on agricultural priorities commensurate*
317 *with its economic importance to the state. We encourage state officials to recognize and act on*

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318 *the opportunities for economic growth represented by Iowa's crop, livestock, and biofuels*
319 *industries.*

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2024 Central Filing

322 We oppose moving from Iowa's direct notice system to a central filing system for buyer
323 notification.

2021 Buyer, Supplier and Broker Bankruptcy

325 We support provisions that protect farmers from buyer, supplier, and broker bankruptcies.

2022 Rulemaking Authority and Oversight

327 We support legislative oversight of any rule written by state agencies and appointed
328 commissions impacting farmers and other agricultural businesses.

2022 Rural Emergency Requests

330 We support efforts and incentives to enhance emergency response infrastructure and
331 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) compensation in rural areas.

2022 Soy Buying Preference

333 We support a soy or bio-based buying preference for federal, state, and local government
334 entities.

2022 State Regulations

336 We support the concept of sunseting state regulations after five years of enactment.

2023 Broadband Access and Rural Connectivity

338 We support the development and widespread implementation of high-speed internet
339 infrastructure across rural Iowa.

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LIVESTOCK

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343 *We encourage the responsible expansion of livestock, poultry, and aquatic production in Iowa for*
344 *greater use of soybean products.*

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2024 Protein Origin, Labeling and Oversight

347 We support labeling only protein derived from livestock and poultry for human consumption
348 as "meat." We support USDA oversight of cellular or alternatively produced proteins.

2019 Interstate Commerce Clause in Livestock

350 We oppose states adopting more stringent regulations than federal requirements for livestock
351 operations and livestock products.

2019 Odor

353 We support efforts to mitigate odor from livestock operations using economically efficient
354 techniques, including funding odor research.

2022 Animal Care

356 We support the best animal care practices and oppose any abuse or mistreatment of
357 livestock.

2022 Anti-Livestock Organizations and Actions

359 We support responsible livestock producers who face unwarranted challenges by individuals
360 or organizations attempting to restrict livestock production in Iowa. We support efforts to
361 educate and inform the public of the value of homegrown food products.

2022 Iowa Livestock Industry

363 We support the maintenance and growth of Iowa's livestock industry.

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364 **2022 Local Control**

365 We oppose county authority preempting state authority on agricultural and environmental
366 regulations.

367 **2023 Animal Disease Prevention and Management**

368 We support the continuation and maintenance of farm bill programs that support animal disease
369 prevention, surveillance, and management. This initiative is vital for protecting U.S. food security
370 and should include the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank
371 (NAVVCB), the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP), and
372 the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).

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374 **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LAND USE**

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376 *We believe state and federal governments should concentrate more on the management of*
377 *currently owned government land and reduce the effort to acquire more public land. We oppose*
378 *the use of eminent domain to condemn or transfer property from one private entity to another*
379 *private entity and to acquire private land for economic, conservation, landfill, road building,*
380 *utilities, or recreational interests without just compensation.*

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382 **2024 Deer Tags**

383 We support an increase in the number of doe and buck tags to in-and out-of-state hunters.

384 Non-resident landowners should be eligible for landowner tags.

385 **2024 Federal Executive Orders**

386 We oppose federal executive orders that deprive citizens of rights and property.

387 **2019 Energy Infrastructure on Private Land**

388 We support upgrading our nation's energy infrastructure grid. We support fair landowner
389 compensation for residual impacts on cropland production and value, as well as restrictions
390 on land improvements. We support efforts to protect farmers' property rights within the
391 easement and land acquisition process, as well as efforts to hold companies securing those
392 easements and building infrastructure accountable for ongoing environmental and private
393 property damage.

394 **2021 Aerial Imagery and Remote Sensing within Agriculture**

395 We support the use of aerial imagery and remote sensing technologies that benefit production
396 agriculture. The use of these technologies and data collected must be under the control of
397 corresponding landowners and farmers.

398 **2022 Energy Infrastructure**

399 We support the establishment of a minimum threshold for voluntary easements obtained by a
400 nongovernmental entity when multiple properties engage in an energy infrastructure project.
401 This minimum threshold should be met before an entity is granted eminent domain authority.

402 **2022 Underground Infrastructure**

403 We support the restoration of agricultural land and related infrastructure to the original or
404 improved condition after the installation of underground infrastructure. This shall include
405 compensation for crop damage or affected crop yields.

406 **2022 Urban Development Boundary Plans and Annexation**

407 We oppose involuntary annexations that restrict the property rights of landowners without just
408 compensation. We support the State of Iowa requiring all cities and counties to develop
409 urban development boundary plans. In the event of an involuntary annexation petition by a city,

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410 we support approval of the annexation if approved separately by a majority of the residents
411 from the city and a majority of the landowners from the territory.

2023 Right to Repair

413 We support the agricultural producer's right to repair equipment and machinery.

2023 Agritourism Protection

415 We support legislation promoting agritourism activities and businesses that protects farmers and
416 visitors from lawsuits and liability claims.

2023 Foreign Agricultural Land Ownership

418 We support increased oversight and reporting of foreign agricultural land and business
419 transactions in the U.S., ensuring protection for farmers, consumers, national security, and
420 economic interests, while also maintaining unrestricted research and market access for the
421 soybean industry.

2023 Wind Infrastructure Separation Distances

423 We support a minimum distance requirement for the construction of wind turbines.
424 Specifically, wind turbines should be built no closer than one-half mile from any existing
425 residence and one-quarter mile from any property boundary. However, if landowners involved
426 mutually agree on a different distance, this requirement can be adjusted.

2023 State Land Tax Equivalency

428 We support the state paying property taxes equivalent to those of privately-owned properties
429 on all state-owned and managed lands, directed to the county where these properties are
430 located.

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RESEARCH

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434 *We believe existing and future research should be used to increase the competitiveness of*
435 *Iowa and U.S. soybean producers, develop higher yielding and higher quality soybeans, develop*
436 *new markets and new uses for soybeans and soy products, expand consumer use of soybean*
437 *products, reduce production costs, improve the profitability and sustainability of soybean*
438 *production, and position Iowa and U.S. soybeans and soy products as the preferred source for*
439 *domestic and foreign customers. We support increased federal and state funding for Iowa State*
440 *University and other qualified research institutions for soybean production research.*

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2019 Iowa Soybean Research Center

443 We support the Iowa Soybean Research Center at Iowa State University as an avenue to
444 enhance coordination between ISA, ISU, and the private sector.

2019 Production Research Goals

446 Recognizing that soybean production requires unique cultural practices, we support efforts to
447 provide soybean farmers with innovative and leading-edge genetics, biotechnology traits, crop
448 protection solutions, agronomics and cropping systems, products and practices and data for
449 optimum productivity and profitability under environmentally sustainable strategies.

2019 Production Research Projects

451 We support state, regional, and federal research projects that address the highest priority
452 issues and opportunities impacting soybean quality, yield improvement and yield
453 preservation. We encourage dialogue among soybean farmers, academics, agencies and
454 technology and service provider companies for public/private partnerships and research
455 alignment that will advance the entire soybean industry.

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456 **2022 Research Funding and Coordination**

457 We support an increased, coordinated effort for public and private soybean research funding by
458 state and federal governments, commodity organizations, land grant universities, and private
459 industries. We support state and national checkoff investments in research projects that result
460 in short and long-term benefits to American soybean producers. We support prioritized
461 and coordinated research programs to leverage checkoff dollars with agency and industry
462 funding for maximum return on investment.

463 **2023 National Plant Germplasm System**

464 We support increased funding for the USDA ARS's National Plant Germplasm System, including
465 full disclosure of all information concerning germination, vigor, and quality.

466 **2023 Carbon Intensity Research**

467 We support the alignment of tools and methods that enable farmers to voluntarily reduce the
468 carbon intensity (CO₂e per unit of soybeans) of soybean rotations.

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470 **SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ISSUES**

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472 *We support full disclosure of grain and livestock pricing, and we believe agricultural policy*
473 *should allow the market to set prices.*

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475 **2019 Grain Quality**

476 We support public and commercial soybean breeder and producer representation on committees
477 formed to develop grain quality standards for soybeans and to set international standards for
478 specialty grains. We support standardized testing of grains in the production system.

479 **2019 High Oleic Oil**

480 We recognize the need to regain our food grade oil market and support the efforts of the
481 United Soybean Board (USB) to help drive the adaptation and production of soybeans that
482 carry the high oleic oil trait.

483 **2019 Interstate Commerce Clause (Crops)**

484 We oppose states adopting more stringent regulations than federal requirements for crop
485 farming operations and crop products.

486 **2019 Precision Agriculture Data and Information Ownership**

487 We support farm operator ownership of any information gathered by GPS, precision agriculture
488 systems, unmanned aerial vehicles and other data acquisition platforms.

489 **2021 Crop Protection Product Regulations**

490 We support restrictions, regulations, and registrations on crop protection that are based on
491 factual scientific data and information to optimize product efficacy, to extend product life, and
492 to promote safe product use. We support maintaining approvals and registrations for all
493 approved chemical and integrated pest management strategies when used according to
494 label directions. We promote the consideration of new methods, technologies, data, and
495 information when scientifically-sound research shows that change would be functional,
496 and economically and socially beneficial. We support the collaborative efforts led by
497 Iowa State University and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to
498 apply a community approach to integrated pest management and technology stewardship
499 through the Iowa Pest Resistance Management Plan (IPRMP).

500 **2021 Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Management**

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501 We support the SCN Coalition and integrated approaches to managing SCN. Management
502 solutions should be publicly available.

2022 Identity Preserved and Specialty Markets

504 We support efforts to develop, maintain, expand, and promote markets for identity
505 preserved and specialty soybeans or soybean products from Iowa. We support premium price
506 structures that reflect the additional costs of identity preservation. We support farmers' rights to
507 produce soybeans and soy products to meet those diverse markets.

2022 Grain Analyzing Technology

509 We support the adoption of universal calibration standards for all grain analyzing technologies.

2022 Soybean Marketing Value

511 We support payments based on a dry matter basis rather than "wet" basis. We support this
512 structure as a first step in valuing soybeans for quality.

2023 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Transparency

514 We support the CFTC releasing daily trading reports to provide transparency for producers.

2023 Grain Indemnity Fund

516 We support maintaining a secure state grain indemnity fund as outlined by the Iowa Code, as
517 well as steps to ensure protection commensurate with the value of Iowa's grain production.

2023 Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)

519 We support a dependable and free public Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) differential real-
520 time kinematic (RTK) correction signal available across agricultural production land.

2023 Soybean Disease Prevention and Management

522 We support the USDA's ongoing efforts to shield the U.S. soy industry from international
523 diseases and pests.

2023 Soybean Seed Selection and Disclosure

525 We support soybean seed selection based on quality, yield, protein, and oil content, and urge
526 seed companies to include these estimates in sales literature. We support the mandatory
527 disclosure of soybean cultivar and variety numbers at the point of purchase, enabling farmers to
528 make informed selection decisions.

TAXES

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532 *The Iowa Soybean Association believes tax policies should allow Iowa producers to*
533 *compete in world markets and should encourage all Iowans to keep our most productive*
534 *land available for growing agricultural operations.*

2024 Net Investment Income Tax

537 We oppose the Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT).

2024 Shift of Tax Values from Non-crop to Cropland

539 We oppose efforts to shift property taxes to cropland in order to provide relief to owners of
540 non-crop land.

2024 Timber Land Reserve

542 We oppose the property tax exemption for the forest reserve program.

2019 1031 Exchanges

544 We support the 1031 provision for like-kind exchanges of real property and real estate.

2019 Estate Taxes

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546 We support the elimination of state and federal estate/inheritance taxes while retaining the
547 opportunity to step up basis at the time property is inherited.

2021 Capital Gains Tax

549 We support reduction or elimination of taxation on capital gains related to agriculture.

2021 Income Tax Investment Credit

551 We support the permanent coupling of the state and federal 179 deduction.

2021 Property Taxes

553 We support transitioning the state's mental health and disability services funding to a more
554 equitable source, reducing the costs from property taxes.

2021 Support for a Balanced Federal Budget

556 We support a balanced federal budget achieved through reduced spending.

2022 Conservation Practice Incentives

558 We support changes in the U.S. and Iowa tax codes to allow for tax incentives for conservation
559 practices. We support full deductibility of conservation project costs by the party who
560 incurred the expense regardless of lease type.

2022 Federal Deductibility

562 We support maintaining federal deductibility for Iowa's individual and corporate income tax. We
563 support full deductibility of health insurance premiums for self-employed individuals on a
564 permanent basis.

2023 Treatment of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Income

566 We support the classification of CRP payments as rental income.

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TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS

ISA Statement of Principles

570 *We believe soybeans and soybean products must have fair access to world markets and be*
571 *able to compete in price, quality, and availability for markets. We encourage the federal*
572 *government to maximize funding for market development efforts and to respond quickly to*
573 *opportunities in international trade, especially in growth markets.*

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2024 Cargo Preference

576 We oppose the Jones Act and support a waiver for agricultural commodities.

2022 International Trade Sanction Reform

578 We support the removal of foreign barriers to international trade in soybeans and soybean
579 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We oppose the establishment
580 of barriers by other nations to the importation and consumption of U.S. soybeans, soybean
581 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We support equitable
582 international oilseed trade negotiations and legislation that addresses international trade
583 sanction reform. We oppose policies and actions by U.S. institutions, multinational companies,
584 and the World Bank, that negatively impact the U.S. soybean industry.

2022 Meat Exports

586 We support U.S. meat and aquaculture export programs.

2022 Free Trade Agreements

588 We support bilateral and regional Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations that are focused
589 on countries that represent significant commercial markets for U.S. soybeans and products,
590 livestock products, and agricultural exports in general.

2023 Food Aid

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592 We support continued funding of international food aid programs in partnership with the
593 World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) that prioritize and expand the use of
594 soybeans and soybean products. We support food aid as a humanitarian, economic and
595 market development tool.

2023 State Trade Promotion and Enhancement

597 We support producer-led, private, and government initiatives that promote Iowa soybeans and
598 soybean products internationally.

2023 Trade Negotiation Priorities

600 We support continued efforts to improve market access for soybeans and soybean products,
601 including livestock and livestock products, as the top priority of trade negotiations.

2023 World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements to Enhance Market Access

603 We support new, comprehensive WTO agreements that lower trade-distorting domestic support
604 and enhance market access through tariff reductions in both developed and developing
605 countries. We support retaining the 'de-minimus' exemption for minor, non-product specific
606 support from trade-distorting program cuts. We oppose any reductions or limits on 'green box'
607 domestic supports that have minimal or no impact on production or trade.

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TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISA Statement of Principles

611 *We support initiatives to improve the cost-competitiveness of the U.S. transportation system for*
612 *agriculture and agricultural products. We support the present road use tax formula which we*
613 *believe ensures a viable agriculture and rural economy.*

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2024 Harbor Maintenance Tax

616 We support that the funding generated by the Harbor Maintenance Tax be spent on harbor
617 maintenance and dredging.

2019 Commercial Barge Traffic

619 We support the maintenance and improvement of river locks and dams. We support prioritizing
620 funds for the maintenance and preservation of the existing system. If additional funding becomes
621 available, we support the construction of new 1,200-foot lock chambers at Lock and Dam 25,
622 24, 22, 21, and 20 on the Upper Mississippi River and LaGrange and Peoria on the Illinois River,
623 along with the modification and expansion of other structures and facilities that increase
624 transportation efficiency.

2021 Soy Transportation Coalition (STC)

626 The ISA supports the Soy Transportation Coalition as well as the utilization of its studies and
627 recommendations.

2022 Bridge Evaluation Technology

629 We support the utilization of load testing technology when evaluating the load-carrying capacity
630 and structural integrity of bridges.

2022 Federal Infrastructure Spending

632 We support directing federal infrastructure funding toward improving commercial
633 transportation, including locks and dams, navigation projects, and rural roads and bridges.

2022 Weight Limit Exemption

635 We support weight overages for the transportation of agricultural commodities during planting
636 and harvest seasons. We support the current exemptions, except for bridge embargoes for
637 agricultural implements of husbandry.

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638 **2022 Inland Waterway Navigation and Flood Control**

639 We oppose changes in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Master Water Control Manual that
640 have a negative impact on agriculture due to reduced navigation channel length or depth,
641 reduced flood control measures, or potential spring rises.

642 **2022 Railroads**

643 We support the development and maintenance of financially healthy and viable railroads, as well
644 as public awareness on the importance of the rail industry to Iowa agriculture.

645 **2022 Rural Infrastructure**

646 We support a more efficient use of fuel tax revenues to promote better management and
647 maintenance of rural infrastructure.

648 **2022 Special Trucks for Farm Use**

649 We support increasing the mileage eligibility ceiling for a special truck for farm use to at least
650 25,000 miles per year and up to three hundred miles from a farmer's farm.

651 **2023 Field Access Restoration**

652 We support the restoration of field access driveways to at least their original width during
653 roadway improvement projects.

654 **2023 Federal Weight Limits**

655 We support increasing the weight limit for trucks with a sixth axle to 91,000 pounds on federal
656 interstate highways, as recommended by the Soy Transportation Coalition (STC) study.

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VALUE-ADDED AND BIO-BASED PRODUCTS AND SOY PROMOTION

658 **ISA Statement of Principles**

659 *We support state and federal funding and other incentives to promote value-added and bio-*
660 *based agricultural opportunities. We support the National Soybean Checkoff as a vehicle for*
661 *producers to promote the soybean industry.*

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663 **2024 Bio-Based Products**

664 We support incentives for the domestic production or consumption of bio-based products made
665 from soybean oil.

666 **2024 Producer Promotion Programs**

667 We support and endorse the concept of a producer-controlled checkoff program with regular
668 and third-party evaluation to ensure the efficient and effective use of checkoff dollars.

669 **2022 Soy Ingredients and Food Products**

670 We support the increased use of soy protein in foods and beverages, including those used in federal
671 nutrition programs. We oppose protein restrictions and removal of soy ingredients from school lunch and
672 military feeding programs.

673 **2023 New Uses**

674 We support enhanced research, development, and promotion of new uses of soybeans and
675 soybean products and recognize the national soybean checkoff as a valuable tool in developing
676 such new uses, conducting production research, and expanding domestic and foreign markets.

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ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AND SUPPORT

678 **ISA Statement of Principles**

679 *We embrace the current long-term strategic plans of the American Soybean Association (ASA),*
680 *United Soybean Board (USB), and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC), recognizing their*
681 *importance in guiding our actions and objectives. As part of our commitment, ISA will*
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684 *communicate openly with all stakeholders, sharing information to enhance competitiveness and*
685 *promote engagement among farmer members and advocates. As a state affiliate of the ASA, we*
686 *are dedicated to supporting collaborative efforts by state and federally recognized farm*
687 *organizations toward common goals, and to reaching out to non-agricultural groups for the*
688 *advancement of Iowa agriculture and the interests of soybean farmers.*

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2024 Agricultural Issues

690 We encourage ISA to continue to explore expanded partnerships in promoting and pursuing
691 agricultural issues in common.

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2022 Policy Advocacy

693 We support ISA taking a lead role in strengthening relationships between farmers and
694 policymakers to enhance understanding of agriculture's importance to Iowa's economy and
695 environmental future.

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2022 State of Iowa Trade

697 We support efforts by the State of Iowa to increase and enhance international trade
698 opportunities for Iowa soybean producers.

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