

IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA) RESOLUTIONS

BIOTECHNOLOGY

ISA Statement of Principles

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

2022 Biotechnology Enhanced Products

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

2022 Product Use Liability

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

2017 Product Documentation and Tracking

We expect biotechnology companies to synchronize the release of new products, technologies, and integrated systems with full domestic regulatory approvals of all traits, technologies, and system components. Further, we expect biotechnology companies to seek necessary trade clearances, utilize proper control mechanisms, and develop adequate documentation systems for approval and acceptance, as well as the tracking of biotechnology products prior to widespread distribution of new technologies and products. We urge collaboration among Associations, tech providers, seed industry, processors and exporters that sets the criteria and timelines for introduction of new technologies in ways that do not disrupt markets. This also includes any existing products or technologies that go off patent.

2019 Biotechnology Acceptance Process

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

2018 Biotechnology Food Labeling

We oppose any state or federal initiative to mandate labels on food because it contains genetically modified ingredients but support voluntary labeling as passed by Congress in 2016. We encourage farmer involvement in writing of rules for the voluntary labeling program.

2021 Education Support for Biotechnology

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

ENERGY

ISA Statement of Principles

The Iowa Soybean Association encourages state and federal governments to incorporate incentives for renewable fuels, products, and infrastructure to facilitate greater renewable fuel usage.

2021 Energy and Food Security

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

53 **2021 Biodiesel Sustainability**

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

59 **2017 25 X 25 Initiative**

60 We support the 25 x 25 Initiative to attain 25% renewable energy usage by 2025.

61 **2022 Biodiesel Use Enhancement**

62 We support education, promotion, and legislation that encourages the use of higher blends of biodiesel in
63 all diesel fuel produced and sold in Iowa.

64 **2019 Biodiesel Legislation**

65 We support policies that promote higher blends of biodiesel in any existing or potential renewable fuel
66 legislation or initiative, including the adoption of a statewide minimum blending standard. We support
67 efforts to provide incentives for higher biodiesel blends within any fuel tax increase structure.

68 **2017 Biodiesel Incentive Programs**

69 We support tax incentives and cost-share infrastructure support programs for biodiesel, extending state
70 and federal biodiesel legislation long term. We support applying incentives for biodiesel only to
71 domestically produced biodiesel in a manner that is WTO compliant.

72 **2018 Biodiesel Quality Standards and Testing**

73 We support government recognition of the unique fuel quality attributes of biodiesel and the
74 enforcement of ASTM 6751 and other ASTM biodiesel blend standards. We support the adoption and
75 utilization of the BQ 9000 quality program. We offer continued support of a state funded and certified
76 testing laboratory and quality enforcement program to evaluate biodiesel quality.

77 **2019 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)**

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

80 **2018 Small Refinery Exemptions (SRE)**

81 We oppose the granting of small refinery exemptions under the RFS to a refinery or entity that is
82 operating profitably.

83 **2021 Bioenergy Programs**

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

85 **2019 State Funding of Biodiesel Projects**

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

89 **2022 Ethanol**

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

91 **2021 Renewable Energy Support**

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

94 **2022 Biomass-Based Diesel Production**

95 We support U.S. production of biodiesel (BD), renewable diesel (RD), and sustainable aviation fuel
96 (SAF) using soybean oil as the main feedstock.

97 **2022 Net Metering**

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

100 **2022 Energy Utility Damages**

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

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104 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

105 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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115 **2021 Sustainable Funding for Iowa's Natural Resources**

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

119 **2022 Cover Crop Incentive Programs**

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

122 **2016 Habitat and Cover Crop Seed Mixes**

123 We support NRCS and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship establishing and
124 enforcing a seed inspection and certification policy to make sure that seed used for cost share habitat
125 and cover crop programs is free from noxious weeds.

126 **2021 Clean Water Act**

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

128 **2017 Pesticide Permitting**

129 We oppose efforts by EPA to require a permit for pesticide applications that may contact water.

130 **2021 Regulations and Response**

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

132 **2018 DNR Enforcement**

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

135 **2018 Agricultural Dust**

136 We support an exemption for agricultural dust from regulation.

137 **2022 Constructed Wetlands**

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

141 **2018 Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Management**

142 We support State Soil and Water Conservation Districts as the primary jurisdictional organization
143 providing leadership and coordination for local watershed initiatives. Districts should be an active
144 participant in Watershed Management Authorities (WMAs). WMAs should utilize and rely on existing
145 authorizations provided by Iowa law for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Districts and
146 WMAs should utilize Watershed Management Plans to guide efficient and effective implementation

147 strategies to meet water management objectives. Farmers within watersheds should be consulted and
148 engaged in the development, implementation, and review of watershed management plans. Districts
149 and WMAs should work to coordinate urban and rural stakeholders to support comprehensive
150 watershed management planning and implementation. The state should align technical and financial
151 assistance to support watershed planning and implementation. The state should consider developing
152 common definitions and standards for watershed management plans.

153 **2022 Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)**

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

156 **2022 Data Accessibility**

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

159 **2016 Crop Protection Product Safety**

160 We support and encourage reasonable efforts and data-driven decisions to improve crop-protection
161 product safety, handling, and education, including training and requiring farmers to follow label
162 requirements.

163 **2016 Worldwide Agriculture and Environment**

164 All solutions to world food and biofuels demand should include the voluntary use of acceptable
165 conservation and environmental practices. We oppose investments by U.S. institutions,
166 multinational corporations, and the World Bank that do not include the use of acceptable conservation
167 and environmental practices.

168 **2022 Climate Change Legislation**

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

172 **2019 Changing Weather Adaptation Recommendations**

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

177 **2017 Sustainability**

178 We support an aggregate approach to documenting the sustainability of U.S. soybean production. We
179 support U.S. federal and state conservation, environmental, and labor laws – and existing U.S. farmer
180 compliance with them – that provide assurance that U.S. soybeans are produced sustainably. We
181 support premium structures that reflect the additional costs of industry driven sustainability initiatives.

182 **2021 Soil Health**

183 We support healthy soils and the benefits they provide to our ecosystem, our environment, and the
184 productive capacity of our land. We support the adoption of those practices and policies that help
185 build, sustain, and promote soil health.

186 **2017 Conservation Technical Assistance**

187 We support expanding Iowa's conservation and environmental planning work force and providing
188 private-sector conservation planners' access to the same tools and resources the public sector uses, by
189 accelerating development and evaluation of new planning tools and technologies through private
190 sector engagement efforts. ISA supports the use of private Technical Service Providers at producer
191 expense. These determinations should be treated equally by NRCS and reviewed in a timely and
192 fair manner to expedite conservation practices. We support spending for approved practices that
193 is flexible and linked to acreage serviced by the practice.

194 **2019 Iowa Water Quality Initiative**

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

197 **2019 Soil and Water Quality Tax Credit**

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

199 **2021 Nutrient Reduction Strategy**

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

203 **2022 Urban and Rural Collaboration and One Water**

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

212 **2022 Agricultural Drainage**

213 We support subsurface drainage such as tiling as a means to increasing crop productivity and farmer
214 profitability. We support additional funding for technical assistance and implementation of optimized drainage
215 systems. We support research to minimize subsurface nutrient loss and to maximize the adoption of
216 practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon, and reduce soil erosion from surface water
217 movement.

218 **2019 Farmers as Suppliers of Ecosystem Services**

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

222 **2021 Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund**

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

224 **2022 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**

225 We oppose the adoption of more stringent National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
226 permit requirements than what is required by the federal Clean Water Act. Farmers should not be
227 required to acquire an NPDES general or individual permit for pesticide applications as these
228 registration issues are covered by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

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230 **FEDERAL FARM POLICY**

231 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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238 **2022 USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) Coordination**

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

241 **2017 Farm Bill Conservation Programs**

242 We support a strong conservation title in the next farm bill. We recognize the need to improve water and
243 air quality, while at the same time building resilient, healthy, and productive soils. We support USDA's

244 engagement in data integration and analysis practices of farmer-level data to assess costs, benefits, and
245 risk profiles from conservation practice adoption. We support incentive and research programs that help
246 farmers reach these goals.

247 **2018 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

248 We support continuation of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). We support CRP contracts that
249 enable differential payments, enhancements, and re-enrollment sign-up offerings. We support focusing
250 enrollment on environmentally sensitive lands and/or those supporting broader conservation and water
251 quality objectives. We support inclusion of practice enhancements at re-enrollment, mid-contract management,
252 and at the interest of the landowner capturing additional environmental benefits such as critical habitat or reducing
253 nutrient flow with edge of field practices like bioreactors and saturated buffers retrofitted to existing sub-surface
254 drainage systems. As CRP contracts expire, we support equitable treatment between CRP participants with
255 highly erodible land (HEL) and the HEL of non-CRP participants. We support rental rates for new
256 contracts that closely reflect current rent values. We encourage working with other farm organizations
257 to develop programs that encourage grazing livestock or alternative production on CRP land as
258 contracts expire.

259 **2017 International Market Development**

260 We support aggressive funding for market development purposes by the Foreign Agricultural Service
261 (FAS), host countries, the United Soybean Board (USB), the United States Soybean Export Council
262 (USSEC), the American Soybean Association (ASA), and qualified state soybean boards (QSSBs).

263 **2019 Federal Crop Insurance**

264 We support a subsidized Federal Crop Insurance Program that provides realistic levels of protection at the
265 election of the producer. We support continuation of the Federal Crop Insurance Program as part of any
266 farm bill legislation. We support continued evaluation of crop insurance policies – premium levels and
267 adjustment guidelines – to address developing cultural practices and technologies. We support pilot
268 programs that gather the data necessary to determine those developing conservation practices that
269 reduce risk and can lower farmers’ crop insurance premiums. We support the continued use of trend
270 adjusted yield in determining insurable levels of yield loss. Premiums should be actuarially sound and
271 based on production risk. This protection should continue to be available from local insurance agencies
272 and not a part of federal farm programs administered by federal agencies.

273 **2016 Federal Inspections and Biosecurity**

274 We support a requirement that all inspectors for state and federal farm and livestock issues be required to
275 give at least one-day prior notice and follow all farm biosecurity procedures.

276 **2022 Farm Storage Pack Factor Measurement**

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

279 **2018 Cover Crop Conservation Practices**

280 The ISA calls on USDA to continue communication between RMA, crop insurance agents, FSA, and
281 farmers to ensure consistent delivery of information pertaining to crop insurance and the use of cover
282 crops.

283 **2022 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

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

286 **2022 Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Programs**

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

289 **2016 Monarch Conservation**

290 We support the efforts of IDALS and ISU in leading the development of a sound monarch
291 butterfly conservation strategy.

292 **2017 Endangered Species Habitat Protection**

293 We want producers and landowners held harmless from possible federal regulations if any species for
294 which farmers develop habitat is placed on the Endangered Species List.

295 **2021 Oversight of Climate Programs and Strategies**

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

298 **2021 Carbon Credit Certification**

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

301 **2021 On-Farm Carbon Capture Tax Credit**

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

304 **2022 Soybean Reference Price**

305 We support increasing the Title 1 soybean reference price.

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307 **STATE OF IOWA FARM/RURAL POLICY**

308 **ISA Statement of Principles**

309 **We support a balanced state budget with expenditures on agricultural priorities commensurate**
310 **with its economic importance to the state. We encourage state officials to recognize and act on the**
311 **opportunities for economic growth represented by Iowa’s crop, livestock, and biofuels industries.**

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313 **2021 Buyer, Supplier and Broker Bankruptcy**

314 We support provisions to protect farmers from buyer, supplier, and broker bankruptcies.

315 **2022 Soy Buying Preference**

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

317 **2022 Rulemaking Authority and Oversight**

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

320 **2022 State Regulations**

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

322 **2018 Central Filing**

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

324 **2022 Rural Emergency Requests**

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

327 **2017 Rural Broadband**

328 We support the expansion of high-speed internet to all rural communities in the state.

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330 **LIVESTOCK**

331 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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335 **2019 Interstate Commerce Clause in Livestock**

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

338 **2022 Iowa Livestock Industry**

339 We support the maintenance and growth of Iowa’s livestock industry.

340 **2018 Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers (CSIF)**

341 We support the Coalition to Support Iowa’s Farmers.

342 **2022 Local Control**
343 We oppose county authority preempting state authority on agricultural and environmental regulations.

344 **2019 Odor**

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

347 **2022 Animal Care**

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

349 **2022 Anti-Livestock Organizations and Actions**

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

353 **2017 Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank**

354 We support a program within present and future farm bill legislation to create and maintain an adequate
355 Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine bank, as well as foreign animal disease surveillance to protect U.S.
356 food security.

357 **2018 Protein Origin, Labeling and Oversight**

358 We support labeling only protein derived from livestock and poultry for human consumption as
359 “meat.” We support USDA oversight of cellular laboratory or alternatively produced proteins.

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361 **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LAND USE**

362 **ISA Statement of Principles**

363 **We believe government should concentrate more on the management of currently owned**
364 **government land and reduce the effort to acquire more public land. We oppose the use of eminent**
365 **domain to condemn or transfer property from one private entity to another private entity and to**
366 **acquire private land for economic, conservation, landfill, road building, utilities, or recreational**
367 **interests without just compensation.**

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369 **2022 Urban Development Boundary Plans and Annexation**

370 We oppose involuntary annexations that restrict the property rights of landowners without just
371 compensation. We support the State of Iowa requiring all cities and counties to develop urban
372 development boundary plans. In the event of an involuntary annexation petition by a city, we support
373 approval of the annexation if approved separately by a majority of the residents from the city and a
374 majority of the landowners from the territory.

375 **2017 Taxes on State Owned Lands**

376 We encourage the state to pay comparable property tax on all state-owned and managed property to the
377 county in which it resides.

378 **2018 Deer Tags**

379 We encourage the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to increase the number of available
380 doe and buck tags in the interest of lowering the deer population and reducing damage to farm crops.

381 **2018 Federal Executive Orders**

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

383 **2019 Energy Infrastructure on Private Land**

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

389 **2017 Separation Distances for Wind Turbines**

390 We support a minimum distance of one-half mile from an established residence and one-quarter mile
391 from a property line for construction of wind turbines unless a mutually accepted distance is negotiated
392 between landowners.

393 **2021 Aerial Imagery and Remote Sensing within Agriculture**

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

397 **2016 Right to Repair**

398 Diagnostic information, repair tools and service information from auto and farm machinery
399 manufacturers should be available to independent repair facilities, service tool manufacturers and
400 consumers.

401 **2022 Energy Infrastructure**

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

405 **2022 Underground Infrastructure**

406 We support the restoration of agricultural land and related infrastructure to the original or improved
407 condition after the installation of underground infrastructure. This shall include compensation for crop
408 damages or affected crop yields.

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410 **RESEARCH**

411 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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420 **2019 Production Research Goals**

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

425 **2019 Production Research Projects**

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

430 **2022 Research Funding and Coordination**

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

436 **2016 National Plant Germplasm System**

437 We support continued funding of the National Plant Germplasm System of the Agriculture Research
438 Service of USDA to safeguard and promote genetic diversity.

439 **2019 Iowa Soybean Research Center**
440 We support the Iowa Soybean Research Center at Iowa State University as an avenue to enhance
441 coordination between ISA, ISU, and the private sector.
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SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ISSUES

ISA Statement of Principles

445 **We support full disclosure of grain and livestock pricing, and we believe agricultural policy should**
446 **allow the market to set prices.**
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2021 Grain Indemnity Fund

448 We support maintaining a dedicated and secure state grain indemnity fund that provides farmers
449 protection commensurate with grain price levels.
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2019 Grain Quality

451 We support public and commercial soybean breeder and producer representation on committees formed to
452 develop grain quality standards for soybeans and to set international standards for specialty grains. We
453 support standardized testing of grains in the production system.
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2022 Soybean Marketing Value

455 We support payments based on a dry matter basis rather than “wet” basis. We support this structure as
456 a first step in valuing soybeans for quality.
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2019 High Oleic Oil

458 We recognize the need to regain our food grade oil market and support the efforts of the United
459 Soybean Board (USB) to help drive the adaptation and production of soybeans that carry the high oleic
460 oil trait.
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2017 Protection from Foreign Soybean Disease

462 We support continuing efforts by the USDA to protect the U.S. soy industry from diseases and pests
463 from other countries.
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2017 Seed Genetics

465 We support soybean producer selection of seed genetics that are based on high quality, high yielding
466 protein and oil content. We support the inclusion of protein and oil content estimates in seed company
467 sales literature thus allowing producers to select seed genetics based on this broad set of criteria. We
468 support requirements that seed companies make soybean cultivar and variety number available to farmers
469 during purchase decisions to ensure that farmers can select complementary and non-redundant varieties.
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2021 Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Management

471 We support the SCN Coalition and integrated approaches to managing SCN. Management solutions
472 should be publicly available.
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2022 Grain Analyzing Technology

474 We support the adoption of universal calibration standards for all grain analyzing technologies.
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2017 GPS Signals

476 The public differential correction for GPS signals should be available to all producers at no cost. We
477 oppose the acquisition of adjacent band width by any company that would compromise the effectiveness
478 of GPS and new digital agriculture technologies for farmers.
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2019 Precision Agriculture Data and Information Ownership

480 We support farm operator ownership of any information gathered by GPS, precision agriculture systems,
481 unmanned aerial vehicles and other data acquisition platforms.
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2022 Identity Preserved and Specialty Markets

483 We support efforts to develop, maintain, expand, and promote markets for identity preserved and
484 specialty soybeans or soybean products from Iowa. We support premium price structures that reflect the
485 additional costs of identity preservation. We support farmers’ rights to produce soybeans and soy products
486 to meet those diverse markets.
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488 **2019 Interstate Commerce Clause in Crops**

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

491 **2021 Crop Protection Product Regulations**

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

501 **2016 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Transparency**

502 We support the CFTC release of daily trading reports to provide transparency, so producers are better
503 able to see changes in market trends.

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505 **TAXES**

506 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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511 **2022 Conservation Practice Incentives**

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

515 **2021 Income Tax Investment Credit**

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

517 **2017 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Payments**

518 Conservation Reserve Program payments should be treated as rental income, thus unearned income.

519 **2019 1031 Exchanges**

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

521 **2022 Federal Deductibility**

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

524 **2019 Estate Taxes**

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

527 **2018 Shift of Tax Values from Non-crop to Cropland**

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

530 **2018 Passive Income Tax**

531 We oppose the 3.8% tax on passive income recently instated by the federal government to help fund
532 national health care.

533 **2018 Timber Land Reserve**

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

535 **2021 Support for a Balanced Federal Budget**

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

537 **2021 Property Taxes**

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

540 **2021 Capital Gains Tax**

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

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543 **TRADE**

544 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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550 **2022 World Trade Organization (WTO) and Free Trade Agreements**

551 We support comprehensive WTO negotiations as the best means to increase worldwide incomes and
552 reduce trade barriers to soy and livestock products. We support bilateral and regional Free Trade
553 Agreement (FTA) negotiations that are focused on countries that represent significant commercial
554 markets for U.S. soybeans and products, livestock products and agricultural exports in general.

555 **2016 Trade Negotiation Priorities**

556 We support continuing improvements in market access for soybeans and soybean products, including
557 livestock products, as the top priority of trade negotiations.

558 **2017 Domestic Support vs. Market Access**

559 We support new WTO agreements that reduce trade-distorting (i.e., “amber box”) domestic support and
560 reflect market access potential in both developing and developed countries through tariff reduction. We
561 support maintaining the “de-minimus” exemption for minimal and non-product specific support from
562 reductions required in trade-distorting programs. We oppose any reduction commitments or caps on “green
563 box” domestic support policies that do not, or only minimally, distort production or trade.

564 **2016 Food Aid**

565 We support food aid as a humanitarian, economic and market development tool. We encourage the
566 Secretary of Agriculture to utilize authorities granted to USDA by the CCC Charter Act and Section 416
567 (WISHH: World Initiative for Soy and Human Health) to utilize a soy product, food relief package rather
568 than cash.

569 **2022 Meat Exports**

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

571 **2018 Cargo Preference**

572 We oppose cargo preference requirements which jeopardize U.S. agricultural exports and its funding
573 by USDA. We support a waiver of the Jones Act requirements regarding agricultural commodities for
574 domestic shipments. Furthermore, we would like to exempt soy products as part of the WISHH program
575 and public law 480-type programs from the Jones Act.

576 **2022 International Trade Sanction Reform**

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

584 **2016 State Trade Promotion and Enhancement**

585 We encourage and support Iowa producer-led, private, and government initiatives to promote Iowa
586 soybeans and soybean products internationally.

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588 **TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

589 **ISA Statement of Principles**

590 **We support initiatives to improve the cost-competitiveness of the U.S. transportation system for**
591 **agriculture and agricultural products. We support the present road use tax formula which we**
592 **believe ensures a viable agriculture and ruraleconomy.**

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594 **2022 Federal Infrastructure Spending**

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

597 **2022 Railroads**

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

600 **2019 Commercial Barge Traffic**

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

606 **2022 Inland Waterway Navigation and Flood Control**

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

610 **2018 Harbor Maintenance Tax**

611 We support that the funding generated by the Harbor Maintenance Tax should be spent on harbor
612 maintenance and dredging.

613 **2021 Soy Transportation Coalition (STC)**

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

616 **2022 Harvest Weight Limit Exemption**

617 We support weight overages for the transportation of agricultural commodities during harvest season.
618 We support the current exemptions, with the exception of bridge embargoes, for agricultural
619 implements of husbandry.

620 **2017 Federal Weight Limits**

621 We support expanding the truck weight limits on federal interstate highways to 91,000 pounds, for
622 trucks that have a sixth axle as prescribed by the Soy Transportation Coalition Study.

623 **2022 Special Trucks for Farm Use**

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

626 **2017 Special Tonnage Eligibility**

627 We support the ability of producers to buy year-round Farm Special tonnage tags to allow them to
628 utilize semis with 6 or 7 axles.

629 **2022 Rural Infrastructure**

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

632 **2022 Bridge Evaluation Technology**

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

635 **2017 Driveways on State Roads**

636 We support the state paying for the cost resulting from enhanced design requirements for safety
637 purposes in the construction of driveways on state roads.

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639 **VALUE-ADDED AND BIO-BASED PRODUCTS AND SOY PROMOTION**

640 **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

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645 **2016 New Uses**

646 We support expanded promotion and research for new uses for soybeans and soybean products.

647 **2018 Bio-Based Products**

648 We support incentives for companies who use environmentally friendly bio-based products in their
649 operations.

650 **2022 Soy Ingredients and Food Products**

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

654 **2018 Producer Promotion Programs**

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

657 **2018 Reduction of Trans Fats**

658 We support the development of a variety of soybean oil alternatives to partially hydrogenated oil to help
659 food manufacturers reduce or eliminate trans-fats from their products, while maintaining the taste, texture,
660 and flavor of those foods.

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662 **ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AND SUPPORT**

663 **ISA Statement of Principles**

664 **We support efforts by farm organizations to work toward common goals and to reach out to non-**
665 **agriculture groups to build positive relationships and improve communication.**

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667 **2022 Policy Advocacy**

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

670 **2016 Producer Relations**

671 ISA should serve as a conduit of information from ASA and should continue to emphasize information
672 concerning association activities to all producers, encouraging member engagement and the development
673 of advocates.

674 **2018 Agricultural Issues**

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

677 **2017 National Organizational Efforts**

678 We applaud and fully support efforts of the American Soybean Association (ASA), United Soybean Board
679 (USB), and United State Soybean Export Council (USSEC) to enhance international trade opportunities
680 for Iowa and U.S. soybean producers. We embrace the current ASA, USB and USSEC long term strategic
681 plans.

682 **2022 State of Iowa Trade**

683 We support efforts by the State of Iowa to increase and enhance international trade opportunities for

684 Iowa soybean producers.