

IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

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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.*

8 **2018 Biotechnology Food Labeling**

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

12 **2019 Biotechnology Acceptance Process**

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

15 **2021 Biotechnology Education**

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

18 **2022 Biotechnology Enhanced Products**

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

28 **2022 Product Use Liability**

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

32 **2023 Biotechnology Product Synchronization and Transparency**

33 We support biotechnology companies:

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

42 **ENERGY**

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

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2018 Biodiesel Quality Standards and Testing

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

2018 Small Refinery Exemptions (SRE)

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

2019 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)

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

2019 State Funding of Biodiesel Projects

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

2021 Bioenergy Programs

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

2021 Biodiesel Sustainability

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

2021 Energy and Food Security

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

2021 Renewable Energy Support

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

2022 Ethanol

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

2022 Energy Utility Damages

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

2022 Net Metering

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

2023 Biomass-Based Fuels

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

2023 Electronic Renewable Identification Numbers (eRINs)

96 We oppose the expansion of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to encompass non-
97 biomass-based fuels.
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ISA Statement of Principles

100 *The Iowa Soybean Association believes that agricultural leaders should collaborate with*
101 *diverse stakeholders to develop and implement effective environmental policies and programs.*
102 *Policies and programs should be based on sound science using accessible and credible data as*
103 *a foundation for decision making. We believe programs incorporating adaptive management*
104 *and providing farmers with long-term benefits directed at productivity, profitability and*
105 *sustainability are the best routes to improving and maintaining environmental quality. Incentives*
106 *should be effective and efficiently used to initiate longer-term efforts to improve environmental*
107 *quality and natural resource management.*
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2018 Agricultural Dust

111 We support an exemption for agricultural dust from regulation.

2018 DNR Enforcement

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

2018 Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Management

114 We support State Soil and Water Conservation Districts as the primary jurisdictional
115 organization providing leadership and coordination for local watershed initiatives. Districts
116 should be an active participant in Watershed Management Authorities (WMAs). WMAs
117 should utilize and rely on existing authorizations provided by Iowa law for the Soil and Water
118 Conservation Districts. Districts and WMAs should utilize Watershed Management Plans to
119 guide efficient and effective implementation strategies to meet water management objectives.
120 Farmers within watersheds should be consulted and engaged in the development,
121 implementation, and review of watershed management plans. Districts and WMAs should
122 work to coordinate urban and rural stakeholders to support comprehensive watershed
123 management planning and implementation. The state should align technical and financial
124 assistance to support watershed planning and implementation. The state should consider
125 developing common definitions and standards for watershed management plans.
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2019 Changing Weather Adaptation Recommendations

129 We support the research, assessment and implementation of agricultural management
130 adaptations addressing impacts of variable weather events and changing climatic conditions.
131 We support voluntary Smart Agriculture initiatives assisting farmers with implementing
132 strategies to address weather and climate issues.
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2019 Farmers as Suppliers of Ecosystem Services

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

2019 Iowa Water Quality Initiative

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

2019 Soil and Water Quality Tax Credit

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

2021 Clean Water Act

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

2021 Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

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

2021 Nutrient Reduction Strategy

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

2021 Regulations and Response

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

2021 Soil Health

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

2021 Sustainable Funding for Iowa's Natural Resources

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

2022 Agricultural Drainage

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

2022 Climate Change Legislation

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

2022 Constructed Wetlands

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

2022 Cover Crop Incentive Programs

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

2022 Data Accessibility

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

2022 Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP)

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

2022 Urban and Rural Collaboration and One Water

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

2023 Crop Protection Product Safety

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

2023 Habitat and Cover Crop Seed Mixes

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

2023 Worldwide Agriculture and Environment

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

2023 Soil Carbon Amendments

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

2023 Cover Crop Harvestability

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

2023 Farm-Level Environmental Metrics

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

2023 Conservation Technical Assistance

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

2023 Crop Protection Product Permitting

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

2023 Soybean Sustainability and Traceability

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

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FEDERAL FARM POLICY

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2018 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

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2018 Cover Crop Conservation Practices

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2019 Federal Crop Insurance

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

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273 **2021 Carbon Credit Certification**

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

276 **2021 On-Farm Carbon Capture Tax Credit**

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

279 **2021 Oversight of Climate Programs and Strategies**

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

282 **2022 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

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

285 **2022 Farm Storage Pack Factor Measurement**

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

289 **2022 Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Programs**

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

292 **2022 Soybean Reference Price**

293 We support increasing the Title 1 soybean reference price.

294 **2022 USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

295 **Coordination**

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

298 **2023 Federal Inspections and Biosecurity**

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

301 **2023 Pollinator Conservation**

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

305 **2023 Endangered Species & Habitat Protection**

306 We support the use of sound science, realistic assumptions, and real-world data for
307 Endangered Species Act (ESA) evaluations and consultations that protect producers and
308 landowners from penalty if species for which they develop habitat are listed under the ESA.

309 We support the involvement of farmers in discussions with regulators to identify practical and
310 flexible mitigation strategies that are viable for crop production while protecting endangered
311 species and their habitats. We oppose the implementation of broad, disruptive measures,
312 including county-wide prohibitions, in enforcing ESA stipulations in pesticide registrations.

313 **2023 Conservation Programs**

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

318 **2023 Foreign Market Development**

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

2023 Farm Bill

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

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STATE OF IOWA FARM AND RURAL POLICY

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

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2018 Central Filing

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

2021 Buyer, Supplier and Broker Bankruptcy

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

2022 Rulemaking Authority and Oversight

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

2022 Rural Emergency Requests

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

2022 Soy Buying Preference

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

2022 State Regulations

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

2023 Broadband Access and Rural Connectivity

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

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LIVESTOCK

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

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2018 Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers (CSIF)

360 We support the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers.

2018 Protein Origin, Labeling and Oversight

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

2019 Interstate Commerce Clause in Livestock

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

2019 Odor

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

2022 Animal Care

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

2022 Anti-Livestock Organizations and Actions

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

2022 Iowa Livestock Industry

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

2022 Local Control

380 We oppose county authority preempting state authority on agricultural and environmental
381 regulations.

2023 Animal Disease Prevention and Management

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

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PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LAND USE

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

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2018 Deer Tags

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

2018 Federal Executive Orders

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

2019 Energy Infrastructure on Private Land

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

2021 Aerial Imagery and Remote Sensing within Agriculture

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

2022 Energy Infrastructure

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

2022 Underground Infrastructure

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

2022 Urban Development Boundary Plans and Annexation

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

2023 Right to Repair

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

2023 Agritourism Protection

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

2023 Foreign Agricultural Land Ownership

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

2023 Wind Infrastructure Separation Distances

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

2023 State Land Tax Equivalency

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

RESEARCH

ISA Statement of Principles

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

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2019 Iowa Soybean Research Center

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

2019 Production Research Goals

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

2019 Production Research Projects

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

2022 Research Funding and Coordination

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

2023 National Plant Germplasm System

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

2023 Carbon Intensity Research

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

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SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ISSUES

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

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2019 Grain Quality

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

2019 High Oleic Oil

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

2019 Interstate Commerce Clause (Crops)

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

2019 Precision Agriculture Data and Information Ownership

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

2021 Crop Protection Product Regulations

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

2021 Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Management

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

2022 Identity Preserved and Specialty Markets

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

2022 Grain Analyzing Technology

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

2022 Soybean Marketing Value

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

2023 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Transparency

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

2023 Grain Indemnity Fund

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

2023 Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)

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

2023 Soybean Disease Prevention and Management

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

2023 Soybean Seed Selection and Disclosure

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

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TAXES

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

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2018 Passive Income Tax

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

2018 Shift of Tax Values from Non-crop to Cropland

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

2018 Timber Land Reserve

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

2019 1031 Exchanges

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

2019 Estate Taxes

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

2021 Capital Gains Tax

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

2021 Income Tax Investment Credit

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

2021 Property Taxes

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

2021 Support for a Balanced Federal Budget

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

2022 Conservation Practice Incentives

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

2022 Federal Deductibility

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

2023 Treatment of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Income

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

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TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS

ISA Statement of Principles

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

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2018 Cargo Preference

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

2022 International Trade Sanction Reform

598 We support the removal of foreign barriers to international trade in soybeans and soybean
599 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We oppose the establishment
600 of barriers by other nations to the importation and consumption of U.S. soybeans, soybean
601 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We support equitable
602 international oilseed trade negotiations and legislation that addresses international trade
603 sanction reform. We oppose policies and actions by U.S. institutions, multinational companies,
604 and the World Bank, that negatively impact the U.S. soybean industry.

2022 Meat Exports

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

2022 Free Trade Agreements

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

2023 Food Aid

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

2023 State Trade Promotion and Enhancement

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

2023 Trade Negotiation Priorities

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

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

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

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TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ISA Statement of Principles

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

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2018 Harbor Maintenance Tax

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

2019 Commercial Barge Traffic

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639 We support the maintenance and improvement of river locks and dams. We support prioritizing
640 funds for the maintenance and preservation of the existing system. If additional funding becomes
641 available, we support the construction of new 1,200-foot lock chambers at Lock and Dam 25,
642 24, 22, 21, and 20 on the Upper Mississippi River and LaGrange and Peoria on the Illinois River,
643 along with the modification and expansion of other structures and facilities that increase
644 transportation efficiency.

2021 Soy Transportation Coalition (STC)

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

2022 Bridge Evaluation Technology

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

2022 Federal Infrastructure Spending

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

2022 Weight Limit Exemption

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

2022 Inland Waterway Navigation and Flood Control

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

2022 Railroads

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

2022 Rural Infrastructure

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

2022 Special Trucks for Farm Use

661 We support increasing the mileage eligibility ceiling for a special truck for farm use to at least
662 25,000 miles per year and up to three hundred miles from a farmer's farm.

2023 Field Access Restoration

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

2023 Federal Weight Limits

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

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VALUE-ADDED AND BIO-BASED PRODUCTS AND SOY PROMOTION

ISA Statement of Principles

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

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2018 Bio-Based Products

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

2018 Producer Promotion Programs

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

2018 Reduction of Trans Fats

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

2022 Soy Ingredients and Food Products

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

2023 New Uses

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

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ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AND SUPPORT

ISA Statement of Principles

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

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2018 Agricultural Issues

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

2022 Policy Advocacy

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

2022 State of Iowa Trade

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