

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

Approved by ISA Voting Delegates

December 17, 2025

### 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.

#### 7 **8 2024 Biotechnology Food Labeling**

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

#### 11 **2025 Biotechnology Acceptance Process**

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

#### 14 **2021 Biotechnology Education**

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

#### 17 **2022 Biotechnology Enhanced Products**

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

#### 27 **2022 Product Use Liability**

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

#### 31 **2023 Biotechnology Product Synchronization and Transparency**

32 We support biotechnology companies:

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

### 41 **42 ENERGY**

#### 43 *ISA Statement of Principles*

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

Approved by ISA Voting Delegates

December 17, 2025

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

47

### **2024 Biodiesel Quality Standards and Testing**

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

### **2024 Small Refinery Exemptions (SRE)**

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

### **2025 Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)**

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

### **2025 State Funding of Biodiesel Projects**

57     We support funding infrastructure projects designed to increase soybean usage and profitability  
58     through the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Board (RFIB).

### **2021 Bioenergy Programs**

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

### **2021 Biodiesel Sustainability**

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

### **2021 Energy and Food Security**

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

### **2021 Renewable Energy Support**

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

### **2022 Ethanol**

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

### **2022 Energy Utility Damages**

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

### **2022 Net Metering**

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

### **2023 Biomass-Based Fuels**

76     We support renewable fuels derived from soybean oil, including biodiesel, renewable diesel  
77     (RD), and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). We support tax incentives, cost-share programs,

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

90 and educational initiatives that enhance the production and consumption of these fuels. We  
91 support policies promoting higher blends of domestically produced biomass-based diesel  
92 (BBD) in compliance with WTO standards.

### **2023 Electronic Renewable Identification Numbers (eRINs)**

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

### **2024 Indirect Land Use Change**

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

## 100 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

### **2024 Agricultural Dust**

111 We support an exemption for agricultural dust from regulation.

### **2024 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.

### **2024 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. We support  
116 farmer consultation in the development, implementation, and review of watershed  
117 management plans. We support state alignment on technical and financial assistance in  
118 watershed planning and implementation. We support state-wide common definitions and  
119 standards for watershed management plans.

### **2025 Changing Weather Adaptation Recommendations**

120 We support the research, assessment and implementation of agricultural management  
121 adaptations addressing impacts of variable weather events and changing climatic conditions.  
122 We support voluntary initiatives assisting farmers with implementing strategies to address  
123 weather and climate issues.

### **2025 Farmers adopting Ecosystem Services**

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

### **2025 Iowa Water Quality Initiative**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

### **2025 Soil and Water Quality Tax Credit**

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

### **2021 Clean Water Act**

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

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

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

### **2021 Nutrient Reduction Strategy**

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

### **2021 Regulations and Response**

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

### **2021 Soil Health**

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

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

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

### **2022 Agricultural Drainage**

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

### **2022 Climate Change Legislation**

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

### **2022 Constructed Wetlands**

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

### **2022 Cover Crop Incentive Programs**

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

### **2022 Data Accessibility**

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

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

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

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

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

### **2023 Crop Protection Product Safety**

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

### **2023 Habitat and Cover Crop Seed Mixes**

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

### **2023 Worldwide Agriculture and Environment**

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

### **2023 Soil Carbon Amendments**

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

### **2023 Cover Crop Harvestability**

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

### **2023 Farm-Level Environmental Metrics**

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

### **2023 Conservation Technical Assistance**

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

### **2023 Crop Protection Product Permitting**

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

### **2023 Soybean Sustainability and Traceability**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

Approved by ISA Voting Delegates

December 17, 2025

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

231

## FEDERAL FARM POLICY

### **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

239

### **2024 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

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

244

### **2024 Cover Crop Conservation Practices**

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

247

### **2025 Federal Crop Insurance**

248 We support a subsidized Federal Crop Insurance Program providing realistic levels of protection at  
249 the election of the producer. We support continuation of the Federal Crop Insurance Program  
250 including these tenants:

251

- Review of crop insurance policies to reflect new practices and technologies
- Keep trend adjusted yield or insurable yield levels
- Actuarially sound premiums based on risk
- Maintain access through local agents not federal administration
- Pilot programs to test conservation practices that reduce risk and lower premiums.

252

### **2021 Carbon Credit Certification**

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

255

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

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

258

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

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

261

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

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

264

### **2022 Farm Storage Pack Factor Measurement**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

### **2022 Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Programs**

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

### **2022 Soybean Reference Price**

277 We support increasing the Title 1 soybean reference price.

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

#### **Coordination**

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

### **2023 Federal Inspections and Biosecurity**

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

### **2023 Pollinator Conservation**

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

### **2023 Endangered Species & Habitat Protection**

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

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

### **2023 Conservation Programs**

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

### **2023 Foreign Market Development**

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

### **2023 Farm Bill**

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

310

## **STATE OF IOWA FARM AND RURAL POLICY**

### ***ISA Statement of Principles***

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

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

317

### **2024 Central Filing**

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

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

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

### **2022 Rulemaking Authority and Oversight**

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

### **2022 Rural Emergency Requests**

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

### **2022 Soy Buying Preference**

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

### **2022 State Regulations**

327 We support the concept of sunsetting state regulations after five years of enactment.

### **2023 Broadband Access and Rural Connectivity**

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

330

## LIVESTOCK

### **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

333

### **2024 Protein Origin, Labeling and Oversight**

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

### **2025 Odor**

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

### **2022 Animal Care**

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

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

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

### **2022 Iowa Livestock Industry**

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

### **2022 Local Control**

344 We oppose county authority preempting state authority on agricultural and environmental  
345 regulations.

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

### 361 **2023 Animal Disease Prevention and Management**

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

### 368 **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LAND USE**

#### 369 *ISA Statement of Principles*

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

### 376 **2024 Deer Tags**

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

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

### 379 **2024 Federal Executive Orders**

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

### 381 **2025 Infrastructure on Private Land**

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

### 388 **2021 Aerial Imagery and Remote Sensing within Agriculture**

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

### 392 **2022 Energy Infrastructure**

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

### 396 **2022 Underground Infrastructure**

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

### 400 **2022 Urban Development Boundary Plans and Annexation**

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

### 406 **2023 Right to Repair**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

### **2023 Agritourism Protection**

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

### **2023 Foreign Agricultural Land Ownership**

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

### **2023 Wind Infrastructure Separation Distances**

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

### **2023 State Land Tax Equivalency**

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

### **2025 Underground Natural Resources**

426 We support legislation merging abandoned underground mineral interests with surface  
427 ownership. The unification should occur when the interest holder fails to pay property taxes or  
428 the interest is legally determined to be abandoned. We also support requiring developers of  
429 underground natural resources to secure a surface use agreement with the surface owner  
430 prior to any property entry, exploration, or extraction activities.

431

## **RESEARCH**

### ***ISA Statement of Principles***

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

441

### **2025 Iowa Soybean Research Center**

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

### **2025 Production Research Projects**

446 We support state, regional, and federal research projects that address the highest priority  
447 issues and opportunities impacting, profitability, soybean quality, yield improvement and  
448 production efficiencies.

### **2022 Research Funding and Coordination**

450 We support an increased, coordinated effort for public and private soybean research funding by  
451 state and federal governments, commodity organizations, land grant universities, and private  
452 industries. We support state and national checkoff investments in research projects that result

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

453 in short and long-term benefits to American soybean producers. We support prioritized  
454 and coordinated research programs to leverage checkoff dollars with agency and industry  
455 funding for maximum return on investment.

### **2023 National Plant Germplasm System**

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

### **2023 Carbon Intensity Research**

460 We support the alignment of tools and methods that enable farmers to voluntarily reduce the  
461 carbon intensity (CO<sub>2</sub>e per unit of soybeans) of soybean rotations.

462

## **SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ISSUES**

### **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

467

### **2025 Grain Quality**

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

### **2025 High Oleic Oil**

473 We support efforts to drive the adaptation and production of soybeans that carry the high  
474 oleic oil trait.

### **2025 Interstate Commerce Clause**

476 We oppose states adopting more stringent regulations than federal requirements for livestock  
477 operations, livestock products, crop farming operations and crop products.

### **2025 Precision Agriculture Data and Information Ownership**

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

### **2021 Crop Protection Product Regulations**

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

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

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

### **2022 Identity Preserved and Specialty Markets**

496 We support efforts to develop, maintain, expand, and promote markets for identity  
497 preserved and specialty soybeans or soybean products from Iowa. We support premium price

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

498 structures that reflect the additional costs of identity preservation. We support farmers' rights to  
499 produce soybeans and soy products to meet those diverse markets.

### **2022 Grain Analyzing Technology**

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

### **2022 Soybean Marketing Value**

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

### **2023 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Transparency**

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

### **2023 Grain Indemnity Fund**

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

### **2023 Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)**

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

### **2023 Soybean Disease Prevention and Management**

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

### **2023 Soybean Seed Selection and Disclosure**

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

## **TAXES**

### **ISA Statement of Principles**

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

### **2024 Net Investment Income Tax**

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

### **2024 Shift of Tax Values from Non-crop to Cropland**

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

### **2024 Timber Land Reserve**

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

### **2025 1031 Exchanges**

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

### **2025 Estate Taxes**

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

### **2021 Capital Gains Tax**

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

### **2021 Income Tax Investment Credit**

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

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

### 544 **2021 Support for a Balanced Federal Budget**

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

### 546 **2022 Conservation Practice Incentives**

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

### 550 **2022 Federal Deductibility**

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

### 554 **2023 Treatment of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Income**

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

556

## 557 **TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS**

### 558 *ISA Statement of Principles*

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

563

### 564 **2024 Cargo Preference**

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

### 566 **2022 International Trade Sanction Reform**

567 We support the removal of foreign barriers to international trade in soybeans and soybean  
568 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We oppose the establishment  
569 of barriers by other nations to the importation and consumption of U.S. soybeans, soybean  
570 products, as well as livestock, poultry, and aquaculture products. We support equitable  
571 international oilseed trade negotiations and legislation that addresses international trade  
572 sanction reform. We oppose policies and actions by U.S. institutions, multinational companies,  
573 and the World Bank, that negatively impact the U.S. soybean industry.

### 574 **2022 Meat Exports**

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

### 576 **2022 Free Trade Agreements**

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

### 580 **2023 Food Aid**

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

### 585 **2023 State Trade Promotion and Enhancement**

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

### 588 **2023 Trade Negotiation Priorities**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

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

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

## 598 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### *ISA Statement of Principles*

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

### **604 2024 Harbor Maintenance Tax**

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

### **607 2025 Commercial Barge Traffic**

608 We support the maintenance and improvement of river locks and dams. We support prioritizing  
609 funds for the maintenance and preservation of the existing system. We support the construction  
610 of new 1,200-foot lock chambers at Lock and Dam 25, 24, 22, 21, and 20 on the Upper  
611 Mississippi River and LaGrange and Peoria on the Illinois River, along with the modification and  
612 expansion of other structures and facilities that increase transportation efficiency.

### **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 Bridge Evaluation Technology**

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

### **619 2022 Federal Infrastructure Spending**

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

### **622 2022 Weight Limit Exemption**

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

### **626 2022 Inland Waterway Navigation and Flood Control**

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

### **630 2022 Railroads**

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

### **633 2022 Rural Infrastructure**

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

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

### **2022 Special Trucks for Farm Use**

637 We support increasing the mileage eligibility ceiling for a special truck for farm use to at least  
638 25,000 miles per year and up to three hundred miles from a farmer's farm.

### **2023 Field Access Restoration**

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

### **2023 Federal Weight Limits**

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

## **646 VALUE-ADDED AND BIO-BASED PRODUCTS AND SOY PROMOTION**

### *ISA Statement of Principles*

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

651

### **652 2024 Bio-Based Products**

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

### **655 2024 Producer Promotion Programs**

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

### **658 2022 Soy Ingredients and Food Products**

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

### **662 2023 New Uses**

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

### **666 2025 Ultra-Processed Foods (UPFs)**

667 ISA supports qualitative definitions of food based on food's nutrient composition without  
668 regard to how it's grown, crop type, or processing method.

669

## **670 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AND SUPPORT**

### *ISA Statement of Principles*

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

# IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ISA)

## Policy Resolutions

*Approved by ISA Voting Delegates*

December 17, 2025

680

### **2024 Agricultural Issues**

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

681

### **2022 Policy Advocacy**

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

682

### **2022 State of Iowa Trade**

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

683

684

685

686

687

688

689

690