

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

We support:

1. clean/safe drinking/bathing/recreational waters
2. local/independent ownership of farms
3. environmentally responsible/regenerative farming
4. crop/livestock diversification, including algae/aquaponics/companion and rotation
5. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
6. protection/conservation of healthy soil

Sustainable Agriculture Policy

We support:

7. increasing SNAP funding/benefits
8. funding Leopold Center
9. increasing CRP/CSP funding
10. industrial hemp/cannabis
11. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
12. market-indexing USDA loan rates
13. conservation compliance for federal subsidies
14. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
15. right-to-save seeds for personal use
16. mandating cover crops/buffer strips on HEL
17. commercially taxing non-homestead livestock production
18. defining CAFOs as industries
19. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion
20. no tillage/fertilizer application on soybean fields after harvest, unless seeded to cover-crops and buffer-strips by waterways
21. farmer-owned grain reserves
22. GMO seed-labeling
23. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
24. public's right-to-know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
25. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments improving soil/air/water quality
26. odor-nuisance regulation/enforcement
27. mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrogen/phosphorus reduction strategies
28. Reinstate Farmers Fair Practices Rules

We oppose:

29. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
30. rescinding "Ag-Gag" Bill

Livestock Management

We support:

31. local control of CAFO siting
32. taxing CAFOs at commercial rates
33. responsible antibiotic use
34. humane animal treatment
35. fair livestock market access

We oppose:

36. unregulated/excessive hormone use

Food Supply and Safety

We support:

37. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety, content/origin/processing location
38. community/urban gardens

Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production

We support:

39. Paris Climate Accords
40. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy
41. electric-vehicle infrastructure
42. higher CAFE standards
43. "50-by-30" initiative
44. energy conservation
45. smart-grid improvement
46. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
47. CPP
48. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
49. regulating energy commodity speculation
50. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies
51. carbon fees and dividends
52. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa
53. Clean Line

54. IRPS/FIT

We oppose:

- 55. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
- 56. tar-sands/pet coke
- 57. new coal power plants
- 58. nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction
- 59. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 60. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 61. reclassifying national monuments as private property

Environment, Stewardship and Livability

We support:

- 62. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protections
- 63. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits
- 64. reinstating Iowa's Volunteer Water Testing Program
- 65. reduction/reuse/recycling
- 66. municipal composting/recycling
- 67. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
- 68. funding REAP/NRORTF
- 69. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
- 70. enacting IEQA
- 71. banning neonicotinoids, restoring habitat to protect pollinator/bees
- 72. bottle-bill expansion
- 73. sequestering carbon
- 74. reclaiming mercury/lead
- 75. local control of sand-mining siting
- 76. permanently protecting ANWR
- 77. mending roads with recycled plastic
- 78. innovative/inexpensive energy solutions

We oppose:

- 79. lead/plastic shot
- 80. lead wheel-weights
- 81. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 82. environmental protection rollbacks

Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management

We support:

83. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
84. publicly owned/affordable clean water
85. accessible IDNR well data/testing
86. incentivizing sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
87. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
88. reinstating President Obama's enacted USDA-NRCS RUSLE3

Planning and Zoning for Environmentally Friendly Communities

We support:

89. "Smart Growth"
90. sustainable development
91. livable/walkable neighborhoods
92. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas
93. LEED requirements for public buildings
94. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within 1 mile before permitting CAFO construction/expansion
95. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines
96. community gardens

We oppose:

97. subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands
98. eminent domain abuse
99. annexation without binding votes of the targeted residents/property owners

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

"50 by 30" – 50% clean energy by 2030

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

AFO – Animal Feed Operations

ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

CAA – Clean Air Act

CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy

CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated energy from NW Iowa to Illinois

CPP – Clean Power Plan

CRP – Conservation Reserve Program

CSP – Conservation Services Program

CWA – Clean Water Act

EPA – Environmental Protection Act

ESA – Endangered Species Act

FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
HEL – Highly Erodible Land/Soils
IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
IWILL – Iowa’s Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)
LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
NRORTF--Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
RUSLE3—Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three
SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture