

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
5. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “, including algae/aquaponics/companion and rotation”]**
6. expanding farm markets including local sustainable/organic
7. protection/conservation of healthy soil

Sustainable Agriculture Policy

We support:

8. increasing SNAP funding/benefits
9. funding Leopold Center
10. increasing CRP/CSP funding
11. industrial hemp/cannabis
12. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
13. market-indexing USDA loan rates
14. conservation compliance for federal subsidies
15. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
16. right-to-save seeds for personal use
17. mandating cover crops/buffer strips on HEL
18. repealing “Ag-Gag” bill
19. defining CAFOs as commercial/industrial
20. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until < 100 of Iowa's waterways are impaired
21. no tillage/fertilizer application on soybean fields after harvest, unless seeded as cover-crops and buffer-strips by waterways
22. farmer-owned grain reserves
23. GMO seed-labeling
24. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
25. public's right-to-know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use
26. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments improving soil/air/water quality
27. odor-nuisance regulation/enforcement
28. mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrogen/phosphorus reduction strategies

29. reinstate FFPR

We oppose:

30. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture

Livestock Management

We support:

- 31. local control of CAFO permitting/siting
- 32. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “taxing CAFOs at commercial rates”]**
- 33. responsible antibiotic use
- 34. humane animal treatment

We oppose:

35. unregulated/excessive hormone use

Food Supply and Safety

We support:

- 36. strong safety/labeling requirements ensuring food safety, content/origin/processing location
- 37. community/urban gardens, direct-to-consumer producers

Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production

We support:

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

51. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa
52. Clean Line
53. IRPS/FIT

We oppose:

54. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
55. tar-sands/pet coke
56. new coal power plants
57. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD: “nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction”]**
58. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
59. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
60. reclassifying national monuments as private property

Environment, Stewardship and Livability

We support:

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

We oppose:

79. lead wheel-weights
80. corporate polluters’ “grandfather” clauses
81. environmental protection rollbacks

Restorative Wetland and Watershed Management

We support:

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

Planning and Zoning for Environmentally Friendly Communities

We support:

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

We oppose:

96. subsidizing urban growth on farm and park lands
97. eminent domain abuse
98. 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
FFPR - Farmers Fair Practices Rules
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