

ICMB MISSION STATEMENT

Create opportunities for increasing Illinois corn value and utilization.

In order to fulfill our mission the organization administers the state checkoff program, identifies and invests in market development, research, and commercialization activities, evaluates the impact each investment generates, cooperates with major commodity organizations on state, national and international market development efforts, and disseminates timely information.

The ICMB serves the interests of and is accountable to all Illinois corn producers.

ICMB 2012

Industrial

- Goal 1: Expand corn to ethanol usage to 5.5 billion bushels by 2014. Cooperator/Partners - ICGA, NCGA, IL RFA
- Goal 2: Increase Illinois corn usage for ethanol to 1 billion bushels by 2012.
- Goal 3: Reduce the average cost of producing ethanol from corn by 10 cents/gallon, 5 cents by production efficiencies and 5 cents by co-product value gains by 2013.
- Goal 4: Establish the current level of support for farmers among influencers and by 2012 increase that level of support.
- Goal 5: Ensure that corn starch ethanol qualifies as an advanced biofuel by 2014.
- Goal 6: Support research that illustrates the value and sustainability of modern farming methodologies, delivering outcomes in 5 areas by 2013.

Exports

- Goal 1: Start Construction of two new lock replacements within the Upper Mississippi River Basin (one on the Miss. and one on the IL) by 2013.
- Goal 2: Improve infrastructure to allow corn and corn products to travel more efficiently within the state, country, and across the globe by 2014.
- Goal 3: Inform a growing world population of the benefits of the improving technology of grain production.
- Goal 4: Negotiate favorable U.S. trade agreements in the next round of WTO which will allow the development of a more market oriented WTO compliant farm bill.
- Goal 5: Increase corn equivalent exports to 3 billion bushels by 2014.
- Goal 6: Increase corn and corn co-product usage by the domestic and international livestock sector by 5 percent by 2013.