21 Accomplishments in 2021

BACK TO (NEW) NORMAL

IL Corn Growers Association
2021 Annual Report
“The Covid Pandemic has thrown us a lot of curveballs this past year. Illinois corn farmers rapidly adjusted and continued to feed and fuel the world. Likewise, the IL Corn team of you the members, board and staff quickly improvised to have a great year. Join me in celebrating 21 winning accomplishments in 2021.”

Randy DeSutter
President
Woodhull, IL
“Through grassroots advocacy, ICGA will create a future for Illinois corn farmers in which they can operate responsibly, freely, and successfully.”

1. ICGA updated their logo and branding, including a new mission statement:

2. ICGA promoted the Fall Covers For Spring Savings to get 50,000 acres of cover crops planted in Illinois. The available acres were spoken for in 12 hours, but available acres will be doubled to 100,000 acres for fall 2021!

3. A proposed bill in Illinois that would mandate ethanol plants to use union labor for building and maintenance, was pushed off another year thanks to ICGA lobbying efforts. Ethanol plant growth in Illinois would be uncompetitive with other states if this bill passes.
ICGA President Randy DeSutter sent a letter to President Biden and his administration detailing priorities for Illinois farmers just after inauguration day.

ICGA added a Public Policy Manager position to better handle the wide array of policy and regulatory issues facing agriculture.

Farmer leaders shared your thoughts about stepped up basis and other farm policy priorities with congressional staff in August.

After decades of ICGA lobbying efforts, in early November the U.S. House and Senate passed an infrastructure package that allocated $2.5 billion to upgrade locks and dams.

Farmer leaders conducted 20 virtual meetings and 6 on-farm visits with elected officials during summer 2021.

The Next Generation Fuels Act was introduced by Cheri Bustos into Congress in August 2021. The legislation, supported and encouraged by ICGA, provides a pathway for higher blends of corn-ethanol to address our climate concerns.

ICGA added 200 individuals to the text alert system while engaging with visitors at the Farm Progress Show.

Randy DeSutter was elected to represent Illinois on National Corn Growers Association Board of Directors at Corn Congress in July 2021.

ICGA provided a “get to know Illinois farmers” connection to members of the Illinois General Assembly.
The Biotech Initiative was introduced in Springfield and passed the Illinois Senate this year. This initiative, supported and encouraged by ICGA, provides a pathway to invest in new uses of corn and soybeans.

ICGA partnered in a public education campaign with IL Livestock Development Group promoting a positive image of farmers during summer 2020.

Farmers and other ag supporters made 2,416 connections with elected officials via ICGA’s advocacy text alert system in 2021.

66 brand new members joined ICGA, interested in opportunities to support the corn industry.

In July 2021, ICGA pushed for legislation introduced to “fix” the E15 availability problem.

ICGA participated in a Biofuel Caucus meeting hosted by Rodney Davis at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL—ILGA leaders advocated for the Next Generation Fuels Act at this meeting.
ICGA programs like the water testing strips, cover crop coupon, and cover crop programs continue to build awareness about nutrient loss and soil health.

Almost 300 people joined ICGA's political advocacy text alert system this year, to receive calls to action straight to their phones when policy or regulation impact Illinois agriculture.

Text "ilcorn" to 52886
Join our call to action system for easy congressional contacts to support your farm!

ICGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1 – Mike Homerding, Plainfield, 815-693-9735
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District 3 – Randy DeSutter, Woodhull, 309-368-4802
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District 5 – Jason Bunting, Emington, 815-252-5520
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District 8 – Mike Shane, Peoria, 309-509-0078
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District 10 – Marty Marr, Jacksonville, 217-473-9304
District 11 – Keith Sanders, Vandalia, 618-267-2024
District 12 – Don Guinnip, Marshall, 217-251-2199
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## Illinois Corn Growers Association/Financials
Bloomington, Illinois . Year Ended September 30, 2021

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### ASSETS
**CURRENT ASSETS**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents 310,651
- Accounts Receivable
  - Related party 22,027
  - Other 2,124
- Grant Receivable 519,614
- Prepaid Expenses 115,435
- Short Term Investments 2,354,773
  **Total Current Assets** $3,324,624
- Other Investments 131,616
- Property and Equipment, Net 632,141
- Long-term Prepaid Lease 9,166
  **TOTAL ASSETS** $4,097,547

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
**Current Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable 149,988
- Deferred Revenue 163,046
- Accrued Expenses 74,181
  **Total Current Liabilities** $387,215

- Deferred Rental Income 180,859
  **Total Liabilities** $568,074

**Without Donor Restrictions** 3,529,473
  **Total Net Assets** $3,529,473

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $4,097,547

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### REVENUES AND GAINS
- Dues 120,085
- Grant and Project Funding 3,876,413
- Special Projects 2,400
- Rental 8,221
- Interest 4,311
- Income from Equity Investments 108,566
- Other 9,673
- Unrealized Gain on Marketable Securities 108,576
  **TOTAL REVENUE AND GAINS** $4,238,245

#### OPERATING EXPENSES
**PROGRAM SERVICES**
- Grassroots Committee 571,157
- Exports Committee 506,911
- Industrial Committee 783,345
- Special Projects 1,158,608
  **Total Program Services** $3,020,021
- Management and General 180,767
  **TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** $3,200,788

- Change in Net Assets 1,037,457
- Net Assets, Beginning of Year 2,492,016
  **NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR** $3,529,473