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IL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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"While 2022 hasn't been without its challenges, IL Corn Growers Association has had many wins on behalf of farmers in Illinois. Like your endless duties on the farm, IL Corn leaders and staff have been working on issues constantly to make sure farmers are represented and to position you to grow your farm and business. Some of our wins this year are a culmination of decades of work; we celebrated those efforts during our 50th anniversary and look forward as we focus on the future.

We are pleased to provide this snapshot of our annual report. From our staff and volunteer leaders, thank you for your continued support. With the dedicated efforts of talented individuals, we continue to represent you in Washington D.C. and Springfield. Take a couple minutes to remember how we have strategically aligned with farmer goals to position Illinois corn farmers for long term success."

Marty Marr

President
New Berlin, IL

ICGA President



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Illinois is divided into 15 districts and board members are elected to serve farmers in these districts.

IL Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is a grassroots membership organization representing the interests of corn farmers in Illinois. Because the Illinois Corn Marketing Act precludes the use of corn checkoff dollars for legislative activities, ICGA utilizes membership dues to sustain a notable legislative presence in Springfield, IL, and Washington, DC.

2022 IL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Bloomington, Illinois
Year Ended September 30, 2022

Lucas McPherson, lmcp@ilcorn.org



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES AND GAINS

Dues	130,442
Project Funding	2,074,000
Grants and Special Projects	2,072,906
Rental	8,221
Interest	4,632
Income from Equity Investments	(285)
Other	0
Unrealized Gain on Marketable Securities	(87,552)
TOTAL REVENUE AND GAINS	\$4,202,364

OPERATING EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Grassroots Committee	633,686
Exports Committee	561,018
Industrial Committee	692,366
Special Projects	1,170,518
Total Program Services	\$3,592,252
Management and General	177,566

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Change in Net Assets	432,546
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	3,324,341

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

\$3,756,887

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	477,528
Accounts Receivable	62,710
Related party	43,769
Other	410,494
Grant Receivable	62,664
Prepaid Expenses	2,219,064
Short Term Investments	\$3,276,229
Total Current Assets	74,400
Other Investments	807,874
Property and Equipment, Net	7,166
Long-term Prepaid Lease	

TOTAL ASSETS

\$4,165,669

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	68,302
Deferred Revenue	156,576
Accrued Expenses	11,265

Total Current Liabilities

\$236,143

DEFERRED RENTAL INCOME

172,639

Total Liabilities

\$408,782

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions

3,746,887

Total Net Assets

\$3,756,887

TOTAL LIABILITIES

AND NET ASSETS

\$4,165,669

Represented you
in [Washington, D.C.](#)
and [Springfield, IL.](#)



Participated in lobbying efforts in Springfield during session.

Developed relationships with [congressmen](#) in 2022 through various events including [meetings](#), lunches, dinners and social media.

Attended meetings, [panels](#) and [discussions](#) on behalf of farmers with legislators and influencers including Senate and [Gubernatorial forum](#), corn congress, [Secretary Tom Vilsack ethanol panel](#) and more.

Helped to approve and allocate funds for Lock and Dam 25.

Working for over two decades to fund the repair of these locks,

\$732 million

was allocated with the help of bi-partisan support from Illinois legislators.

Gained House support
& coordinated Senate introduction of the

Next Generation Fuels Act

to increase ethanol market.

Built Farm Bill 2023
Priorities Based on Farmer Input

Organized several farm bill listening sessions.

Met with legislators and staff to discuss and improve farmer programming such as:

- Maintaining robust crop insurance program
- Increasing Foreign Market Development funding
- Supporting conservation practices.

This act is a game changing piece of legislation that will be instrumental in helping automakers improve efficiency of vehicles, reduce CO2 emissions, and comply with stricter vehicle standards. The higher-octane fuel required in this legislation enables engines to get more miles per gallon. That increased fuel efficiency along with higher ethanol blends reduces emissions and fuel costs.

Reduced tillage in Illinois on **118,418** acres thanks to the *Precision Conservation Management* program.

Developed a partnership agreement with PepsiCo via Precision Conservation Management to increase soil health practices and acres in Illinois through 2023.

Passed the Illinois *Industrial Biotech Initiative Act*

Capitalized on previous investments in Illinois' biotech research and infrastructure and created the Illinois Industrial Biotechnology Partnership, a public private partnership to help market Illinois to the growing industrial biotech sector.

Pritzker Supports **E15**

[Espoused year-round E15 sales.](#) in a letter to EPA with seven other Midwest governors.



Supported policy to grow livestock feed demand.

Worked with livestock partners to secure additional funding for state veterinarians in 2022.

Climate Smart Ag
GRANTS

Created new [cover crop conservation incentive](#) program.

Created new crop insurance program.

PACE

Developed as an endorsement to crop insurance policies, this product provides yield loss coverage when a weather event prevents spring-applied nitrogen applications.

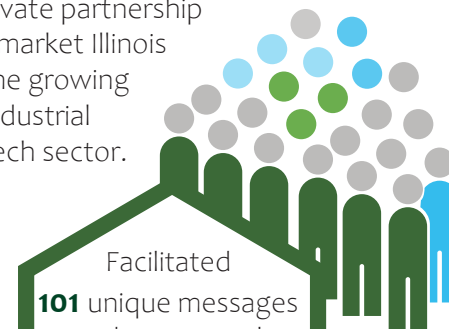
Joined with Illinois livestock groups, in Illinois Livestock Development Group work, to support the livestock industry.



Illinois Livestock Development Group

Worked to end *Nitrogen Fertilizer Tariffs*

Talked with elected officials, contacted [CE Industries](#), testified at International Trade Commission public hearing, connected 110 farmer comments to officials and more.



Facilitated **101** unique messages and **150** general [messages from farmers to EPA](#) on atrazine.

Sent **50+** communications and news releases to state and local media outlets, helping farmers and non-farmers understand more about corn and agriculture.

2022
Focusing on Future

Celebrating
50 YEARS



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5 Reasons to Join

1 Representation in Springfield and Washington D.C.

ICGA farmer leaders are often in Springfield and Washington D.C. lobbying on whatever issue of the day might help or hinder the farm economy in Illinois or in the U.S. ICGA writes letters to elected officials, submit comments on regulatory issues, bring awareness to farmers and non-farmers alike about the value of certain policy proposals, and ask farmers to join with us and contact a legislator when needed.

2 Empowering the next generation

IL Corn partners with Illinois FFA with a long-term goal of helping place Illinois student leaders into congressional offices. This helps the overall ag awareness in the office and, we hope over time, in Washington D.C. Placing leaders with agriculture backgrounds where decisions about agriculture are being made is an opportunity for farmers that ICGA hopes to capture.

3 Your membership creates positive change for our soils, water, and air.

Precision Conservation Management, an ICGA initiative, is a farmer service program that evaluates conservation practices on both impact to the environment and to family farmer profitability. Participating farmers can utilize the one-on-one technical assistance to guide them through conservation decisions and to aid in the evaluation of their farm against other farmers to improve their bottom line.

4 Increasing the value of corn through the livestock industry.

We invest in IL Beef and IL Pork and also are members of the Illinois Livestock Development Group, a collation of Illinois ag and farm groups that seeks to grow the livestock industry in Illinois. The ILDG helps farmers expand current livestock farms and build new barns by helping them through the laws in place in Illinois that govern this type of expansion. ILDG also promotes understanding and awareness of livestock to its non-farmer neighbors by hosting open houses in newly built barns. These public relations events have been hugely successful and very well attended.

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Save \$\$ on Seed

Each three-year ICGA membership comes with a coupon for \$50 off a bag of seed from several of our participating partners (see below). You have access to important ICGA and NCGA programs like Precision Conservation Management and the Corn Yield Contest. And, because a member of ICGA is also a member of NCGA, your membership comes with many other discounts and promotions that you'll want to investigate and utilize!



JOIN US!

The idea is simple. The voice of one person can be lost, but the voices of thousands joined together will be heard, even in the midst of chaos.

As a member, we're going to send you issue updates every week so you're better informed. We're going to encourage you to get involved when an issue will positively or negatively impact your family farm. And we're going to ask you how we're doing every single year.

If you join, you have access to the biggest benefit of all. You'll have input into our industry. You'll be a part of making it better and you won't be helpless when things fall apart. Every corn farmer in Illinois needs you to be the best that we can be.



Learn more about each of these important benefits at www.ilcorn.org