

## Iowa Priorities for 2017

### **Budget**

Funding for programs and policies should be predictable, consistent and enhance business and industry in Iowa. The state budget should provide funding for core agriculture programs and include strategies to provide services efficiently and effectively. Long term sustainable funding for water quality initiatives should be based on science and support best management practices identified in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

### **Taxation**

The overall tax burden on employers and individuals should be reduced. Taxes should be equitable, simple, and predictable.

### **Minimum Wage**

Local governments should not establish minimum wage rates that differ from the state minimum wage.

### **Transportation**

Iowa's transportation infrastructure should enhance agriculture's global competitiveness. Fuel tax policies should be simple, transparent, and competitive. Funding sources should be dedicated to road and bridge improvements, particularly in rural areas.

### **Fuels**

Improvements to renewable fuels programs should promote consistent quality, increase use, and enhance infrastructure for fueling all vehicles.

### **Water Quality**

Water quality programs and efforts should be based in science, adaptable to geographic location, voluntary, rely on the land grant university system, and use modern agriculture practices.

### **Use of Pesticides**

Policy for use of neonicotinoids should be science-based, focus on agricultural productivity, and improve pollinator health.

### **Regulatory Activity**

Iowa's regulatory climate should set the standard for efficiency, effectiveness, and be consistent with Federal provisions. Regulations should be based on science, subject to independent analysis and stakeholder input, and respect the practicalities and economics of doing business.