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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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IL
CORN GROWERS
ASSOCIATION
IS
*Working
for You*

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.



**Contact Your
District Director
with Questions or
Issues**

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS REPORT?

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Leadership



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	\$3,769,818
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	
Related party	62,710
Other	43,769
Grant Receivable	410,494
Prepaid Expenses	62,664
Short Term Investments	2,219,064
Total Current Assets	\$3,276,229
Other Investments	74,400
Property and Equipment, Net	807,874
Long-term Prepaid Lease	7,166
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.](#)



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

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



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

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.

**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.

**Gained House
support
& coordinated Senate
introduction of the**

*Next
Generation
Fuels Act*

**to increase
ethanol market.**

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.

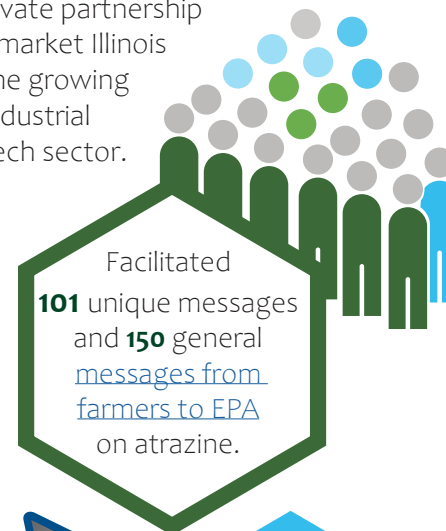
*Climate
Smart Ag*
GRANTS

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



**Illinois Livestock
Development Group**

**Created new
cover crop
conservation
incentive
program.**



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.**

**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.

**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.

**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