

You're busy farming. And raising a family. So we're at the table when you can't be. And bringing more and more people to that table. From families to consumers, policymakers, farmers and more.

*We're at the table.
And we're saving you a seat.*

**We've
got your
seat.**

**IL CORN
GROWERS
ASSOCIATION
2023
ANNUAL
REPORT**

"As we reflect on the year 2023, it's clear that it has brought its fair share of challenges. But amidst these hurdles, our dedicated team at IL Corn has been hard at work, securing numerous victories on behalf of our farmers here in Illinois.

Just as you tirelessly tend to your duties on the farm, our IL Corn leaders and staff have been unwavering in their commitment to address the pressing issues facing our industry. Our primary goal is to ensure that farmers like you are well-represented and have a prominent seat at the table.

We are proud to stand upon a strong network of Illinois farmers, all united by our shared passion for the land and farming. Year after year, we elect a dependable group of farmer leaders who form an exceptional board. They represent you at the table with confidence and enthusiasm, ensuring that your voices and concerns are heard and acted upon.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the IL Corn Growers Association (ICGA)."



Matt Rush

**ICGA President
Fairfield, IL**

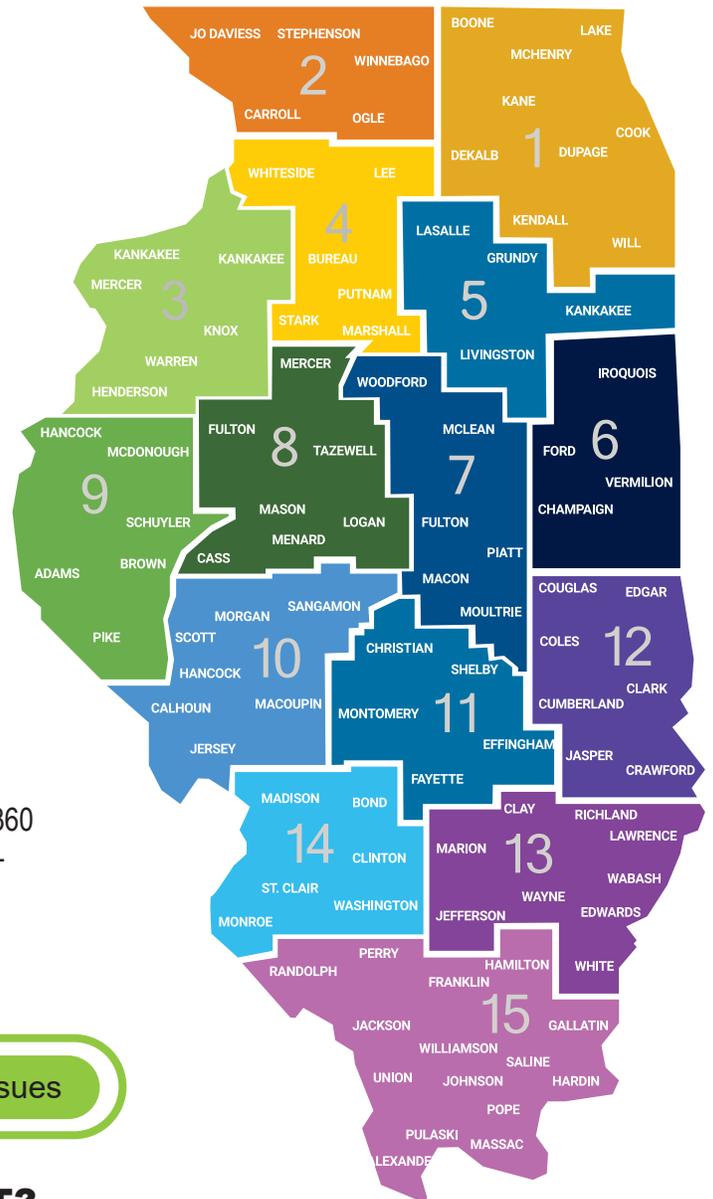
IL Corn Growers Association is Working for You

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

[IL Corn Growers Association](#) is a grassroots membership organization with approximately 3,600 members. 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.

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2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

IL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Bloomington, Illinois

Year Ended September 30, 2023

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES AND GAINS

Dues	119,724
Project Funding	2,489,000
Grants and Special Projects	5,400,133
Rental	8,221
Interest	77,009
Unrealized Gain on Marketable Securities (14,446)	

TOTAL REVENUE AND GAINS **\$8,079,641**

OPERATING EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Grassroots Committee	768,510
Exports Committee	658,094
Industrial Committee	747,787
Special Projects	3,993,882

Total Program Services **\$6,168,273**

Management and General 199,539

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES **\$6,367,812**

Change in Net Assets 1,711,829

Net Assets, Beginning of Year 3,635,161

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR **\$5,346,990**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	481,076
Accounts Receivable	
Related party	75,697
Other	104,553
Grant Receivable	1,090,609
Prepaid Expenses	121,768
Short Term Investments	4,054,880
Total Current Assets	\$5,928,583

Other Investments	74,490
Property and Equipment, Net	888,893
Long-term Prepaid Lease	5,166

TOTAL ASSETS **\$6,897,132**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	179,800
Deferred Revenue	1,195,232
Accrued Expenses	10,692
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,385,724

DEFERRED RENTAL INCOME 164,418

Total Liabilities **\$1,550,142**

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	5,346,990
Total Net Assets	\$5,346,990

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$6,897,132**

We're at the table.

Pull Up a Chair to the [Illinois Waterways](#)

Groundbreaking at Lock 25

- Illinois farmers will benefit from improvements to the state's waterways systems, as of this spring ICGA helped break ground at a brand-new 1,200-foot Lock 25 near Winfield, MO. The river infrastructure improvements come after decades of advocacy, education, and diligence.

[Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program \(NESP\)](#)

- IL Corn worked with congressmen and senators to submit appropriations requests of \$120 million dollars for NESP as one of their fifteen allotted Community Fund Projects (CFP). This level of funding will pave the way for a second NESP project start at LaGrange Lock and Dam.

Fueling Positive Outcomes at the Table

[E15 and higher blends Tax Credit](#)

- The legislation creates a 10% sales tax incentive for E15 blends, 20% incentive on mid-range blends above E15 and continues the 100% tax credit on E85 fuel.

[Sustainable Aviation Fuel \(SAF\) Tax Credit in Illinois - \\$1.50 /gallon](#)

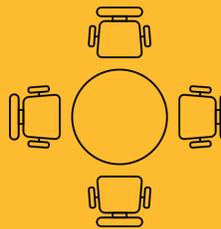
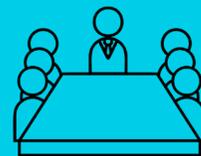
- The first-in-the-nation SAF credit, coupled with Federal tax incentives, is designed to help this new market for ethanol grow in our state.

[Next Generation Fuels Act](#) – Reintroduced 03/2023

- 29 House co-sponsors and 5 senators – expanded co-sponsorship and growing industry support.
- The game changing piece of legislation 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.



We've been working all year to have a seat in Springfield and Washington, DC.



And we're saving you a seat.

We Saved You a Seat in the [Conservation](#) Discussion

- ICGA is currently building a new program allowing flexibility for farmers to transition to cover crops in Farm Bill.
- ICGA's [Precision Conservation Management](#) signed a 4-year contract to provide technical assistance for the Farmers for Soil Health Grant as the technical assistance lead in Illinois, Nebraska and Kentucky.
- Precision Conservation Management will connect farmers to approximately 325k acres worth of incentive payments through its partnership with PepsiCo and Walmart.
- The [PACE](#) option has been offered for a 2nd year. This endorsement to farmer insurance policies provides additional coverage in the event farmers can't post-apply nitrogen.

Working Together at the Advocacy Table

- ICGA regularly engages in federal rulemaking processes by submitting comments to public dockets. Through a user-friendly [text alert system](#), we connect our advocates with their policymakers, making our voices heard. This year IL Corn added 388 individuals to the advocacy system. A whopping 925 opposition statements were submitted to [NHTSA's aggressive mileage](#) rule which would decimate corn demand. An additional 507 comments of opposition were submitted to an EPA docket in favor of increasing emissions standards in a variety of vehicles.
- IL Corn has closely monitored and advocated with administration and congressional offices regarding the threat of [Mexico's proposed ban](#) on genetically modified corn. The proposed ban violates USMCA requirements. We are grateful that dispute settlement processes are underway and look forward to a positive outcome for Illinois corn farmers.

Starting Conversation Around the Table

- IL Corn continues to meet with legislators and staff to discuss the importance of the Farm Bill including increasing foreign market development and market access program funding and maintaining a robust crop insurance program.
- IL Corn had a seat at many tables with legislators and influencers this year including a [Biofuels Panel](#), [Governor visit](#) at [Farm Progress Show](#), Nutrient Loss Panel, and Illinois Farmers Council.

