



IARA
Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture

How You Can Advocate for a Safer, Healthier Iowa

ADVOCATE FOR BETTER WATER QUALITY!

1. Urge your legislators to support the **Clean Water for Iowa Act, HF 2354**. The bill helps to protect waterways by requiring medium and large factory farms to have EPA Clean Water Act permits, to monitor for waste released into waterways, and to reduce pollution discharges. Read about the bill here: bit.ly/3AEmEcE
2. Test your water for nitrates. Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement partners with the Izaak Walton League of America on their Nitrate Watch program. Get a free test kit, develop a plan, get testing, and report your results. It's easy! Learn more here: www.iowacci.org/watertest
3. Tell your legislators you support a factory farm moratorium until there are fewer than 100 polluted waters in Iowa. We must get this problem under control. Learn more here bit.ly/306exZo and here bit.ly/3Z1oIEX

DEMAND AGRICHEMICAL COMPANY ACCOUNTABILITY!

4. Urge your legislators to defeat **SF 2412**, a bill that would shield pesticide and herbicide companies from lawsuits related to health damages if chemicals are EPA approved and contain a warning label. Bayer is leading a coalition of 92 farming and chemical organizations to pass immunity laws in five Midwest states – including Iowa. Its goal: protect glyphosate usage - labeled “probably carcinogenic” by the World Health Organization. Learn about the bill here bit.ly/3ACrx61 and here bit.ly/3YKSqg3

SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD PRODUCERS!

5. Unless clearly labeled, assume meat, dairy and eggs sold in supermarkets come from CAFOs. Instead, buy your meat, dairy, and eggs, as well as produce and other foods, from responsible sources including food hubs, farmers markets, farm stands, CSA's and other local producers.
6. When eating at restaurants, ask where they source their meat, dairy and eggs and choose foods not produced in CAFOs.

ATTEND LOBBY DAYS AT THE IOWA STATE CAPITOL IN 2025!

Iowa legislators need – and want - to hear from you. Bring your friends and family, come to Des Moines, and share your stories and concerns. Stay tuned to IARA for more details.

7. **Iowa Farmers Union Food Coalition Lobby Day**. January 23. Time TBA.
8. **Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture Factory Farm Lobby Day**. Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 am.
9. **Clean Water Day of Action**, Monday, February 10 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
10. **Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Lobby Day**, February 20 at 10:00 am.

SUPPORT IARA, SIGN UP FOR ALERTS AND SUPPORT IARA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS!

11. Learn more about IARA, its members, and sign up for alerts: IowaResponsibleAgriculture.org