



# AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF IOWA

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A five-minute summary of industry activities for members of the largest state agribusiness association in the nation.

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### Environmental Respect Awards Call for Entries

The Environmental Respect Awards has launched its 22<sup>nd</sup> year of honoring stewardship among U.S. agricultural retailers with an improved online entry process and a new deadline.

Retailers, land management professionals and past winners will have until **March 16** to submit their Environmental Respect Award Self-Audit. The deadline is earlier to accommodate the significant rise in applications and entrants over the past two years.

"Participation in this program has more than doubled since 2010," explains K. Elliott Nowels, director. According to Nowels, retailers across the U.S. are eager to demonstrate their stewardship and share that information with others.

For 21 years, the Environmental Respect Awards,

sponsored by DuPont Crop Protection and CropLife magazine, have been the agricultural industry's highest recognition for environmental stewardship. Participating entries are examined by a panel of industry experts for excellence in site design, in-plant storage and handling procedures, emergency preparedness, proper application and leadership among customers and employees.

This year, applicants will be able to make an "Environmental Pledge", examine their operations by using the Self-Audit Booklet and immediately showing their commitment with a participation certificate.

Retailers can enter online at [www.environmentalrespect.com](http://www.environmentalrespect.com) or by calling Sue Betteley, Environmental Respect Awards Entry Coordinator at 440-602-9131.

### Six Watershed Management Authorities Funded to Mitigate Future Flooding Risks

The Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have announced funding for six Watershed Management Authority (WMA) applications. Recipients of the seed money will form a WMA to reduce future flood risks and improve water quality in a watershed.

The following entities have been selected to receive funding:

- City of Dubuque for Catfish Creek, \$24,500
- City of Marion for Indian Creek, \$27,600
- Clayton County for Turkey River, \$30,000
- Floyd County for Upper Cedar River, \$21,500
- Story County for Squaw Creek, \$25,060
- Dallas County for Middle-South Raccoon, \$29,350

Award recipients will have six months to invite all political subdivisions in the watershed to participate, establish a board of directors and enter into a formal agreement with all interested parties. It is expected that the program will offer a second phase of funding for the purpose of developing a watershed management plan that addresses water quality and quantity issues. Phase II will also begin with a competitive request for proposal process and is expected to begin in approximately six months.

The funding for this program was provided through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief allocation and is available only to the 85 counties declared federal disaster areas during the 2008 floods, or cities within those counties.



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## Upcoming AAI Meetings & Events

### District 1 Meeting

Tuesday, December 6  
8 a.m.  
The Family Table  
745 N Second Street  
Cherokee, IA

### Executive Cmte.

Wednesday, December 7  
9 a.m.

### Transportation Cmte.

Wednesday, December 7  
1 p.m.

### District 2 Meeting

Thursday, December 8  
8 a.m.  
Hagie Manufacturing Co.  
721 Central Ave W  
Clarion, IA

### District 3 Meeting

Friday, December 2  
8 a.m.  
Ricky's  
2 S. Frederick Avenue  
Oelwein, IA

### District 4 Meeting

Tuesday, December 20  
8 a.m.  
West Side Diner  
604 West 7th Street  
Atlantic, IA

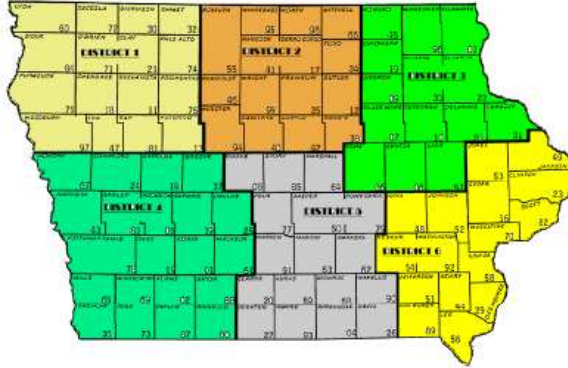
### District 5 Meeting

Friday, December 16  
8 a.m.  
Mr. C's Steakhouse  
1107 West Larson Street  
Knoxville, IA

### District 6 Meeting

Tuesday, December 13  
8 a.m.  
Four Corners Restaurant  
3112 Iowa 92  
Ainsworth, IA

## Join Us for AAI's District Meetings



AAI is getting ready to travel the state to learn about issues of concern to our members. Please join us to discuss issues regarding grain, feed, fertilizer, seed, transportation or any other issue that is relevant to your agribusiness.

AAI staff will share what ag issues will be part of the upcoming legislative session and other happenings with your Association. All meetings will begin at 8 a.m.

Your RSVP is appreciated. Please contact Reilly Vaughan, Membership Director, at 800-383-1682 or [reilly@agribiz.org](mailto:reilly@agribiz.org) to RSVP or to answer questions on the events.

LOCATIONS		AGENDA
<p><b><u>DISTRICT 1</u></b> Tuesday, December 6</p> <p>The Family Table 745 N Second Street Cherokee, IA</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 2</u></b> Thursday, December 8</p> <p>Hagie Manufacturing 721 Central Ave W Clarion, IA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>Roundtable discussion                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on Industry Issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>Showcase Update</li> <li>Federal Policy Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federal Legislation: Farm Bill, Child Labor, NPDES permits, EPA &amp; others</li> <li>- Federal Agency Rules</li> </ul> </li> <li>State Policy Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legislative topics being discussed: Property Taxes, Animal Video Bill, Road Use Tax &amp; others</li> </ul> </li> <li>State Regulatory Agency Activities</li> <li>AAI Strategic Planning Process</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>DISTRICT 3</u></b> Friday, December 2</p> <p>Ricky's 2 S. Frederick Avenue Oelwein, IA</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 4</u></b> Tuesday, December 20</p> <p>West Side Diner 604 West 7th Street Atlantic, IA</p>	
<p><b><u>DISTRICT 5</u></b> Friday, December 16</p> <p>Mr. C's Steakhouse 1107 West Larson St. Knoxville, IA</p>	<p><b><u>DISTRICT 6</u></b> Tuesday, December 13</p> <p>Four Corners Restaurant 3112 Iowa 92 Ainsworth, IA</p>	



## Weekly Recap

- Weed Resistance to 2,4D shows up in Nebraska
- Child Labor changes will impact seed industry
- Ethanol Industry believes it will do OK without tax credit
- Iowa Corn Growers Grade Presidential Candidates

The full reports can be viewed after broadcast at:  
[www.whotv.com/news/agriculture/](http://www.whotv.com/news/agriculture/).