



2017 Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day

The Illinois farm and agricultural groups are welcome to join us in the 47th Annual Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day (IALD) set for Thursday, March 30, 2017 in Springfield, IL. IALD is a tradition that brings together representatives from over 60 farm, agricultural commodity organizations and other diverse agriculture interest groups to meet with state lawmakers as well as the other participating organizations. IALD provides a thread that can strengthen and build relationships among various entities that affect Illinois agriculture.

A special thank you goes to our agriculture groups, as they provide the essentials for the day which include breakfast, box lunch and a commodity basket for each of the legislators. We are also fortunate to have the assistance of over 1,000 Illinois FFA members and their vocational-agricultural teachers to assemble and deliver the goods to the state lawmakers.

To join us for the 2017 IALD, go to www.agr.state.il.us/agricultural-legislative-day/ and access the online registration information and packet. If you have any questions, contact Karen Fraase at 217-785-7799 or karen.fraase@illinois.gov.

It is our agricultural community that makes this event truly successful. We appreciate your commitment and support for the 47th annual IALD.

Reid Blossom, IALD Chair
IL Beef Producers Association

Karen Fraase, IALD Coordinator
IL Department of Agriculture





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IALD Sponsor Information

47th Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day - Thursday, March 30, 2017.

The Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day (IALD) brings together farm, agricultural commodity organizations and diverse agriculture interest groups to the state Capitol during National Agriculture Month to speak to state lawmakers in Springfield. Jointly, they provide baskets filled with agricultural products and specialty lunches for the legislators. This package simply serves to remind lawmakers about the multiple facets agriculture has in the lives of their constituents and the impacts their choices make on the world of Agriculture. To be part of the annual IALD, Illinois agricultural organizations are to complete the registration materials process below.

For your convenience, the registration steps are listed below with due dates. You can access the IALD information, forms, invoice online. If you need assistance, contact Karen Fraase at 217-785-7799 or karen.fraase@illinois.gov.

Access website for IALD INFORMATION: www.agr.state.il.us/agricultural-legislative-day/

1. Registration Form - Complete and submit your registration form by February 20, 2017.

2. Invoice/Payment - There is a \$150 registration fee per organization. You can access an INVOICE from the web page and make your check payable to the **IALD TREASURER**. Each participating group receives 5 tickets for the continental breakfast held at the State House Inn. Additional members are welcome to attend, and you may purchase their breakfast tickets for \$5.

3. Legislative Visits - **(IMPORTANT)** Mark number on registration form

Please make time on March 30 to meet with lawmakers and share the priorities of the agriculture community. Each sponsoring group is highly encouraged to visit with 2 sets of legislators and this equals six visits (*one-legislative set includes 1 senator and the 2 corresponding representatives.*) There is a section on the Registration Form where you can write in the number of Legislative Visit sets you'll agree to visit on March 30.

4. IALD Directory Page - The IALD Directory is publication listing all of the participating agricultural groups. To update your organization's page, go to www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/directory/. Click on your organization's page, make the changes online and hit the submit button, or print and send via fax 217-524-5690 or email karen.fraase@illinois.gov

5. Commodity Baskets – Illinois agricultural organizations provide each lawmaker with a commodity basket filled with items representing their group. Please provide 275 items for the baskets. For ideas, suggestions and delivery instructions, go to <http://www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/pdf/IALD%20WEB%20Commodity%20Basket.pdf>

6. Name Badges - The name badges serve as the reservations for the breakfast on Thursday, March 30 at the State House Inn. Fill out and submit the name badge form prior to March 21.



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IALD Checklist and Due Dates

Access IALD forms and information online at: www.agr.state.il.us/agricultural-legislative-day/

Due by February 21

___ Send in organization registration form

___ Send in the \$150 Registration Fee (*Make check payable to: IALD Treasurer*)

If you need an invoice for your records go to:

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/pdf/IALD%20WEB%20Invoice.pdf>

___ Signup for Legislative Visits - We encourage your group to take a minimum of 2 sets of legislators. More are appreciated. Each set includes one senator and two corresponding representatives.

___ Update your organization's IALD Directory Page at: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/directory/>

Due by March 21

___ Submit the Name Badge Form

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/pdf/IALD%20WEB%20Name%20Badge%20Form.pdf>

Commodity Basket Information

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/pdf/IALD%20WEB%20Commodity%20Basket.pdf>

___ Order your organization's 275 items for the Commodity Baskets

___ *Delivery Option 1:* Deliver your basket items by noon on Wednesday, March 29 to the IL Department of Ag

___ *Delivery Option 2:* Deliver the items by 9 am on Thursday, March 30 to the south wing of the State Capitol

Other Information

___ IALD Agenda

___ Map of the Capitol Complex and Parking Information

___ Map of Downtown Springfield, IL

If you have any questions contact IALD Coordinator

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REGISTRATION FORM

ORGANIZATION _____

Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

2017 IALD Participation

Yes, we agree to participate in the IALD for \$150.
Please make your check payable to the IALD Treasurer.

Unable to participate this year.

IALD Directory Page Information

Please review your organization's page, by accessing the Directory Page Update online at: www.agr.state.il.us/marketing/IALD/directory/

We have reviewed and submitted our changes for the IALD Directory page

We are waiting on information for our IALD Directory Page. Book information expected by _____
Date

IMPORTANT Meet with the state lawmakers. It is a chance to build and strengthen working relationships with our decision makers. Please take time to mark the number of LEGISLATIVE VISITS your organization will commit to visit. **Each organization is encouraged to at least take 2 sets of legislators.** (*One set is comprised of one senator and the two corresponding representatives.*)

Legislative Visits – IMPORTANT **Please MARK BOX**

Yes, we commit to 2 sets of legislative visits

Yes, we commit to 1 set of legislative visits

We commit to making _____ sets of legislative visits.

Thank you for supporting the 2017 Illinois AG Legislative Day.

Mail in your registration, check and updated directory page to:
IALD 2017 Attention: Karen Fraase, Illinois Department of Agriculture
State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Fax 217-524-5960 karen.fraase@illinois.gov Phone 217-785-7799



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IALD Invoice

Date: _____

Organization _____

Description	Amount
Registration Fee IL Agricultural Legislative Day <i><u>Please make check payable to IALD Treasurer.</u></i>	\$150.00
Total	\$150.00

Send invoice and payment to:

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Attention: Karen Fraase
IL Department of Agriculture
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Springfield, IL 62794-9281
Phone: 217-785-7799
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IALD Name Badge Form

Please send in your names list by March 21, 2017.

Organization _____

Your organization receives 5 meals with the registration fee.

- 1. Name _____
- 2. Name _____
- 3. Name _____
- 4. Name _____
- 5. Name _____

Additional members are welcome for \$5 each. Thanks.

- Name _____

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Commodity Basket Information

Commodity Baskets - Provide 275 Items

The IALD trademark is the Commodity Basket filled with agricultural products given to state legislators on behalf of the Illinois agricultural commodity organizations and interest groups.

Let's showcase the agriculture, and boost up our efforts to FILL UP the 275 baskets for Illinois' state legislators. Here is an OPPORTUNITY TO TELL the about your organization's role in the world through the items you put in the basket. We ASK EACH GROUP TO BRING THEIR A-GAME, turn on your creative juice and provide item(s) with color, flavor, size, texture, value, use and more...for the baskets. What products complement your organization?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET IN YOUR BASKET? FILL UP THE COMMODITY BASKETS - IDEAS, TELL the story of what comes from the Illinois fields and farms, **BULK UP** the items in the baskets with **LARGER** packaging, **SUPPLY** fresh, tasty and colorful products, **CONSIDER COOKING** utensils, **GRILLING** utensils with a recipe, **PACKAGE INGREDIENTS** with a delicious **RECIPE**. **AVOID brochures, papers and small items**

ILLINOIS FOOD GUIDE A few ideas to consider - food, food, food. Contact an Illinois company that makes specialty items such as fudge, beef jerky, barbeque sauces, and seasonings for meats, desserts, and snack foods to stick your message and contact information on the item. Search the Illinois Food Guide online at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/markets/mis/index.php> for the listing of Illinois companies that triggers a unique idea to represent your organization.

GIFT BAN ACT

Check out the website below to answer questions on the Gift Ban Act.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/pubact90/acts/90-0737.html>

There are 275 bushel baskets to fill. The Illinois FFA members will assemble and deliver the baskets to the state legislators, constitutional officers and staffers.

Basket Items Delivery Instructions (Shipping / Drop-Off)

For your convenience, ship or drop off the items at the Illinois Department of Agriculture by NOON on Wednesday, March 29. The Department staff will transport items received to the south wing of the Capitol.

Shipping Information and Instructions—next page

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Shipping Information

IALD
Attention: Karen Fraase
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Illinois State Fairgrounds
801 Sangamon Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

Questions on delivery of items for baskets

Email Karen.fraase@illinois.gov

Phone 217-785-7799

Fax 217-524-5960

Drop-off Information

Drop off Items for the baskets by noon the day before the event at the Illinois Department of Agriculture Building on the IL State Fairgrounds or bring them to the south wing of the State Capitol the day of the event before 9 a.m.

The Illinois FFA members and Vo-AG teachers assemble and deliver the baskets to the state legislators, constitutional officers and staffers for our commodity groups. Thank you to these generous volunteers for their work! (Go to "Commodity Basket Information sheet for delivery instructions)

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AGENDA— Agricultural Commodity Groups

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017

7:30 a.m.

Doors Open

Check-in at the Grand Ballroom Lobby - State House Inn. Come early to visit with agricultural leaders, state legislators and staffers.

8:30 a.m.

IALD Program and Briefing

Speakers Invited

- Illinois Governor
- Illinois Director of Agriculture
- Illinois FFA President
- Illinois County Fair Queen
- Agriculture & Conservation Committee
- Senate and House of Representatives
- Majority and Minority Leadership

Agriculture Roundtable Legislative Priorities

Illinois Farm Bureau will highlight current agricultural issues and the topics discussed among agriculture organizations from the IL Agriculture Roundtable in January.

10 a.m.

Legislative Visits Capitol Complex

Agricultural Commodity Group representatives meet with Illinois legislators.



State House Inn
101 East Adams St.
Springfield, IL
(One block north of the Capitol)

Continental style breakfast with muffins, rolls, fruit and coffee.

Parking: Parking is available in the State House Inn parking lot on a first come, first served basis; Visitors Center parking lot located on Edwards Street; and parking meters around the Capitol Complex. Carefully read parking signs.

Basket Items: Illinois FFA members will assemble the commodity baskets and lunches in the south wing of the State Capitol.



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