

**51th Annual
Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day**

**March 24, 2021
Springfield, Illinois**



Illinois farm and agricultural groups are invited to join us virtually for the 51st Annual Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day (IALD) set for Tuesday, March 24, 2021, in Springfield, Illinois. IALD, traditionally, brings together representatives from nearly 50 agricultural commodity organizations and other diverse agriculture interest groups to meet with state lawmakers as well as the other participating organizations. However, this year's event will be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. IALD provides an opportunity to 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 a box lunch and a commodity basket for each of the legislators. We are also fortunate to have the support of more than 1,000 Illinois FFA members and their vocational-agriculture teachers.

To register for the 2021 IALD, please fill out the registration forms below and return to Joe Kienzler at joe.kienzler@illinois.gov. We have also attached your IALD Directory page from last year in Word doc form. Please update your page and return to Joe as well. If you have any questions, call Joe at 217-888-0048.

It is our agricultural community that makes this event truly successful. We appreciate your commitment and support for the 51st Annual IALD.

Lisa Ellis
IALD Chair
Illinois Grape Growers
& Vintners Alliance

Robert Baren
IALD Coordinator
Legislative Liaison, IL Dept. of Agriculture

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Sponsor Information

The 51st Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day (IALD) will bring together agricultural commodity organizations and diverse agriculture interest groups with state lawmakers in a virtual environment. In addition, legislators are provided with baskets filled with agricultural products and a specialty box lunch. This package simply serves to remind lawmakers about the multiple ways in which agriculture affects their lives, the lives of their constituents, and the impact their choices make on the world of agriculture.

To be part of the annual IALD, Illinois agricultural organizations are to complete and return all registration materials. For your convenience, the registration steps are listed below with due dates. You can access the IALD information, forms, and invoice on-line. If you need assistance, contact Joe Kienzler (joe.kienzler@illinois.gov or 217-782-3256).

Access website for IALD INFORMATION: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/default.aspx>

- 1. 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**.
- 2. IALD Directory Page:** The IALD Directory is publication listing all the participating agricultural groups. We Attached a word document with last year's information to this email. Please make changes to the document and send to joe.kienzler@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.

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IALD Registration Form

Organization _____

Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2021 IALD Participation

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

We are unable to participate this year.

2021 IALD Directory Page Information

Please review your organization's page on the attached Word document and return to Joe at joe.kienzler@illinois.gov.

We have reviewed and submitted our changes for the 2021 IALD Directory Page

We are unable to participate this year.

Thank you for supporting the 2021 Illinois Ag Legislative Day!

Mail in your registration, check, and updated directory page to:

2021 IALD, Attention: Attention: Joe Kienzler

Illinois Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Robert Baren: rob.baren@illinois.gov or 217-785-5485

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IALD Invoice

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Description	Amount
2021 IALD Registration Fee Please make check payable to the IALD Treasurer	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 150.00

Thank you for supporting the 2021 Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day!

Please send invoice with payment to:

**2021 IALD
Attention: Joe Kienzler
Illinois Department of Agriculture
IL State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281**

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IALD Commodity Baskets

Commodity Baskets: Please provide 275 items

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

Let's showcase what Illinois agriculture has to offer and boost our efforts to FILL UP the 275 baskets for Illinois state legislators. Here is an OPPORTUNITY to tell about your organization's role in the world through the items you put in the basket. We ask each group to provide item(s) with color, flavor, size, texture, value, use, and more for the baskets. Ask yourself, what products complement your organization?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET IN YOUR BASKET? Just a few ideas:

- TELL the story of what comes from Illinois fields and farms
- BULK UP the items in the baskets with LARGER packaging
- SUPPLY fresh, tasty, and colorful products
- CONSIDER COOKING OR GRILLING utensils with a recipe
- PACKAGE INGREDIENTS with a delicious recipe
- **Please AVOID brochures, papers, and small items**

ILLINOIS FOOD GUIDE

Consider contacting an Illinois company that makes specialty items such as fudge, beef jerky, barbecue sauces, seasonings for meats, desserts, and snack foods, then affix your contact information to the item. Search the Illinois Food Guide on-line at www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Assistance/Pages/Food-and-Agribusiness-Guide.aspx for the listing of Illinois companies that may trigger a unique idea to represent your organization.

GIFT BAN ACT

Check out this website for info on the Gift Ban Act: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/pubact90/acts/90-0737.html>

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

BASKET ITEMS DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS (SHIPPING/DROP-OFF)

For your convenience, drop off or ship the items to the Illinois Department of Agriculture by **NOON on Thursday, March 18, 2021**. Department staff will transport items received to the south wing of the Capitol.

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Illinois FFA members and Vo-Ag teachers assemble the baskets for state legislators, constitutional offices, and staffers on behalf of our commodity groups in a safe, socially distanced environment. Thank you to these generous volunteers for their work!

IALD Contact

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IALD Checklist and Due Dates

Due by March 5, 2021

- ___ Submit organization registration form
- ___ Submit \$150 Registration Fee – please make check payable to: **IALD Treasurer**
- ___ Update and submit your organization’s IALD Directory Page

Commodity Basket Information

- ___ **Order your organization’s 275 items for the Commodity Basket Donations**
- ___ Please deliver your basket items by noon on Thursday, March 18, 2021 to the Illinois Department of Agriculture

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Kienzler at
217-888-0048

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