

# 50th Annual Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day

March 3, 2020  
Springfield, Illinois



Illinois farm and agricultural groups are invited to join us for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day (IALD) set for Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Springfield, Illinois. IALD is a tradition that 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. 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 breakfast, a box lunch, and a commodity basket for each of the legislators. We are also fortunate to have the assistance of more than 1,000 Illinois FFA members and their vocational-agriculture teachers to assemble and personally deliver the items to the state lawmakers.

To register for the 2020 IALD, go to [www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/default.aspx) and access the on-line registration packet. If you have any questions, contact Robert Baren (217-785-5485 or [rob.baren@illinois.gov](mailto:rob.baren@illinois.gov)). It is our agricultural community that makes this event truly successful. We appreciate your commitment and support for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual IALD.

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IALD Chair  
Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association

Robert Baren  
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## Sponsor Information

The 50<sup>th</sup> Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day (IALD) brings together agricultural commodity organizations and diverse agriculture interest groups to the State Capitol to speak to state lawmakers in Springfield. 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, please contact Robert Baren ([rob.baren@illinois.gov](mailto:rob.baren@illinois.gov) or 217-785-5485).

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

- 1. Registration Form:** Complete and submit your registration form by February 15, 2020.
- 2. Invoice/Payment:** There is a \$200 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 five (5) tickets for the breakfast and program held at the State House Inn. Additional members are welcome to attend and may purchase their breakfast tickets for \$5 each.
- 3. Legislative Visits: (IMPORTANT: Mark number on registration form)**  
Please make time on March 3 to meet with lawmakers and share the priorities of the agriculture community. Each sponsoring group is highly encouraged to visit with two (2) sets of legislators – this equals six (6) visits (one legislative set includes one [1] Senator and the two [2] corresponding Representatives). There is a section on the registration form where you can write in the number of legislative sets you agree to visit on March 3.
- 4. IALD Directory Page:** The IALD Directory is publication listing all of the participating agricultural groups. To update your organization's page, go to [www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/Directory.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/Directory.aspx). Click on your organization's page, make the changes on-line and hit the "Submit by Email" button, or print to scan and send via email to Robert Baren ([rob.baren@illinois.gov](mailto:rob.baren@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 [www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Documents/basket%20info.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Documents/basket%20info.pdf).

**6. Name Badges:** Name badges serve as the reservations for the breakfast and program on March 3 at the Illinois State Library . **Please complete and submit the name badge form prior to February 15, 2020.**

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## IALD Agenda

### Ag Commodity Groups

**7:30 a.m.**

#### **Doors Open at the Illinois State Library**

Check-in begins at the Illinois State Library. Come early to visit with agriculture leaders, state legislators, and staffers while enjoying a continental style breakfast.

**8:30 a.m.**

#### **IALD Program and Briefing**

#### **Invited Guests**

Governor JB Pritzker  
Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton

#### **Speakers**

Gage Miller, Illinois FFA President  
The 2020 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen

#### **Senate Agriculture Committee**

Senator Scott M. Bennett, Chairperson  
Senator Craig Wilcox, Minority Spokesperson

#### **House & Ag Conservation Committee**

Representative Sonya Harper, Chairperson  
Representative Charlie Meier, Republican Spokesperson

#### **Agriculture Round-table Legislative Priorities**

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

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **Legislative Visits at Capitol Complex**

Agricultural Commodity Group representatives meet with Illinois legislators.

### FFA

**9:00 a.m.**

#### **Check-in at South Wing of State Capitol**

Illinois FFA members and their vocational agriculture teachers will meet in the South Wing of the State Capitol to assemble the commodity baskets and lunches for state lawmakers.

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **FFA Rally at Rotunda of State Capitol**

Illinois FFA members gather in the Rotunda of the State Capitol for a briefing of the day's events and a welcome from the Illinois Director of Agriculture and State FFA Officers.

**10:15 a.m.**

#### **FFA Group Photo at East Steps of State Capitol**

Secretary of State Police will escort Illinois FFA members outside to the East Steps of the State Capitol for a group photo.

**10:30 a.m.**

#### **Distribution of Baskets and Lunches**

Illinois FFA members and their instructors will deliver packaged lunches and commodity baskets filled with agricultural products provided by the agriculture groups to each legislator and their secretary.

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## IALD Registration Form

### Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2020 IALD Participation

- YES, we agree to participate in IALD for \$200**  
Please make check payable to the IALD Treasurer
- We are unable to participate this year.

#### 2020 IALD Directory Page Information

Please review your organization's page by accessing the Directory Page Update on-line at:

[www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Consumers/Education/LegislativeDay/Pages/default.aspx)

- We have reviewed and submitted our changes for the 2020 IALD Directory Page
- We are unable to participate this year.

**IMPORTANT** Meet with 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. Each organization is encouraged to take two (2) sets of legislators – one set is one (1) Senator and two (2) corresponding Representatives.

#### 2020 IALD Legislative Visits 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 2020 Illinois Ag Legislative Day!**

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

2020 IALD, Attention: Legislative Office

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

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## IALD Invoice

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Description	Amount
<b>2020 IALD Registration Fee</b> Please make check payable to the <b>IALD Treasurer</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

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Please send invoice with payment to:

**2020 IALD**  
**Attention: Legislative Office**  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
IL State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281  
Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Contact:  
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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 bring their A-GAME – bring out your creative side and 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](http://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 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, February 27, 2020. Department staff will transport items received to the south wing of the Capitol.

**Shipping Information and Instructions—Next Page**

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## IALD Commodity Baskets Shipping Information

**Commodity Baskets: Please provide 275 items**

### Drop-off Information

For your convenience, **drop off** or ship the items to the Illinois Department of Agriculture by **NOON Thursday, February 27**. Department staff will transport items received to the south wing of the Capitol.

You can also bring items to the south wing of the State Capitol the day of the event, March 3, 2020, **before 9:00 a.m.**

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

### IALD Contact

**Robert Baren**

**Legislative Liaison- Illinois Department of Agriculture |**

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### IALD Registration Website

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## IALD Name Badge Form

As part of the \$200 sponsorship, each organization receives five (5) complimentary name badges which serve as admission to the breakfast and program on the morning of IALD, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. On this form, please include names for those five badges. Additional name badges may be purchased for \$5 each. You may add those names and the additional cost owed on the next page.

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions, please contact the IALD Coordinator:**

Legislative Office - Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Illinois State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281

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## Additional IALD Name Badges

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total @ \$5 each: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IALD Checklist and Due Dates

Access IALD forms and information on-line at:

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### Due by February 15, 2020

- \_\_\_ Submit organization registration form
- \_\_\_ Submit \$200 Registration Fee – please make check payable to: **IALD Treasurer**
- \_\_\_ Sign-up for legislative visits – we encourage your group to visit a minimum of two (2) sets of legislators, more are appreciated; each set includes one (1) Senator and two (2) corresponding Representatives
- \_\_\_ Update and submit your organization's IALD Directory Page
- \_\_\_ Submit the Name Badge Form
- \_\_\_ Submit fees for additional badges (if applicable)

### Commodity Basket Information

- \_\_\_ **Order your organization's 275 items for the Commodity Baskets**
- \_\_\_ **Delivery Option 1:** Deliver your basket items by noon on Thursday, February 27, 2020, to the Illinois Department of Agriculture
- \_\_\_ **Delivery Option 2:** Deliver the items by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, to the south wing of the State Capitol

### Other Information

- \_\_\_ IALD Agenda

If you have any questions, please contact the IALD Coordinator:

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## **2020 IALD Leadership and Contacts**

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**Jerry Hicks**

IALD Treasurer  
Agrivest, Inc. Farm Management & Real Estate

**Robert Baren, IALD Coordinator**

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