



IOWA CHAPTER

Sierra Club Is Pro-Agriculture!

The Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club has a long history of promoting agriculture. The Sierra Club is a leader in promoting policies that protect rural Iowans, in advocating for commonsense solutions, and in asking that the legislature properly fund those solutions.

The Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club stood beside Iowa farmers and landowners who were threatened to have their land taken from them using eminent domain for use by a crude oil pipeline. The Sierra Club has remained standing by them as they struggle to return their land to full production, following the construction of the pipeline.

The Sierra Club has stood by farmers who have had the use and enjoyment of the homes and land destroyed by a neighboring industrial hog factory (CAFO), by fighting at the Department of Natural Resources for better rules and demanding that the legislature pass better laws.

The Sierra Club stands by farmers who want to protect the soil and water through sustainable agriculture practices.

The Sierra Club supports building local markets for farmers who want to grow fruits and vegetables, including food hubs, community supported agriculture, and local food processing facilities.

The Sierra Club supports strong organic standards for those who want to farm chemical-free.

The Sierra Club stands by farmers who want to protect their drinking water wells from the over-application of nutrients. We also stand by urban residents who want their drinking water to be clean and healthy.

The Sierra Club works to protect pollinators that are so necessary for pollinating our gardens and crops.

The Sierra Club supports funding for the Rural Utility Service which provides cost effective loans to rural electric cooperatives, including the energy efficiency programs and the transition to clean renewable electricity sources.



The Sierra Club supports the Leopold Center and its research mission and supports the investment in comprehensive agriculture research to meet the needs of the future.

The Sierra Club encourages the legislature to implement the three-eighths cent sales tax, which will fund outdoor recreation and water quality initiatives. The money funding water quality initiatives will benefit Iowa's farmers.

For many years, the Sierra Club has promoted policies that protect farmland from urban sprawl.

The Sierra Club has raised awareness of the effects of climate change on Iowa's agriculture and has been advocating for real solutions that benefit farmers such as carbon sequestration.

Any claim that the Sierra Club is anti-ag is simply not true.