

## 1. Stakeholder Survey on the Indiana Department of Agriculture (ISDA)

Thank you for agreeing to share your perceptions regarding the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Throughout this survey, we may refer to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture by its acronym, which is ISDA.

### Personal Description

Please review questions 1 through 8 and select the one description that best describes your role in Indiana's food production.

1. I am a . . .

Consumer

2. I am a . . .

Crop Farmer

Number of acres farmed:

3. I am a . . .

Livestock producer

Number and types of animals:

4. I am a . . .

Crop and livestock producer

Number of acres farmed and number and types of animals:

5. I am a . . .

Involved in food processing, preparation or distribution

6. I am a . . .

Input supplier to the crop and livestock industries

7. I am a . . .

Industry association representative

8. I am a . . .

Local or state elected and or appointed leader

9. I am . . .

Other

Other (please specify):

## General Awareness

10. Are you aware that in 2005 Indiana state government created it's first stand-alone department of agriculture?

No

Yes

If you answered Yes in question 10, please answer the following question:

11. Please tell us how aware you are in the following aspects of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Give a rating of 1 if you are unaware and a rating of 10 if you are highly aware about these aspects.

	1 - <u>Unaware</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - <u>Highly Aware</u>
1. The role of the ISDA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The ISDA budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The overall activities of the ISDA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. ISDA's activities promoting economic development in Indiana agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Perception of Overall Change

\* 12. Please tell us your perception about the work of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Since its inception three (3) years ago, would you say the following increased, decreased or stayed the same? (Please mark the category that reflects your opinion)

	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Stayed the Same</u>
1. Awareness and understanding of the Indiana general public on the importance of agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Attention from state leaders to the agriculture sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Opportunities for growth in Indiana agriculture	jñ	jñ	jñ
4. Challenges or issues preventing growth of Indiana agriculture	jñ	jñ	jñ

## Awareness regarding Indiana State Department of Agriculture

13. Over the last three years, ISDA has focused on many activities designed to boost Indiana's ag economy. Please tell us how aware you are about the following ISDA activities. Give a rating of 1 if you are unaware and a rating of 10 if you are highly aware of these activities. You can use any number between 1 and 10 to express your opinion.

	1 - Unaware	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - HighlyAware
1. Increasing the general public's understanding of opportunities in Indiana's ag sector	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
2. ISDA's efforts toward growing the state's biofuel and bioenergy sector	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
3. ISDA's efforts toward increasing livestock production	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
4. ISDA's efforts toward finding new opportunities for diversified farming	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
5. ISDA's efforts toward growing the states hardwood sector	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
6. Increasing international agriculture trade opportunities	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
7. ISDA's efforts toward growing the state's food and livestock processing sector	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
8. ISDA's efforts toward assisting local communities to better integrate modern livestock farms	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
9. ISDA's efforts toward helping farmers and agribusinesses work with the state's regulatory functions	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ

10. ISDA's efforts toward increasing Indiana's participation in Federal Soil Conservation programs

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## Importance of issues and opportunities

14. Now, we would like you to think about a series of issues and opportunities for growth. Please allocate on a 1-10 scale on how important you believe each of the following issues or areas for future growth are to the state of Indiana, in particular the agriculture sector. Please evaluate each of these areas only on its importance to you and not on whether or not you believe you or anyone else is effectively capitalizing on them. Give a rating of 1 if you sense little importance and a rating of 10 if you feel the issue is highly important. You may use any number between 1 and 10 to express your opinion.

	1 - Low Importance	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - High Importance
1. Enhancing public's understanding of state agriculture	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2. Increasing further biofuels and bioenergy development	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
3. Growing livestock production	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
4. Improving local land use and zoning policies	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
5. Improving Indiana's ag regulatory sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
6. Reforming Indiana's property tax structure	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
7. Increasing diversified farming opportunities	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
8. Growing Indiana's hardwood sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
9. Exploring international agriculture trade opportunities	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
10. Growing the food and livestock processing sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
12. Assisting local communities to better integrate modern livestock farms	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
13. Helping farmers and agribusinesses work with the state's	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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regulatory functions

14. Increasing Indiana's participation in Federal Soil Conservation programs	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
15. Stimulating agriculture innovation and technology	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
16. Addressing Indiana's transportation needs	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
17. Enhancing soil and water conservation	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

15. Of the issues and opportunities for growth listed above, what, in your opinion, are the three (3) most important?

1.
2.
3.

## Performance of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture

16. Since it's inception in 2005, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture has attempted to address all of these issues or opportunities for growth. Please tell us how well they have performed using a 1 to 10 scale. Give a rating of 1 if you sense little importance and and a rating of 10 if you feel the issue is highly important. You may use any number between 1 and 10 to express your opinion.

	1 - Importance	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Excellent
1. Enhancing public's understanding of state agriculture	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
2. Increasing further biofuels and bioenergy development	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
3. Growing livestock production	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
4. Improving local land use and zoning policies	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
5. Improving Indiana's ag regulatory sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
6. Reforming Indiana's property tax structure	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
7. Increasing diversified farming opportunities	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
8. Growing Indiana's hardwood sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
9. Exploring international agriculture	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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trade opportunities

10. Growing food and livestock processing sector	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
11. Assisting local communities to better integrate modern livestock farms	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
12. Helping farmers and agribusinesses work with the state's regulatory functions	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
13. Increasing Indiana's participation in Federal Soil Conservation programs	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
14. Stimulating agriculture innovation and technology	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
15. Addressing Indiana's transportation needs	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
16. Enhancing soil and water conservation	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

## Other Comments

17. What other comments would you have regarding the current performance of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture? This could include additional positive comments, on-going concerns and other untapped opportunities or issues you sense need to be addressed.

18. Please tell us how competent you believe the Indiana State Department of Agriculture staff is. Assign a score from 1 to 10 where 1 = no competence and 10

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= complete competence to perform their roles.

	<u>1 - No Competence</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<u>10 - Complete Competence</u>
Do they have the knowledge and skills to do a good job?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Please tell us how confident you are that the Indiana State Department of Agriculture staff shares your values and is willing to do what is right. Assign a score from 1 to 10 where 1 = no confidence and 10 = complete confidence

	<u>1 - No Confidence</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<u>10 - Complete Confidence</u>
The Indiana State Department of Agriculture staff shares your values and is willing to do what is right.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!