

105. ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

We support:

1. Maintaining the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) as a stand-alone agency.
2. Strengthening the IDOA including its role in regulatory concerns as they apply to agriculture.
3. Strengthening Illinois county fairs, the Illinois State Fair, and the DuQuoin State Fair as agricultural expositions.
4. Encouraging the State of Illinois to fully fund its portion of premium dollars at Illinois county fairs.
5. The establishment of a charitable foundation to solicit donations and sponsorships to grow and improve the Illinois State Fair and the DuQuoin State Fair.
6. Encouraging the IDOA and the State of Illinois to put a five-to-10-year plan in place to move the Illinois State Fair up at least one week.
7. Maintaining sufficient meat inspectors on staff so as to be readily available and not hinder the ability of local meat lockers to harvest as needed.