

Grant

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2025 grant awardees.

“Consumers increasingly want more locally grown food, beverages, and ag products, and that’s great news for Iowa farmers and small businesses,” Secretary Naig said. “These Choose Iowa value-added grants are designed to help small, young, and beginning farmers grow their businesses to meet this rising demand. By investing alongside them, we’re not only helping to expand the availability of Iowa products, but we’re also fueling economic opportunity in communities all across the state.”

This year’s grants will support a wide variety of projects including produce processing and production, expanding farm-to-table dining, commercial kitchen construction, on-farm retail, refrigeration and freezer capacity for more direct-to-consumer sales, honey production and value-added processing, Christmas tree and popcorn sales, and more.

Individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that are currently living or operating in Iowa were eligible to apply for the Choose Iowa value-added grants, and preference was given to small- to medium-sized entities. This year, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship received 99 eligible grant requests totaling \$1,741,704.41 — more than four times the avail-



Strawberries are one of the crops grown at Bruck Hillside Acres in Audubon County.

able funding — underscoring the interest and demand for funding to support local foods programs.

Since the Choose Iowa value-added grant program launched in 2022, the Department has awarded nearly \$1.64 million in state funded cost-share to 100 projects, for a total investment of \$5.6 million to expand local production and processing.

Local/semi local Choose Iowa Value-Added Grants awarded recently include: (33 projects total were awarded):

- **Bruck Hillside Acres | Audubon** | \$18,589.79 — Install a well and irrigation system for strawberry production. Total project budget: \$37,179.57

- **Early Morning Harvest | Panora** | \$25,000 — Add a semi-automatic bag filler for retail sized bags of flour and a pneumatic conveying product mover. Total project budget: \$53,888
- **Grade A Gardens | Earlham** | \$6,000 — Expand a farm stand to include electricity and a refrigerated case. Total project budget: \$12,200
- **Tranel Aronia Products | Madrid** | \$25,000 — Implement an aronia berry cleaning and de-stemming line. Total project budget: \$51,100
- **V&B Farms | Ames** | \$1,847.56 — Increase freezer and refrigerator space for locally made ice cream. Total project budget: \$3,695.12

Help Pick Iowa’s Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin—Nominations Now Open

CLIVE – Is the breaded pork tenderloin your go-to when eating out? If so, it’s that time of year again and we need your help to uncover the 2025 Iowa’s Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin! The Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) is on the hunt for the tastiest, juiciest, most mouthwatering breaded pork tenderloin sandwich in the state.

Nominations for the 23rd annual Iowa’s Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin Contest are officially open from April 17 to June 1, and you can throw your favorite restaurant into the ring. Whether it’s a small-town café or a local go-to spot, now’s your chance to give them the recognition they deserve.

Each person can nominate one restaurant, and if your pick takes the crown, you could win \$100 just for showing your love! New restaurants pop up around the state all the time, each with their own take on the breaded pork tenderloin. So, tell us, do you have one you’re loyal to or do you have a newfound love?

“Restaurants should definitely be paying attention to this contest and encouraging nominations from their customers if they haven’t in the past”, says Denise Wiley, chairwoman of the Restaurant & Foodservice Committee at Iowa Pork. “Testimonials from past restaurant winners and even Top 5 qualifiers have proven Iowans’ love for breaded pork tenderloins and have reported selling 5-10x more tenderloins than their average.”

The breaded pork tenderloin sandwich is a quintessential Iowa dish, enjoyed by Iowans and visitors alike. It’s an extremely popular item on the menu in small-town diners and restaurants across the state.

Iowa leads the nation in pork production, and this contest is a fun, flavorful way to celebrate both culinary pride and local agriculture.

Here’s How It Works:

To qualify, a restaurant must serve hand-breaded pork tenderloin sandwiches as a regular menu item and have consistent, year-round hours that are open to the public. Sorry, no food trucks, seasonal spots, or catering-only businesses are eligible.

After the nomination period, IPPA will narrow entries down to the top 40 restaurants, including the top five from each of its eight districts. Then, undercover judges will hit the road to taste and score the finalists based on pork quality, flavor, appearance, and overall deliciousness.

The top five will be revealed in October during National Pork Month, and the winner will snag \$500, a plaque, and some serious bragging rights. The runner-up gets \$250 and a plaque too!

Just how big is this thing?

In 2023 alone, more than 9,000 nominations came in for 774 different restaurants. So yeah—this contest is a pretty big deal.

Recent Winners:

- 2024 — Dairy Sweet in Dunlap
- 2023 — Cliff’s Place in Manning
- 2022 — Lid’s Bar & Grill in Waukon
- 2021 — Victoria Station in Harlan, which has since closed
- 2020 — PrairieMoon On Main in Prairieburg

Click here for the full list of past winners dating back to 2003. IPPA also invites food lovers to conquer the Iowa Tenderloin Trail by June 1 and win a T-shirt.

About the Iowa Pork Producers Association

The mission of the Iowa Pork Producers Association is promoting, educating, and providing a leading voice for a sustainable, socially responsible, and globally competitive pork industry.

Legal Notice

CITY OF AUDUBON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Event Date/Time April 15, 2025 5:30 PM Location City Hall
OPENING BUSINESS
Agenda Item: Call meeting to order
Minutes: Mayor Lansman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Council members in attendance were Hocker, Meyer, Richardson, and Wegner. Grabill was absent. Others in attendance were Janell Remsburg, Brian Juelsgaard, Sean Staples, Gail Richardson, and Dirk Rasmussen.
Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda
Minutes: Hocker motioned Richardson seconded to approve the agenda. ALL AYED.
CONSENT AGENDA
Agenda Item: Minutes of previous Council meetings, Claims, Treasurer Report and Budget YTD Report, Liquor Licenses (Audubon County Agricultural Society), Tobacco Licenses (Casey’s)
Minutes: Hocker motioned, Meyer seconded to approve the consent agenda. ALL AYED.
PUBLIC COMMENTS-comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes per meeting
Agenda Item: Dirk Rasmussen
Minutes: Discussed costs that he had for replacing lead water lines. There is a State revolving fund that could assist with these costs, but are only available to cities or counties. The City should consider making this available to residents that need to replace lead water lines.
PUBLIC HEARINGS
NEW BUSINESS
Agenda Item: Brian Handlos - needing approval to divide Waspy’s into 3 parcels
Minutes: Brian Handlos discussed their need to divide Waspy’s from 1 parcel into 3 parcels if planning to sell separately. He has a surveyor lined up, but they won’t survey until they have the City’s approval. As per City Code 175.04, the clerk will distribute a copy of the preliminary plat to those listed and get approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
Agenda Item: John Nissen - Discuss sidewalk repairs & leveling
Minutes: John Nissen was absent.
Agenda Item: Approval of the GAX #1 Draw (Matt Campbell-Revitalize Iowa, LLC) - Region XII
Minutes: Hocker motioned Richardson seconded to approve the GAX #1 Draw for Matt Campbell-Revitalize Iowa, LLC. ALL AYED.
Agenda Item: Discuss US Water rate increase with possible action
Minutes: Hocker motioned Meyer seconded to table until more research is done. ALL AYED.
Agenda Item: Sean Staples - Discuss possible Disorderly Property Ordinance with possible action
Minutes: Chief Staples discussed the need for a Disorderly Property Ordinance. The Police Department are called to the same houses repeatedly. This could be an amendment to a current ordinance involving nuisance properties. This would make it possible to fine the landlords for disorderly tenants.
Agenda Item: Discuss who could be responsible for putting up and taking down of Christmas Decorations and Banners with possible action
Minutes: Janell Remsburg stated that is always an issue when it comes to the Christmas decorations and the banners. Sometimes it can be very hard to find volunteers. The Parks & Recreation Association believe it is the City’s responsibility to handle this. This is how it is handled in many cities. Brian Juelsgaard stated that the equipment would cost quite a bit to do this. Mayor Lansman asked Brian if leasing equipment from other cities would be an option or a backup vendor resource if no volunteers. No action taken.
Agenda Item: Approve Cahoy Pump Service Invoices #26945 & #26946
Minutes: Hocker motioned Richardson seconded to approve Cahoy Pump Service invoices #26945 & #26946. ALL AYED.
Agenda Item: Discuss EMC Insurance’s response regarding wind damage at water treatment plant
Minutes: There was some wind damage to the water plant on March 14, 2025. EMC Insurance stated that the estimates to repair these damages were less than the deductible, therefore the claim will be closed.
Agenda Item: Approve a 5-10 year road infrastructure strategy
Minutes: Meyer motioned Richardson seconded to approve the 5-10 year road infrastructure strategy discussed by Mayor Lansman and Brian Juelsgaard. ALL AYED. The list of streets and alleys in this plan will be published in the near future.
OLD BUSINESS
Agenda Item: Discuss organization of a planning committee for the City’s Comprehensive Plan
Minutes: Brandi Meyer volunteered to assist in organizing a planning

committee for the City’s Comprehensive Plan. This committee should consist of City Council members, Mayor, general public, planning and zoning, those with interest in the school, housing, economic development, and any other individuals that may benefit the plan’s development..
Agenda Item: Discuss progress of abandoned property at 308 S. Div. St. W.
Minutes: Meyer motioned Wegner seconded to table this item until more information is received from the City Attorney. ALL AYED.
Agenda Item: Discuss progress of codification
Minutes: Meyer motioned Wegner seconded to table this item until more information is received from the City Attorney. ALL AYED.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Agenda Item: Police
Minutes: Chief Staples stated that there have been a lot of drug related arrests. They have also been called to the school a few times.
Agenda Item: Fire and Fire Association
Minutes: No report
Agenda Item: Public Works
Minutes: Brian Juelsgaard stated that Henningsen Construction is starting street repairs this week. We will notify the public on social media, our website, and the City Park sign. They will start working on getting the pool ready to open.
Agenda Item: City Clerk
Minutes: Janell Remsburg stated that she attended the IMFOA Spring Conference last Thursday and Friday. We are working on migrating the City’s software from desktop to cloud based, and this is requiring more work than anticipated.
Agenda Item: Library
Minutes: Gail Richardson stated that Music in the Park is all scheduled for this Summer. There are also five Reading Programs scheduled.
Agenda Item: Memorial Building
Minutes: Gail Richardson stated that they might need a project manager. Mayor Lansman recommended that they come up with a list of items they want to do and possibly get estimates from contractors.
Agenda Item: Parks & Rec
Minutes: Janell Remsburg stated the a pool manager has been hired. They are in the process of getting lifeguards hired and certified. Pool is planned to open May 26th.
PROPOSITIONS FROM THE MAYOR
Agenda Item: Palle Lansman
Minutes: He is wanting to start working more on nuisance abatements, and to also discuss the process for abandoned and dangerous buildings at the next meeting.
PROPOSITIONS FROM THE COUNCIL
Agenda Item: James Richardson
Minutes: Richardson has been assisting Brian Schmidt with the Avenue of Honors Banners project. The Parks & Recreation Association has approved this project, so no approval is needed from the City Council. Brian stated that he will get the banners put up by July 4th until Veteran’s Day.
ADJOURNMENT
Agenda Item: Adjourn
Minutes: Hocker motioned Wegner seconded to adjourn at 6:40pm. ALL AYED.
MARCH 2025 CLAIMS REPORT
ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES\$26.98
ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES\$159.36
ADVOCATE JOURNAL, HELP WANTED/MEETINGS\$409.20
AGRILAND FS INC, FUEL\$1,273.14
ANATOMY IT, IT SERVICES\$1,856.01
AUDUBON AG AND AUTO, VEHICLE REPAIRS\$463.18
AUDUBON AG AND AUTO, VEHICLE REPAIRS.....\$10.61
AUDUBON CO TRANSFER STATION, ABATEMENTS\$97.00
AUDUBON CO. TREASURER, CITY HALL\$6,823.00
BASE, APRIL MONTHLY FEE.....\$48.00
BASE CLAIM PAYMENT, CLAIM PAYMENTS\$340.00
CARROLL CLEANING SUPPLY, CLEANING SUPPLIES\$10.00
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE, FEB 2025 SERVICE\$13,950.00
CENTER POINT, BOOKS.....\$560.88
CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS, REPAIRS\$590.02

CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP, PATCHING\$722.24
COUNTRY SAMPLER, PERIODICALS\$26.75
CULLIGAN, WATER\$34.40
DANNER LAWNSCAPES, CONTRACT\$3,838.67

DELTA DENTAL, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$659.92
DON RUBY, SCANPRO 1100	\$725.00
DOUGLAS JENSEN, SNOW REMOVAL	\$581.00
ECOLAB, PEST CONTROL.....	\$252.36
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$12,479.87
FIRST NAT BANK OF OMAHA, TRAINING	\$1,211.67
FNIC-TRUSTED INSURANCE, CYBER LIABILITY 4/1/25 \$2,213.42	
GLOBE LIFE - LIBERTY NATIONAL, GLOBE LIFE CANC..	\$132.08
GUTHRIE COUNTY REC, UTILITIES	\$26.25
HDI CLEANING LLC, CLEANING	\$500.00
HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC., SANDER REPAIRS	\$30.15
IOWA ASSOC. OF MUNICIPAL UTILIT, 2025-2026 DUES.....	\$881.00
IOWA DEPT OF HEALTH/HUMAN SERV, CHILD SUPPORT	\$555.88
IOWA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS, POOL LICENSING	\$105.00
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFET, JULY-DECEMBER 2024	
IOWA SYSTEM.....	\$2,913.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, TAXES	\$4,954.18
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, MMPI EVALUATION	
.....	\$150.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$8,142.82
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	
.....	\$7,132.25
MARC BILLS, AFLAC DEDUCTION	\$43.38
MEDIACOM, INTERNET/PHONE	\$235.86
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, WATER TESTING	\$541.75
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, UTILITIES	\$14,367.40
MIDWEST TAPE, DVD/VIDEOS	\$25.49
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC, RADIO EQUIPMENT	\$1,465.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., WATER LINE PARTS	\$6,242.33
OBERHEIDEN PC, DOJ INVESTIGATION	\$9,724.40
OUR IOWA, PERIODICALS	\$39.98
PENWORTHY, BOOKS.....	\$587.09
PETTY CASH, POSTAGE	\$40.40
RASMUSSEN LUMBER CO., WATER LINE SUPPLIES.....	\$100.30
RASMUSSEN, NELSON, WONIO PLC, MONTHLY ATTORNEY FEES	
.....	\$1,000.00
REMSBURG SERVICE, EXHAUST FAN	\$1,126.55
RK’S TREE SERVICE LLC, TREE REMOVAL.....	\$1,250.00
ROBERT WINTER, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	\$71.96
STATE WITHHOLDING, STATE TAX	\$1,270.68
THE AMERICAN LEGION, FLAGS	\$60.00
THE OFFICE STOP, SUPPLIES.....	\$58.50
US POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$407.68
US WATER SERVICES, MARCH 2025	\$16,633.90
USDA, LOANS	\$20,541.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, PHONE	\$232.21
WASPY’S TRUCK STOP LLC, FUEL	\$360.42
WELLMARK BCBS, HEALTH INSURANCE.....	\$15,808.70
WELLS FARGO FINANCE LEASING, COLOR COPIER.....	\$241.04
WESTERN IOWA WIRELESS, INTERNET	\$49.95
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION, NORTHWESTERN AVE....	\$325.00
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET.....	\$1,304.46
WIRED WEST COMPUTERS , CAMPGROUND QR CODE.....	\$400.00
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$ 169,440.72
GENERAL FUND	\$77,017.71
ROAD USE TAX	\$10,214.03
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$16,657.22
WATER FUND	\$38,142.20
SEWER FUND	\$27,409.56
.....	TOTAL FUNDS \$169,440.72
MARCH 2025 REVENUE	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,473.23
COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$16,892.00
EMS TOTAL	\$3,593.93
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX TOTAL	\$2,463.78
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	\$20,082.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL	\$8,264.60
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX TOTAL	\$37,467.95
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$3,836.55
WATER FUND TOTAL	\$60,103.91
SEWER FUND TOTAL	\$68,155.09
.....	TOTAL REVENUE BY FUND \$258,333.74

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