

the food and ingredient industry in Iowa is thriving

- Iowa is number one in the nation in corn, soybean, pork and egg production. (USDA, 2015)
- Iowa is home to 36 of the largest 100 food manufacturers/processors. (Food Processing Magazine, 2015)
- Iowa is home to the largest cereal mill (Quaker Oats) and largest caramel color plant (Sethness) in the world and the largest spice plant (Tone's) in North America. (Iowa Economic Development Authority)
- 21 percent of Iowa's manufacturing GDP comes from the food processing industry. In 2013, Iowa's food industry invested over \$997 million in capital investment to expand operations. (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2014 and U.S. Census, 2013)
- More than 900 Iowa food processors generate more than \$35 billion worth of food products annually. (Hoover's Database, 2015 and U.S. Census, 2012)
- Iowa alone produces one-eleventh of the nation's food supply. (USDA, 2013)
- Iowa produces 18.4 percent of the nation's corn supply, 14.1 percent of the nation's soybeans and 12.9 percent of the nation's eggs. (USDA, 2015)
- Iowa produces 12.4 billion eggs each year, almost one-and-a-third times the second-largest egg producing state. (USDA, 2015)
- Iowa's farmers produce 30 percent of the nation's pork. (USDA, 2014)

World Food Prize

Iowa is home to the World Food Prize, the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of those who advance human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. The World Food Prize was conceived by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, recipient of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize. Former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush are among the 15-member Council of Advisors. World Food Prize Laureates have been recognized from around the world.



in corn production

2.51 billion bushels per year

18.4% of total U.S. production



in soybean production

553 million bushels per year

14.1% of total U.S. production



in pork production

44.5 million head marketed/year

30% of total U.S. production



in egg production

12.4 billion eggs produced/year

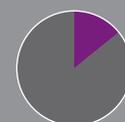
12.9% of total U.S. production



in red meat production

6.9 billion pounds/year

14.4% of total U.S. production



Source: USDA, 2015

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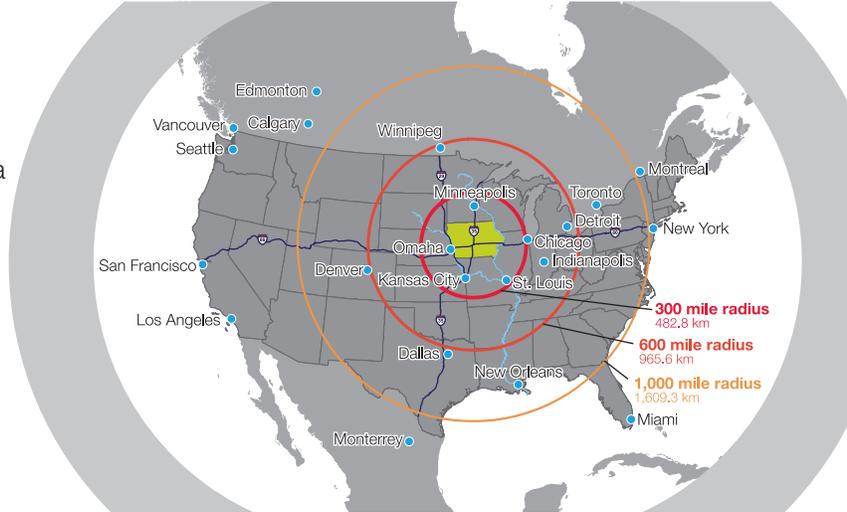
world food security—global research and collaboration based in Iowa

It's all hands on deck for top food and seed researchers, collaborating to find answers to food security issues that affect the world. Decades ago, Iowa native and father of the "green revolution", Dr. Norman Borlaug, developed high-yield wheat that ultimately fed millions of hungry people in areas of the world where food was most scarce. Emerging in a global conversation among G8 and G20 Summits, food security is now even more important. Iowa is at the center of research addressing food security through significant research advancements at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa; through Iowa-based research and development operations of global leaders in seed production within DuPont Pioneer, Monsanto and other companies; through the state's significant presence at USDA facilities; and through the leadership of the World Food Prize in food security issues. Each of these global leaders in its own field are based in Iowa, working together to both feed and fuel a world doubling its population amid diminishing resources.

companies already at work in Iowa



central geographic location



Iowa's business climate

- Iowa has the eighth lowest cost of doing business in the country. (CNBC, 2015)
- Iowa is a right-to-work state.
- Iowans tend to stay in one job an average of 12+ years. (Iowa Workforce Development, 2010)
- Iowa exported \$13.1 billion worth of manufactured and value-added goods. (Global Trade Information Service, 2015)
- Iowa's manufactured exports have grown by more than 21 percent over the last five years. (Global Trade Information Service, 2015)

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