



DNR Lease to Beginning Farmer Program 2025 IADD Certification

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2025



Name of Beginning Farmer _____ Date of Birth _____
Name of Spouse _____ Date of Birth _____
Address: _____ Telephone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail: _____

CERTIFICATIONS OF BEGINNING FARMER

(To be completed by beginning farmer/s)

In submitting this request, I, the undersigned Beginning Farmer, have read the following statements and certify and agree that:

1. I will be a permanent resident of the state of Iowa at the time of lease. ☐ True ☐ False
2. My net worth is **below** the maximum allowable net worth. For calendar year 2025 = **\$820,000**. ☐ True ☐ False
All assets valued at fair market value by the lender? ☐ True ☐ False

Attach a current financial statement from your lender (Must follow all instructions on Financial Statement Page)

Name of Financial Statement Witness

Organization

City

3. I have sufficient education, training or experience in the type of farming for which this lease is requested. ☐ True ☐ False
Attach the background form or letter describing the education, training or experience of you and your spouse as it relates to farming.
4. The Project shall be used only for farming by myself, my spouse, and/or minor children, and we will perform the labor and provide the management needed to use the Project for farming. ☐ True ☐ False
5. I have or will have access to adequate working capital, farm equipment, machinery or livestock. ☐ True ☐ False

Include the following with your certification request or it will be returned as incomplete:

- ☐ IADD Certification Form (this form)
- ☐ Financial Statement of Beginning Farmer and spouse – (within approx. 30 days)
- ☐ Financial Statement of Business if applicable - (within approx. 30 days)
- ☐ Background Form or Letter from Beginning Farmer including the information described above in #3

When Certification form and all supporting documents are complete **return via mail, email or fax to:**

IADD
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, Iowa 50315

Email: IADD@IowaFinance.com
Fax: 877.461.0904

All the information I have provided on this certification is true and complete. Also, I understand this certification and any of the documents prepared or submitted in connection with it are "public records" as defined in Section 22.1 of the *Iowa Code* and are subject to examination, copying, publication or other dissemination by any person.

Date

Printed Name of Beginning Farmer

Signature of Beginning Farmer

Printed Name of Spouse

Signature of Spouse

(Date Received by IADD)

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CERTIFICATION OF BEGINNING FARMER

I am making my certification in accordance with the qualifications of a beginning farmer as defined in Iowa Code 175.12 and 16.75. I certify that I have reviewed the above Beginning Farmer and information and hereby certify that he/she:

- ☐ **DOES** meet the requirements of a Beginning Farmer ☐ **DOES NOT** meet the requirements of a Beginning Farmer

Beginning Farmer Certification will be returned via email to DNR and the above Beginning Farmer when completed.

Date

Printed Name of IADD Agent

Signature of IADD Agent

**THIS CERTIFICATION
WILL EXPIRE ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

Phone

Email Address

REPLACE THIS PAGE WITH:

BEGINNING FARMER **CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT** **READ CAREFULLY**

- ☐ MUST be less than 30 days old
- ☐ MUST be prepared and signed by lender or financial professional, as “preparer”
- ☐ MUST document the “preparer” on the Certification Form #2
 - *All assets of the beginning farmer’s spouse and minor children MUST be included on the financial statement
- ☐ All assets MUST be valued at fair market value*
 - *Fair market value is what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in the locality
- ☐ Financial statement MUST include all schedule pages
- ☐ Financial statement MUST include a machinery list* (if applicable)
 - *Machinery list should include year, make, model and value of all machinery

DO YOU HAVE AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN AN ENTITY?

- ☐ **No, you are done.**
- ☐ **Yes, see below.**

Note: A financial statement is also required of any partnership, corporation, LLC or other entity in which the beginning farmer, spouse and/or minor children has a financial interest and MUST also abide by the above criteria.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT CRITERIA MUST BE FOLLOWED
OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED**

Beginning Farmer Background Form

Complete this form or submit a background letter

Print Name of Beginning Farmer: _____

1. Describe your experience, training and/or education that will allow you to carry out this farming operation:

2. Who is your ag lender and what arrangement do you have for working capital:

3. Explain your access to adequate machinery and equipment – do you own all the equipment that you will need or do you have arrangements to lease or trade labor for equipment?

4. Please provide any additional background information you would like to include:

Date

Signature of Beginning Farmer