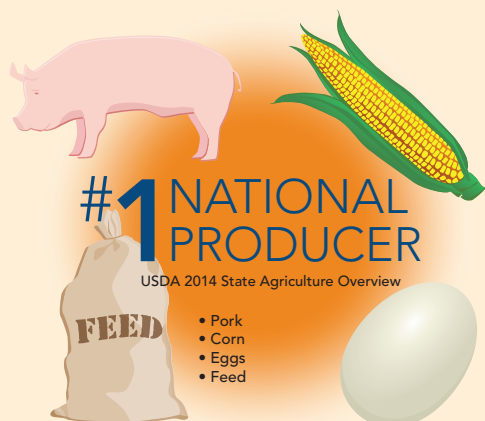


It's easier here!

Western Iowa's rural landscape and rich agricultural history make it the perfect place for value-added agricultural services. Opportunities include scientific and technical consulting services, soil preparation services, veterinary services in support of agriculture, and many more.

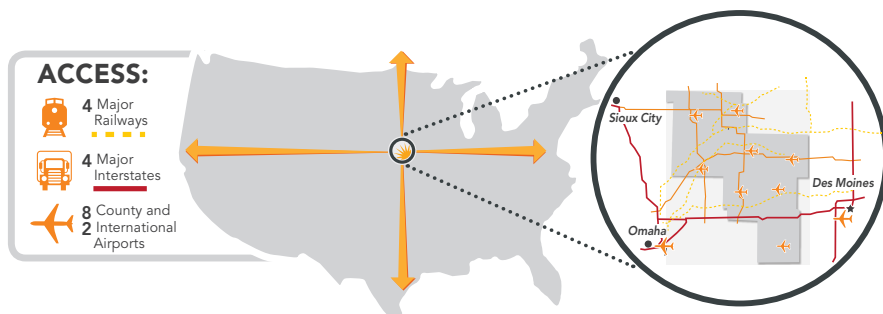
STRONG EXISTING AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY



Iowa is a major player when it comes to feeding the United States.

ACCESS TO MARKETS

With its centralized location and convenient Interstate access, companies in Western Iowa have access to an abundance of raw materials and a market of over 25 million people within a day's drive (500 miles). (source: census.gov)



WAGE COMPARISON

The Iowa workforce provides excellent value to the bio-services industry.

OCCUPATION	IOWA	USA
Animal Scientists	\$33.26	\$34.90
Agriculture & Food Scientists	\$30.58	\$31.85
Soil & Plant Scientists	\$33.86	\$31.10
Biochemists & Biophysicists	\$35.04	\$44.21
Environmental Scientists & Specialists, Including Health	\$31.14	\$34.64
Veterinarians	\$45.08	\$47.23

(Source: bls.gov)

EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYER	Primary Service	Employees
AMVC	Livestock Production Support	500+
Ag Processing	Soybean Processing	50-75
Flint Hills Resources	Ethanol	50-75
Louis Dreyfus Commodities	Ethanol	50-75
The Andersons	Ethanol	25-50
Iowa Corn Processors	Value-Added Corn Products	25-50
POET	Ethanol	25-50
Quad-County Corn Processors	Ethanol	25-50
SoyPlus	Soy Value-Added Products	25-50
Western Iowa Energy	Biodiesel	25-50
American Natural Soy	Soy Extraction & Refinement	1-25
Renewable Energy Group	Biodiesel	1-25
Struve Labs	Swine Rearing Laboratory	1-25





EDUCATION

The four community colleges that serve the region offer a variety of programs in agriculture, agribusiness, agricultural technology, biotechnology, livestock and crop production, and veterinary technology.

Des Moines Area Community College
(www.dmacc.edu)



Iowa Central Community College
(www.iowacentral.edu)



Southwestern Community College
(www.swcciaa.edu)



Western Iowa Tech Community College
(www.witcc.edu)



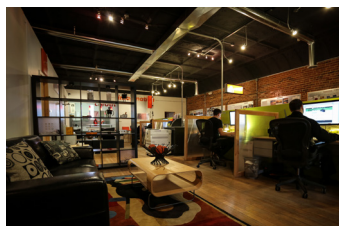
The state's 2 large research universities, Iowa State University and the University of Iowa, provide a specialized, knowledgeable workforce and opportunities for innovation in this sector.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Employers and residents are consistently positive when talking about Western Iowa's high quality of life. The low cost of living, high air and water quality and recreational opportunities are just a few of the advantages of living in the region.

FACTOR	8 County Region	Iowa	Illinois	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wisconsin	United States
Cost of Living	81.9	89	96	103	91	89	98	98	100
(Lower is better)									
Air Quality	96.9	92.7	59.5	87	84.2	90.1	94.6	91.1	93.9
Water Quality	75.3	62	36	42	73	40	41	46	55
(Higher is better)									

(Source: www.bestplaces.net)



SAFETY

With crime ratings well below the US average, surrounding states and even Iowa as a whole, Western Iowa offers a safer environment for you, your family and your assets.

CRIME RATINGS	8 County Region	Iowa	Illinois	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	South Dakota	Wisconsin	United States
Violent Crime	26	39.8	46	36.5	47.1	40.3	38.6	37.4	41.4
Property Crime	28.1	37.1	41.5	40.5	45.3	41.5	32.2	39	43.5

1=low, 100=high

(Source: www.bestplaces.net)

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