



ADVANCED AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY AND BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRIES

Iowa and agriculture are inseparable, so it's only natural that the state, and Western Iowa specifically are leaders in advanced agriculture technology and bioscience industries. The region has a critical mass of established companies in plant and animal biosciences which has also created an entrepreneurial startup culture in this field. We also have an educational system that's focused

on helping our residents succeed in this high value sector of our economy.

Iowa is a Right-to-Work state with a well-educated and dedicated workforce. Our midwestern work ethic is legendary and a boon to employers in the area. Join other leaders in AgTech and Biosciences who experiences the Western Iowa advantage every day.

Strong Existing Statewide Agriculture Production and Access to Raw Materials



#1 Corn



#1 Feed Crops



#1 Eggs



#1 Hogs



#2 Soy



#4 Cattle

Source: USDA 2018 Report

POPULATION & LABOR FORCE

Population of Seven
County Region: 77,860
Labor Force: 42,429
Labor Force within
50 miles: 999,479

(Sources: Census.gov, Emsi Q1 2020 Report)

Employers	Industry	Employees in WIAD Region
AMVC	Livestock Production Support	500-550
Louis Dreyfus Commodities	Ethanol	50-74
Iowa Select Farms	Swine Farrowing Facility	50-74
Quad County Corn Processors	Ethanol	1-49
Western Iowa Energy	Biodiesel	1-49
Renewable Energy Group	Biodiesel	1-49
Flint Hills Resources	Ethanol	25-49
The Andersons	Ethanol	25-49
Struve Labs	Swine Rearing Laboratory	1-24
Agrium	Anhydrous Ammonia	1-24
Remington Seeds	Seed Producer, Processor, Distributor	1-24

OUR EDUCATION ADVANTAGE

Our well-prepared workforce is the product of an excellent educational system. Three area community colleges, Des Moines Area Community College, Western Iowa Tech Community College, and Iowa Central Community College, offer associates degrees, certificates and many other industry-specific training programs to prepare students for the work of today and tomorrow. All offer programs specifically tailored for agriculture like



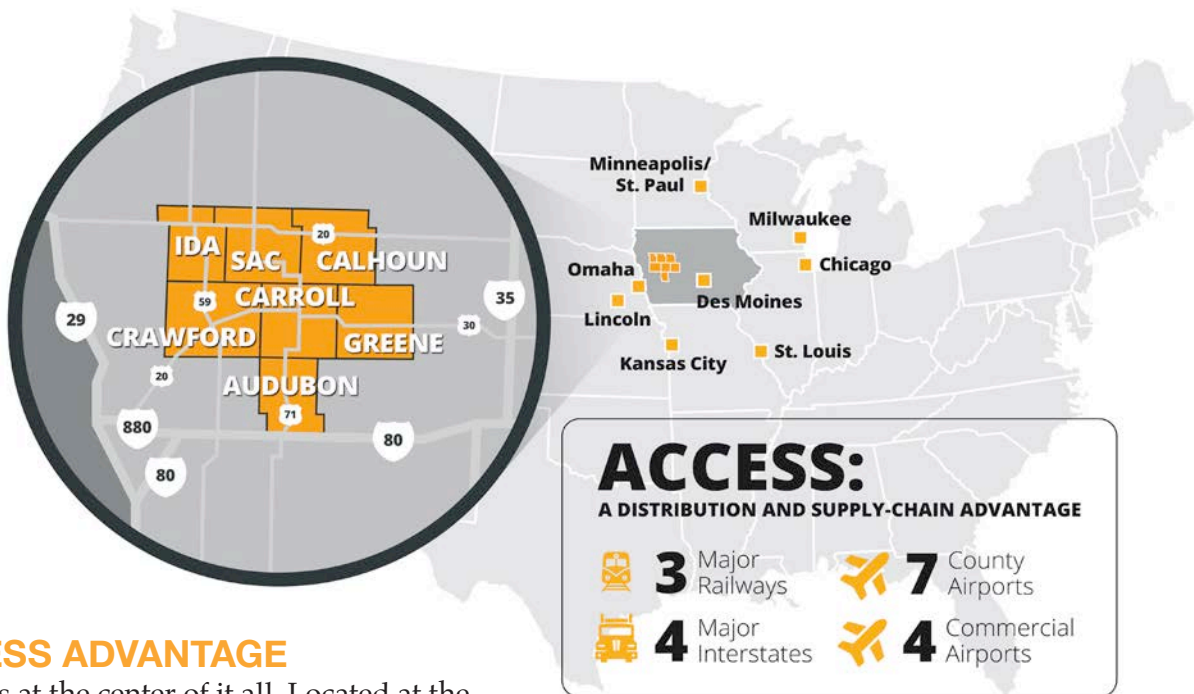
- Biotechnology • Agronomy • Vet Tech.
- Animal Science • Lab Methods
- Horticulture

In addition, Buena Vista University and University of Northern Iowa provide advanced degrees. Nearby, Iowa State University and University of Iowa both have world-renowned undergraduate and graduate agricultural degree programs. Several school districts throughout the region also have Career Academies that offer training in advanced technology for agriculture, manufacturing and business.

COMPETITIVE WAGES FOR RELEVANT OCCUPATIONS

Occupation	Iowa	USA
Animal Scientists	\$36.10	\$32.70
Soil and Plant Scientists	\$38.45	\$34.37
Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$31.28	\$50.98
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	\$35.73	\$37.61
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	\$24.09	\$21.54
Veterinarians	\$43.84	\$50.27

Source: EMSI 2020



OUR ACCESS ADVANTAGE

Western Iowa is at the center of it all. Located at the crossroads of I-80 and I-35, we're served by four interstate highways with excellent air and rail infrastructure. It's easy for companies in Western Iowa to get goods to market from coast to coast, giving them a distribution and supply-chain advantage.

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