# DNR Lease to Beginning Farmer Program
# 2026 IADD Certification

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2026**

**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 2026 = **$901,000**. ☐ True ☐ False

   **Are all assets valued at fair market value by the lender?** ☐ True ☐ False

   **Household Net Worth:** Under Iowa Code section 16.59, an individual applicant's aggregate net worth includes the beginning farmer, the beginning farmer's spouse, and the beginning farmer's minor children. Net worth is calculated as total assets minus total liabilities, with assets valued at fair market value. Related household applications must report complete and consistent financial information. Separate applications do not permit household members to divide, omit, transfer, or report assets, liabilities, or ownership interests differently.

   Related applications: A spouse, minor child, or related farming entity is submitting a separate application? ☐ True ☐ False

   If true, name(s): _____

   Relationship: _____

   **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. **Attach the background form or letter describing the education, training or experience of you and your spouse as it relates to farming.** ☐ True ☐ False
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, spouse, and minor children - 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 and all supporting documents are complete return via mail, email or fax to:

**IADD**
**1963 Bell Ave Ste 200**
**Des Moines IA 50315**

**Email:** IADD@iowafinance.com
**Fax:** 877-461-0904

**Lease Parties:** IADD certification applies only to the individual(s) or entity specifically identified on this eligibility certification. A parent or guardian may sign solely as a guarantor without being separately certified, provided the person is not named as a beginning farmer, lessee, co-lessee, or operator and receives no leasehold or operating rights. Any additional person or entity proposed as a beginning farmer, lessee, co-lessee, or operator must be reviewed by IADD before the lease is executed.

I certify that all information is true, complete, and consistent with any related household application. I understand that IADD certification applies only to the person(s) or entity specifically named by IADD, does not select an applicant for a DNR lease, and does not authorize an uncertified lessee, co-lessee, or operator. I also understand these materials are public records under Iowa Code section 22.1 and may be subject to disclosure.

_____ _____ _____

Date | Printed Name of Beginning Farmer | Signature of Beginning Farmer

_____ _____

Printed Name of Spouse | Signature of Spouse

## Beginning Farmer Background Form

Complete this form or submit a background letter

**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 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

IOWA Finance Authority

## 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 required assets and liabilities of the beginning farmer, spouse, and minor children MUST be included

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- ☐ 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**