



# 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:**

- I will be a permanent resident of the state of Iowa at the time of lease.  True  False
- My net worth is below the maximum allowable net worth. For calendar year 2025 = **\$820,000**.  True  False  
*Are 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 |
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| 3. I have sufficient education, training or experience in the type of farming for which this lease is requested.<br><b>Attach the background form or letter describing the education, training or experience of you and your spouse as it relates to farming.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False  |              |      |
| 5. I have or will have access to adequate working capital, farm equipment, machinery or livestock. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> 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 and all supporting documents are complete return via mail, email or fax to:

**IADD** Email: [IADD@iowafinance.com](mailto:IADD@iowafinance.com)  
**1963 Bell Ave Ste 200** Fax: **877-461-0904**  
**Des Moines IA 50315**

All of 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)

## IOWA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION 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
_____ Phone		_____ E-mail Address

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

**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

**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**