

IC 15-11-2

Chapter 2. Establishment of the Department

IC 15-11-2-1

Indiana state department of agriculture established

Sec. 1. The Indiana state department of agriculture is established.
As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.120-2008, SEC.26.

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Director's authority

Sec. 2. The director is the chief executive and administrative officer of the department.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.2.

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Duties of the department

Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "biomass" means agriculturally based sources of renewable energy, including the following:

- (1) Agricultural crops.
- (2) Agricultural wastes and residues.
- (3) Wood and wood byproducts, including the following:
 - (A) Wood residue.
 - (B) Forest thinning.
 - (C) Mill residue wood.
- (4) Animal wastes.
- (5) Animal byproducts.
- (6) Aquatic plants.
- (7) Algae.

The term does not include waste from construction and demolition.

(b) The department shall do the following:

- (1) Provide administrative and staff support for the following:
 - (A) The state fair board for purposes of carrying out the director's duties under IC 15-13-5.
 - (B) The Indiana corn marketing council for purposes of administering the duties of the director under IC 15-15-12.
 - (C) The Indiana organic peer review panel under IC 15-15-8.
 - (D) The Indiana dairy industry development board for purposes of administering the duties of the director under IC 15-18-5.
 - (E) The Indiana land resources council under IC 15-12-5.
 - (F) The Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency under IC 26-3-7.
 - (G) The Indiana grain indemnity corporation under IC 26-4-3.
 - (H) The division.
- (2) Administer the election of state fair board members under IC 15-13-5.
- (3) Administer state programs and laws promoting agricultural

trade.

(4) Administer state livestock or agriculture marketing grant programs.

(5) Administer economic development efforts for agriculture by doing the following:

(A) Promoting value added agricultural resources.

(B) Marketing Indiana agriculture to businesses internationally.

(C) Assisting Indiana agricultural businesses with developing partnerships with the Indiana economic development corporation.

(D) Soliciting private funding for selective economic development and trade initiatives.

(E) Providing for the orderly economic development and growth of Indiana's agricultural economy.

(F) Facilitating the use of biomass and algae production systems to generate renewable energy.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.120-2008, SEC.27; P.L.71-2009, SEC.3; P.L.95-2010, SEC.2; P.L.109-2015, SEC.35.

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Promotion of E85 fuel

Sec. 4. The department shall work with:

(1) automobile manufacturers to improve awareness and labeling of E85 fuel; and

(2) the appropriate companies to include E85 fuel stations in updates of global positioning navigation software.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.2. Amended by P.L.109-2015, SEC.36.

IC 15-11-2-5

Rules

Sec. 5. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out the duties, purposes, and functions of the department.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.2.

IC 15-11-2-6

Policy; promotion of agricultural business

Sec. 6. (a) The general assembly declares that it is the policy of the state to conserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of agriculture, agricultural businesses, and agricultural land for the production of food, fuel, fiber, and other agricultural products. The Indiana Code shall be construed to protect the rights of farmers to choose among all generally accepted farming and livestock production practices, including the use of ever changing technology.

(b) The department shall promote the growth of agricultural businesses by doing the following:

(1) Assisting agricultural businesses with the permit process required to conduct business in Indiana.

(2) Serving as a liaison between agricultural businesses, state

agencies, and local units of government.
As added by P.L.120-2008, SEC.28. Amended by P.L.25-2014, SEC.1.

IC 15-11-2-7

Confidential records

Sec. 7. The department may keep records submitted to the department by a livestock producer under a voluntary certification program confidential.

As added by P.L.120-2008, SEC.29.