



At the end of April 2026, we wrapped up another fiscal year at the Indiana Crop Improvement Association. As we reflect on the year, several accomplishments stand out. For the second year in a row, ICIA achieved record revenues, and we improved our net operating income for the third consecutive year, leaving the association in a strong and secure financial position.



Craig Nelson, ICIA CEO

This solid footing has allowed us to invest more intentionally in our future, including expanding our staff, remodeling portions of our facility, and strengthening long-term reserves to support the association for years to come. Along the way, we also celebrated meaningful milestones, including our 125th anniversary open house in August and a highly successful Corn Belt Seed and Grain Conference in Indianapolis this past November.

The progress we made this past year gives us confidence as we look ahead to new challenges facing agriculture. Continuing to build strong partnerships with members and stakeholders like you will be key to sustaining our growth and ensuring ICIA remains a vibrant and valuable association.

MEMBER FOCUS



As we near the middle of 2026, the Total Seed Production Team has several milestones, achievements, and progressions to reflect on. Of course, we are thrilled with the opening of Total Seed Production Windfall and the progress being made in our soybean production automation. We can also reflect on another successful planting season and the quick transition to detasselling season for our corn team.

From an administrative perspective, we have been able to open and fill many positions as we transition our soybean conditioning to Windfall and as our East Side Facility becomes corn-focused.

We created an internal AI Team that has researched and tested different AI systems. This team has focused on identifying a single AI system to implement at TSP, writing a comprehensive policy on internal AI use, and developing training to teach our AI policy and how to best utilize our system.

November 11-12



AgVision 2026: Integrated Solutions for Agriculture

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Corn Belt Seed & Grain Conference November 11-12 at the Tallison Hotel in Carmel! Discover the future of agriculture where innovation meets in the Corn Belt. Further information arriving in your inbox soon!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to my favorite season for pollinators: late spring. Indiana is home to more than 400 bee species, many of which pollinate backyard fruit trees such as apple, pear, and peach, as well as strawberries and garden plants. Pollinators help produce about one-third of the world's food crops. Those of us in row-crop agriculture work hard to reduce weed pressure by keeping fields clean, mowing ditches, and spraying fence rows, but it is also worth considering the pollinators neighboring farms depend on. In Indiana, crops such as watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, blueberries, and pumpkins all benefit from native bees.



Bill Stump, President
ICIA Board of Directors

One helpful step is to delay ditch mowing until winter dormancy so wildflowers can continue providing food. Another option is to mow about 25 percent of ditches on a three-month rotation, which gives pollinators time to shift to nearby flowers. For the past three years, I have set aside part of my yard for wildflowers to support pollinators. It has brought a wide variety of pollinator species to my yard, reduced the time I spend mowing, and kept me in my wife's good graces by providing blooms for six months of the year. So far this year, I have seen six bee species in my yard. Beyond the wildflowers, they also visit our coneflowers, salvia, sage, hostas, roses, and clematis. With a few small changes, I hope we can all do our part to support these small creatures that do so much for us.

ICIA HIGHLIGHTS



The ICIA team recently enjoyed a day of fun at Lucas Oil Stadium, followed by team interaction and great food Shin Dig in Indy during our annual Staff Appreciation Day!

Mark your Calendar

June 15-18

AOSCA Annual Meeting - Golden, CO

June 9-12

ASTA Leadership Summit - Milwaukee, WI

November 11-12

Corn Belt Seed & Grain Conference
Carmel, IN

November 16-20

WSA Conference - Kansas City

December 7-10

ASTA FCSC - Chicago, IL

January 18-21, 2027

IPSA Annual Conference
San Diego, CA

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The winner of the Indianapolis 500 doesn't just get a trophy — their face is permanently sculpted onto the famous Borg-Warner Trophy. Since 1936, every Indy 500 champion's face has been added to the trophy, making it one of the most unique traditions in sports!



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