“Iowa ranks 2nd nationally in soybean production, with a value exceeding $8 billion annually.”
- Iowa Soybean Association

A collaborative effort

The Iowa Soybean Research Center works in partnership with the Iowa Soybean Association, industry leaders, farmers and researchers at Iowa State University. The goal of this collaborative effort is to identify and fund research in the areas of soybean production and protection. Soybeans play a big part in Iowa’s economy and research serves to aid the farmer by improving soybean yields.

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What We Do
The ISRC works to increase collaboration, coordination and integration among Iowa State University, the Iowa Soybean Association, industry and farmers to align soybean-related activities at Iowa State with the needs of Iowa soybean farmers and the industry that supports production of the crop.

Funding
Funding for the ISRC comes from Iowa State, the Iowa Soybean Association and industry partners. Our goal is to seek widespread input from individuals representing key segments of the soybean production and protection system. Partners from select non-governmental organizations with expertise on policy, social and environmental issues also are desired.

Industry Advisory Council
The center is a formal collaboration of industry partners, the Iowa Soybean Association and Iowa State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Together, they make up the ISRC’s Industry Advisory Council. Close to 20 industry partners are currently represented on the council along with three Iowa soybean farmer representatives. The council helps to identify soybean research needs, which includes identifying new areas of research, gaps in research and opportunities to expand and build upon existing research.

Become an Industry Partner
Any private or public entity may become a partner of the center. For more information, visit iowasoybeancenter.org.

Research Focus
The ISRC uses traditional and multidisciplinary problem-solving methods, which sometimes includes machine learning and artificial intelligence tools to accelerate and enhance research efforts. Specific research areas for the ISRC are identified by the center’s Industry Advisory Council.

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