

FARM LEASE - CASH OR CROP SHARES

THIS LEASE ("Lease") is made between Jackson County ("Landlord"), whose address for the purpose of this Lease is 201 West Platt, Maquoketa, Iowa 52060 and [pending] ("Tenant"), whose address for the purpose of this Lease is [pending].

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. PREMISES AND TERM. Landlord leases to Tenant the following real estate situated in Jackson County, Iowa (the "Real Estate"): The East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$, except the North 33', of Section 4, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian; The Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$, except the North 33' and except the Andrew Jackson Care Facility, of Section 4, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian; The North $\frac{1}{2}$, except the North 33', of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 85 North, Range 3, East of the 5th Principal Meridian; And the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian and Containing 316.7 acres more or less which excludes:

Conservation – 40 acres
Timber Reserve – 9 acres
Cemetery – 1 acre
Old Insane Asylum
Sanitation Facility
Machinery Storage Area

with possession by Tenant for a term of three (3) years to commence on March 1, 2026, and end on February 28, 2029. The Tenant has had or been offered an opportunity to make an independent investigation as to the acres and boundaries of the premises. In the event that possession cannot be delivered within fifteen (15) days after commencement of this Lease, Tenant may terminate this Lease by giving the Landlord notice in writing.

2. RENT. Tenant shall pay to Landlord as rent for the Real Estate (the "Rent"):

a. Total annual cash rent of \$[pending] payable, unless otherwise agreed, as follows: March 1 of each year.

3. INPUT COSTS AND EXPENSES. Tenant shall prepare the Real Estate and plant such crops in a timely fashion as may be directed by Tenant. Tenant must maintain the Real Estate with its current configurations and shall only be entitled to pasture or till those portions of the Real Estate designated by Landlord. Said configuration is 241 crop acres and 75.7 pasture acres. All necessary machinery and equipment, as well as labor, necessary to carry out the terms of this lease shall be furnished by and at the expense of the Tenant. The following materials, in the amounts required by good husbandry, shall be acquired by Tenant and paid for by the parties as follows:

	% Landlord	% Tenant
(1) Commercial Fertilizer	0	100

(2) Lime and Trace Minerals	0	100
(3) Herbicides	0	100
(4) Insecticides	0	100
(5) Seed	0	100
(6) Seed cleaning	0	100
(7) Harvesting and/or Shelling Expense	0	100
(8) Grain Drying Expense	0	100
(9) Grain Storage Expense	0	100

Phosphate and potash shall be given a medium allocation according to the soil map prepared and maintained by Tenant with a cap of 46 units phosphorus, 60 units of potash or at a level negotiated between Tenant and Landlord. Tenant will be required to maintain a soil map and provide a copy to Landlord. Tenant will be required to test soil to determine necessary application of fertilizer, at Tenant's expense. If this Lease is not renewed, and Tenant does not therefore receive the full allocated benefits, Tenant shall be reimbursed by Landlord to the extent Tenant has not received the benefits. Tenant agrees to furnish, without cost, all labor equipment and application for all fertilizer and chemicals. Tenant is not allowed to use liquid fertilizer or any other similar top dressing. Tenant shall supply lime as needed.

4. UTILITIES

- a. **Water:** There is currently one (1) well in existence for use on the Real Estate. There are two farm ponds on the east side of the road which cattle may be watered from, however Landlord retains the right to access the pond. Tenant will allow the Sanitary Landfill access to existing test wells.

In addition to Rents paid Tenant must pay \$180.00 for the use of said water. The charge is calculated as follows: \$1 per day for 180 days (May 1 – Nov 1). The Water Fee shall be paid on March 1st of every year or Tenant will not be allowed use of water supplies.

- b. **Electric:** Electric Meter No. 60803770, located at the North end by the Barn and Gas barrels, supplies electricity to the grain bins and dryers and barn. Tenant shall put this electric meter in Tenant's name and billing address. Tenant must pay the bill and remain current on the bill. Any unpaid bills may result in forfeiture of right to use the grain bins and dryers, and barn.

5. PROPER HUSBANDRY; HARVESTING OF CROPS; CARE OF SOIL, TREES, SHRUBS AND GRASS. Tenant shall farm the Real Estate in a manner consistent with good husbandry, seek to obtain the best crop production that the soil and crop season will permit, properly care for all growing crops in a manner consistent with good husbandry, and harvest all crops on a timely basis. In the event Tenant fails to do so, Landlord reserves the right, personally or by designated agents, to enter upon the Real Estate and properly care for and harvest all growing crops, charging the cost of the care and harvest to the Tenant, as part of the Rent.

Tenant shall timely control all weeds, including noxious weeds, weeds in the fence rows, along driveways and around buildings throughout the premises. By June 1 of each year Tenant must spray the pasture for weeds and thistles.

Tenant shall comply with all terms of the conservation plan and any other required environmental plans for the leased premises. Tenant shall do what is reasonably necessary to control soil erosion including, but not limited to, the maintenance of existing watercourses, waterways, ditches, drainage areas, terraces and tile drains, and abstain from any practice which will cause damage to the Real Estate.

Tenant shall by August 15 of each lease year provide to the Landlord a written listing showing all crops planted, including the acres of each crop planted, fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides applied showing the place of application, the name and address of the applicator, the type of application and the quantity of such items applied on the lease premises during such year.

Tenant shall distribute upon the poorest tillable soil on the Real Estate, unless directed otherwise by Landlord, all of the manure and compost from the farming operation suitable to be used. Tenant shall not remove from the Real Estate, nor burn, any straw, stalks, stubble, or similar plant materials, all of which are recognized as the property of Landlord. Tenant may use these materials, however, upon the Real Estate for the farming operations. Tenant shall protect all trees, vines and shrubbery upon the Real Estate from injury by Tenant's cropping operation or livestock. Tenant shall not harvest any trees.

Livestock will not be pastured before May 1st and must be removed from pasture seeding by November 1st. There will be no cutting of hay after September 10th, except for weed control. No mold board or chisel plowing will be allowed.

Tenant shall maintain accurate yield records for the real estate, and upon request, during or after lease term, shall disclose to Landlord, all yield base information required for participation in government programs. Tenant must keep the Real Estate in compliance with the government program by following the conservation plan approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Tenant must certify the acres with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) before the applicable deadline. There is no FSA base.

6. LANDLORD'S STORAGE SPACE. Tenant may use existing bins, dryers, cattle waterers provided that Tenant complies with Section 4 and is current on all bills. All other buildings are excluded from this lease and remain in the sole custody and use of Landlord. Tenant may only use the cattle yard for loading and unloading cattle.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL.

a. Landlord. To the best of Landlord's knowledge to date:

i) Neither Landlord nor, Landlord's former or present tenants, are subject to any investigation concerning the premises by any governmental authority under any applicable federal, state, or local codes, rules, and regulations pertaining to air and water quality, the handling, transportation, storage, treatment, usage, or disposal of toxic or hazardous

substances, air emissions, other environmental matters, and all zoning and other land use matters.

ii) Any handling, transportation, storage, treatment, or use of toxic or hazardous substances that has occurred on the premises has been in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, rules, and regulations.

iii) No leak, spill release, discharge, emission, or disposal of toxic or hazardous substances has occurred on the premises.

iv) The soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on or under the premises is free of toxic or hazardous substances except for chemicals (including without limitation fertilizer, herbicides, insecticides) applied in conformance with good farming methods, applicable rules and regulations and the label directions of each chemical.

Landlord shall hold Tenant harmless against liability for removing solid waste disposal sites existing at the execution of this Lease, with the exception that Tenant shall be liable for removal of solid waste disposal sites to the extent that the Tenant created or contributed to the solid waste disposal site at any time.

Landlord shall assume liability and shall indemnify and hold Tenant harmless against any liability or expense arising from any condition which existed, whether known or unknown, at the time of execution of the lease which is not a result of actions of the Tenant or which arises after date of execution but which is not a result of actions of the Tenant.

Landlord shall disclose in writing to Tenant the existence of any known wells, underground storage tanks, hazardous waste sites, and solid waste disposal sites. Disclosure may be provided by a properly completed groundwater hazard statement to be supplemented if changes occur.

b. Tenant. Tenant shall comply with all applicable environmental laws concerning application, storage and handling of chemicals (including, without limitation, herbicides and insecticides) and fertilizers. Tenant shall apply any chemicals used for weed or insect control at levels not to exceed the manufacturer's recommendation for the soil types involved. Farm chemicals may not be stored on the premises for more than one year. Farm chemicals for use on other properties may not be stored on this property. Chemicals stored on the premises shall be stored in clearly marked, tightly closed containers. No chemicals or chemical containers will be disposed of on the premises. Application of chemicals for agricultural purposes per manufacturer's recommendation shall not be construed to constitute disposal.

Tenant shall employ all means appropriate to insure that well or ground water contamination does not occur, and shall be responsible to follow all applicator's licensing requirements. Tenant shall install and maintain safety check valves for injection of any chemicals and/or fertilizers into an irrigation system (injection valve only, not main well check valve). Tenant shall properly post all fields (when posting is required) whenever chemicals are applied by ground or air. Tenant shall haul and spread all manure on appropriate fields at times and in

quantities consistent with environmental protection requirements. Tenant shall not dispose of waste oil, tires, batteries, paint, other chemicals or containers anywhere on the premises. Solid waste may not be disposed of on the premises. Dead livestock may not be buried on the premises. If disposal of solid waste or burial of dead animals is permitted as stated in the previous two sentences, the disposal or burial shall be in compliance with all applicable environmental laws. Tenant shall not use waste oil as a means to suppress dust on any roads on or near the premises. No underground storage tanks, except human waste septic systems that meet current codes, rules, and regulations, shall be maintained on the premises.

Tenant shall immediately notify Landlord of any chemical discharge, leak, or spill which occurs on premises. Tenant shall assume liability and shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless for any claim or violation of standards which results from Tenant's use of the premises. Tenant shall assume defense of all claims, except claims resulting from Landlord's negligence, in which case each party shall be responsible for that party's defense of any claim. After termination, Tenant shall remain liable for violations which occurred during the term of this Lease.

8. TERMINATION OF LEASE. This Lease shall automatically renew upon expiration from year-to-year, upon the same terms and conditions unless either party gives due and timely written notice to the other of an election not to renew this Lease. If renewed, the tenancy shall terminate on March 1 of the year following, provided that the tenancy shall not continue because of an absence of notice in the event there is a default in the performance of this Lease. All notices of termination of this Lease shall be as provided by law.

9. POSSESSION AND CONDITION AT END OF TERM. At the termination of this Lease, Tenant will relinquish possession of the Real Estate to the Landlord. If Tenant fails to do so Tenant agrees to pay Landlord \$ 100 per day, as liquidated damages until possession is delivered to Landlord. At the time of delivery of the Real Estate to Landlord, Tenant shall assure that the Real Estate is in good order and condition, and substantially the same as it was when received by Tenant at the commencement of this Lease, excusable or insurable loss by fire, unavoidable accidents and ordinary wear, excepted.

10. LANDLORD'S RIGHT OF ENTRY AND INSPECTION. In the event notice of termination of this Lease has been properly served, Landlord may enter upon the Real Estate or authorize someone else to enter upon the Real Estate to conduct any normal tillage or fertilizer operation after Tenant has completed the harvesting of crops even if this is prior to the date of termination of the lease. Landlord may enter upon the Real Estate at any reasonable time for the purpose of viewing or seeding or making repairs, or for other reasonable purposes.

11. VIOLATION OF TERMS OF LEASE. If Tenant or Landlord violates the terms of this Lease, the other may pursue the legal and equitable remedies to which each

is entitled. Tenant's failure to pay any Rent when due shall cause all unpaid Rent to become immediately due and payable, without any notice to or demand upon Tenant.

12. REPAIRS. Tenant shall maintain the fences on the leased premises in good and proper repair. Landlord shall furnish necessary materials for repairs that Landlord deems necessary within a reasonable time after being notified of the need for repairs. Tenant shall haul the materials to the repair site without charge to Landlord.

Landlord's representative and Tenant will walk the Real Estate and fences together at the beginning of the Lease to photograph the condition of the property and fences. An agreement will be negotiated at that time between Tenant and Landlord as to repair and/or replacement of existing fences.

Tenant shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all existing bins, dryers, cattle waterers, and barn. Tenant is required to notify Landlord of any repairs needed. It is presumed that Tenant will use said structures. If Tenant decides not to use any or all of the aforementioned structures Tenant shall notify Landlord in writing.

13. NEW IMPROVEMENTS. All buildings, fences and improvements of every kind and nature that may be erected or established upon the Real Estate during the term of the Lease by the Tenant shall constitute additional rent and shall inure to the Real Estate, becoming the property of Landlord unless the Landlord has agreed in writing prior to the erection that the Tenant may remove the improvement at the end of the lease.

14. WELL, WINDMILL, WATER AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. Landlord shall maintain all well, windmill, water and septic systems on the Real Estate in good repair and is responsible for any installation or replacements needed. Provided that Tenant is in compliance with Section 4 Landlord shall guarantee continuous or adequate supplies of water for the premises.

15. EXPENSES INCURRED WITHOUT CONSENT OF LANDLORD. No expense shall be incurred for or on account of the Landlord without first obtaining Landlord's written authorization. Tenant shall take no actions that might cause a mechanic's lien to be imposed upon the Real Estate.

16. NO AGENCY. Tenant is not an agent of the Landlord.

17. TELEVISION AND RADIO. Tenant may install and remove, without causing material injury to the premises, Tenant's television reception antennas, microwave dishes, and radio reception and transmission antennas.

18. ACCOUNTING. The method used for dividing and accounting for the harvested grain shall be the customary and usual method used in the locale.

19. ATTORNEY FEES AND COURT COSTS. If either party files suit to enforce any of the terms of this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

20. CHANGE IN LEASE TERMS. The conduct of either party, by act or omission, shall not be construed as a material alteration of this Lease until such provision is reduced to writing and executed by both parties as addendum to this Lease.

21. CONSTRUCTION. Words and phrases herein, including the acknowledgment, are construed as in the singular or plural and as the appropriate gender, according to the context.

22. NOTICES. The notices contemplated in this Lease shall be made in writing and shall either be delivered in person, or be mailed in the U.S. mail, certified mail to the recipient's last known mailing address, except for the notice of termination set forth in Section 9, which shall be governed by the Code of Iowa.

23. ASSIGNMENT. Tenant shall not assign this Lease or sublet the Real Estate or any portion thereof without prior written authorization of Landlord.

24. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE. Except as to any negligence of the Landlord, Tenant will protect, indemnify and save harmless the Landlord from and against any and all loss, costs, damage and expenses occasioned by, or arising out of, any accident or other occurrence causing or inflicting injury and/or damage to any person or property, happening or done, in, upon or about the leased premises, or due directly or indirectly to the tenancy, use or occupancy thereof, or any part thereof by the Tenant or any person claiming through or under the Tenant. Tenant shall obtain a minimum \$2,000,000 insurance policy and list Jackson County, Iowa as an additional insured on the policy. Certificates or copies of said policies, naming the Landlord, and providing for fifteen (15) days notice to the Landlord before cancellation shall be delivered to the Landlord within twenty (20) days from the date of the beginning of the term of this lease.

25. CERTIFICATION. Tenant certifies that it is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any person, group, entity or nation named by any Executive Order or the United States Treasury Department as a terrorist, "Specially Designated National and Blocked Person" or any other banned or blocked person, entity, nation or transaction pursuant to any law, order, rule or regulation that is enforced or administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control; and it is not engaged in this transaction, directly or indirectly on behalf of, or instigating or facilitating this transaction, directly or indirectly on behalf of, any such person, group, entity or nation. Tenant hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Landlord from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, risks, liabilities and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) arising from or related to any breach of the foregoing certification.

26. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.** Annually, the Board of Supervisors will appoint a member of the Board as the farm representative and will notify Tenant.

DATED: _____

_____, TENANT

Don Schwenker, Chair
Jackson County Supervisor, LANDLORD

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF JACKSON
This instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____, 2025
by _____.

LuAnn Goeke, Notary Public

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF JACKSON
On this ____ day of _____, 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Don Schwenker, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Jackson, Iowa; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of the corporation, and that the instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of the corporation, by authority of its Board of Supervisors by motion on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and Don Schwenker acknowledged the execution of the instrument to be his voluntary act and deed of the corporation, by it voluntarily executed.

LuAnn Goeke, Notary Public



Jackson County Board of Supervisors

Mike Steines
201 West Platt St

Don Schwenker
Maquoketa, IA 52060-2243
E-mail: jcbos@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov

Nin Flagel
(563) 652-3181

Date: October 22, 2025

FINANCIAL VERIFICATION NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION

To Whom It May Concern:

As part of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors' bid solicitation process for leasing county-owned agricultural property, the County reserves the right to verify the financial ability of each bidder to fulfill the terms of the proposed lease.

By signing below, the undersigned bidder expressly authorizes **Jackson County, Iowa**, and its representatives to contact the financial institution(s) listed below for the limited purpose of verifying that the bidder is financially able to enter into and perform under the proposed lease agreement.

The bidder further authorizes the financial institution(s) identified to release information to Jackson County sufficient to verify the bidder's ability to afford the lease, including confirmation of account standing or creditworthiness, if requested.

Bid acceptance is **contingent upon** the bidder's execution of this authorization and the County's ability to obtain satisfactory financial verification.

Failure or refusal by a bidder to assist the County in obtaining or verifying such financial information, including (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) failure to cooperate with the County's inquiries or to ensure that the bidder's financial institution responds in a timely manner, will result in the bidder's proposal being deemed incomplete and not considered for award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Schwenker", is written over a horizontal line.

Don Schwenker,
Chair, Jackson County Board of Supervisors

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Bidder Information

Name of Bidder: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Financial Institution(s):

1.

Address: _____

Contact Person (if known): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2.

Address: _____

Contact Person (if known): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Authorization and Signature

I hereby authorize the above-named financial institution(s) to release information as described herein to Jackson County, Iowa, for purposes of verifying my financial capacity to lease the county-owned farm property. I understand that my failure to cooperate with the County's financial verification process will result in my bid being disqualified from consideration.

Signature of Bidder: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Jackson County Farm Lease Bid Form - 2025

Type: Three (3) year lease.

Location: The East ½ of the Southwest ¼, except the North 33', of Section 4, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian; The Southeast ¼, except the North 33' and except the Andrew Jackson Care Facility, of Section 4, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian; The North ½, except the North 33', of the Southwest ¼ of Section 3, Township 85 North, Range 3, East of the 5th Principal Meridian; And the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 3, Township 85 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Principal Meridian and Containing 316.7 acres more or less which includes 241 crop acres and 75.7 pasture & timber acres. And which excludes:
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Old Insane Asylum
Sanitation Facility
Machinery Storage Area

Payment Terms: Lease and water payments are due annually on March 1st.

Proposal from:

(Name of bidder)

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

All bids shall be submitted on this bid proposal form which can be obtained at the County Supervisors or Auditors office or online at: <https://jacksoncounty.iowa.gov/> under News & Announcements.

~ PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY ~

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with your name and "Farmland bid" written on the envelope. Bids must be mailed or delivered to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors office at 201 W. Platt St., Maquoketa, IA 52060.

A completed and signed Financial Verification Notice and Authorization is required to submit a bid. It must be submitted in a **separate sealed envelope** marked with your name and "Financial Verification Authorization."

Written bids with Financial Verification Authorizations **must** be received by **8:45 a.m.** on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Bids will be opened beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the Jackson County Board of Supervisors Office at 201 W. Platt St., Maquoketa, IA 52060. Those submitting accepted sealed bids will be allowed to raise their bids at that time. Statements made the day of the bid opening/auction take precedence over any printed materials.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Contact the Auditor's Office at 563-652-3144 for more information.

Bid Amount per year: \$ _____

Bidder Signature:

Date:

E-Mail address:

Phone: Home

Phone: Cell