

Key Sources

In addition to interviews with stakeholders, our experience as Iowans involved with agriculture, the Prize toolkit, refinement documents, and the resources library, we relied on the following sources to inform our Vision.

Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy – This partnership between the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has been working for the past eight years to improve water quality in Iowa. Their annual reports, policy briefs, and scientific assessments have shown what has worked, what hasn't, and provided clear direction on how more progress can be made.

Practical Farmers of Iowa Annual Reports – These reports demonstrate the full power of farmer led research and provide many signals for a positive food future in Iowa.

Daily Erosion Project at Iowa State University – Their work provides much of the inspiration for what erosion monitoring could become.

Iowa Policy Project – They have written several informative summaries about the science of environmental issues and the implications for public policy.

Iowa Hunger Summit – This is a critical convening of organizations in Iowa seeking to eliminate hunger. Their approach improving diets of all Iowans helped us improve the equitability of our vision.

Iowa Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – This government program fills a critical role of improving nutrition in Iowa. Their approach provides many lessons for scaling nutritional programs statewide.

United States Department of Agriculture – Statistics from the Census of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Food Research Atlas, and other programs allowed us to gain a precise understanding of trends influencing the Iowa food system. Additionally, individual reports provided much of the scientific foundation for the ideas put forward in the Vision.

World Food Prize Foundation – Their webinars and recordings of the Borlaug Dialog helped us inform our vision from a global perspective.

UN Food and Agriculture Organization – During the era of COVID, the FAO has sponsored several informative webinars on how the food system can be transformed to be more resilient.

France's 4 per 1000 Program – Their research on how soil organic carbon can help address climate change is forward thinking and practical.

Living History Farms – This educational non-profit provided many facts related to Iowa's agricultural history and the evolution of farming to the present day.