



IOWA AGRITOURISM BUSINESS START-UP AND LICENSING GUIDE

Contacts

Contact	Description	Check
Iowa Secretary of State sos.iowa.gov	Choose a legal business structure and register your business entity with the appropriate filings and forms. For more information email sos@sos.iowa.gov .	
IRS FEIN Tax ID Number irs.gov	If you have employees, are a corporation or partnership, withhold taxes from income, or have a Keogh plan, you will need a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) Tax ID number. Apply for an FEIN on the IRS website : www.irs.gov	
State Entity	For information on business permits and licensing in Iowa visit IA Source Link : iasourcelink.com/regulatory/business-license-home	
Iowa Department of Revenue tax.iowa.gov	As a business owner you will need to determine whether your business should be collecting and paying sales and use tax to the Iowa Department of Revenue. For more information on sales and use tax and how to obtain a permit, visit the Iowa Department of Revenue Website : tax.iowa.gov For more information call 515-281-3114.	
Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing dial.iowa.gov	Businesses with restaurants, mobile food trucks, farmers markets, temporary events, vending machines, and home food processing establishments will need to obtain a food license from the Department of Inspections and Appeals. For questions, fill out DIAL's contact form : stateofiowa.seamlessdocs.com/f/DIA_Contact_Form	
Iowa Division of Labor iowadivisionoflabor.gov	If you hire youth to work at your agritourism destination, ensure that you are following all Child Labor Laws : www.iowadivisionoflabor.gov/child-labor For questions, fill out the Contact Form : iowadivisionoflabor.gov/contact-idol	
County Planning and Zoning Services	Contact your county planning and zoning for zoning and signage permits.	
County Building Inspector and Fire Marshall	Contact your county building inspector and fire marshall to ensure new and existing buildings are up to code.	
Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division abd.iowa.gov/	If you plan to sell alcoholic beverages you will need to obtain a license from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division. Visit the Iowa ABD website to learn more about licensing, permits, and requirements: abd.iowa.gov	
U.S. Department of the Treasury – Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) ttb.gov	Federal law requires retail beverage alcohol retailers to register their business by submitting the Alcohol Dealer Registration . The Form is available online at abd.iowa.gov/licensing. For more information, contact the National Revenue Center at 877-882-3277.	

Insurance	Insurance is necessary when operating an agritourism business. Contact your insurance agent to get the appropriate coverage for your farm activities.	
Iowa Agricultural Tourism Promotion Act	On May 19, 2021, Governor Kim Reynolds signed SF 356 into law establishing the Iowa Agricultural Tourism Promotion Act : www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code//673A.pdf . Because many of the inherent risks of farming cannot be removed, the act promotes agricultural tourism by limiting the potential liability of agricultural tourism farms in certain circumstances.	
Legal and Tax Advisor extension.iastate.edu/agdm	For some producers, a business entity may provide benefits such as a management structure, limited personal liability, and expanded tax planning option. For more information on how to assemble professional advisors, visit Ag Decision Maker : extension.iastate.edu/agdm/articles/others/JenMar23.html	
Visit Iowa Farms visitiowafarms.org	Market your farm and take advantage of free resources like Visit Iowa Farms by listing your agritourism destination. To create a profile for your farm go to the Visit Iowa Farms website : visitiowafarms.org	



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