

# ILLINOISANS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT FARMERS' ACCESS TO CROP PROTECTION TOOLS

## The public has major concerns about the growing impact of litigation on food security and inflation

Modern Ag Alliance's inaugural sentiment survey confirms that Illinoisans strongly support maintaining farmers' access to critical crop protection products like glyphosate. This support extends across party lines, with majorities of Republicans and Democrats siding with farmers on nearly every question asked. Trial lawyers, who are driving American agriculture toward a crisis by attacking farmers' tools, have extremely low levels of trust among Illinoisans. Meanwhile, farmers enjoy high levels of public trust.

## KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

### Illinoisans strongly oppose litigation that could limit farmers' access to critical crop protection tools

**76%** of farmers and **66%** of all Illinoisans, including 70% of Republicans and 67% of Democrats, oppose litigation that could limit access to crop protection products.

**88%** of farmers and **73%** of all Illinoisans, including 70% of Republicans and 78% Democrats, support science-based policies for crop protection tools.

### Illinois farmers overwhelmingly depend on crop protection tools to stay competitive

**88%** of farmers say crop protection products prevent crop loss and that restrictions on these tools would negatively impact their farms.

**80%** of farmers say pesticides make farming less expensive.

### In Illinois, people trust farmers, not trial lawyers

**67%** of Illinoisans trust local farmers, including 73% of Republicans and 68% of Democrats.

Only **14%** of Illinoisans trust trial lawyers, including 13% of Republicans and 17% of Democrats.

### Illinoisans are deeply concerned that litigation will undermine domestic agricultural supply chains and U.S. food security

**76%** of farmers and **68%** of all Illinoisans, including 70% of Republicans and 67% of Democrats, worry that litigation will increase U.S. reliance on foreign suppliers, threatening U.S. food security.

### Serious concern exists that litigation attacks on crop protection tools will result in higher food prices

**86%** of farmers and **76%** of all Illinoisans, including 75% of Republicans and 78% of Democrats, are concerned that litigation will lead to lower crop yields and higher food prices.

### Illinoisans want leaders who stand with farmers over trial lawyers

**90%** of farmers and **82%** of all Illinoisans, including 85% of Republicans and 83% of Democrats, are more likely to support leaders who stand with farmers over trial lawyers.

## A BIPARTISAN MAJORITY OF ILLINOISANS AGREE: STAND WITH FARMERS AND PREVENT A CRISIS FUELED BY TRIAL LAWYERS— ONE THAT THREATENS THEIR LIVELIHOODS AND PUTS OUR FOOD SUPPLY AT RISK.

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**Methodology:** This survey was written and administered by Penta Group Intelligence, an independent research firm. The results are based on a representative sample of 500 online and phone interviews of Illinois-based adults and 50 Illinoisan farmers. The study also surveyed a national representative sample of 1,005 US adults and 550 additional farmers from 11 states. The study was conducted January 29 through February 18, 2025. The margin of error for the Illinois adult population is +/-4.38.