



IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT CELEBRATES 15 YEARS!



2021 Iowa Hunger Summit
Highlights & Resources

TRANSFORMATIONS & ACTIONS TO END HUNGER IN IOWA

The World Food Prize Foundation created the Iowa Hunger Summit in 2006 with former Iowa Governors Robert D. Ray, Terry E. Branstad, and Tom Vilsack serving as honorary co-chairs.

The 2021 virtual Summit gathered leaders from across Iowa, representing non-profits, community organizations, businesses, governments, religious communities, schools, and others active in projects to address hunger.

IOWA HUNGER & FOOD-RELATED DISEASE NUMBERS

297,800 Iowans facing hunger

94,270 Iowa children facing hunger

8 - 9% of adult Iowans have diagnosed diabetes

~ 30% of adult Iowans have diagnosed or undiagnosed prediabetes

SUMMIT NUMBERS

611 Registered Attendees

26 Different Presenter Organizations

1 Announced Acquisition - MEANS
Database ChowBank Food Recovery App





Iowa Without Hunger by 2030

The 2021 Iowa Hunger Summit focused on transformations needed to eliminate hunger and greatly reduce levels of chronic, non-communicable food-related diseases. Coupled with the theme of transformation, the Summit aimed to spur on societal action to deal with the root causes of hunger. With messages from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa Farm Bureau President Craig Hill, and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig all calling for stronger efforts to eliminate hunger, the Summit affirmed that with sustained effort, the state could be free from hunger by 2030.

Janie Simms Hipp, USDA General Counsel and the Summit's keynote speaker, inspired participants by drawing on her lifetime of achievement in food, farming, hunger, and agricultural law. Ms. Simms Hipp's speech shaped hunger discussions throughout the event. The panel "Food Systems Transformations and Action: Confronting Iowa's Sustainable Food Needs," was lauded for its dynamic discussion about necessary evolutions needed to help Iowans struggling with hunger. The inspiration for this panel was the scale up that Iowa food banks achieved during COVID-19 economic disruptions. This scale up helped to limit the damage that occurred when the effects of COVID-19 substantially increased the need for food aid across Iowa. The World Food Prize Foundation advocated for nutrition-sensitive policy discussions in this year's Summit, including a fireside chat on nutrition-sensitive food systems, demonstrating the need to see beyond emergency food aid and address root causes.

Four succinct workshops during the Summit showcased statewide and nationwide efforts. These workshops demonstrated both the diversity and strength of organizations working to eliminate hunger. The workshops were titled:

- The Building Blocks of Hunger: Feeding Iowa's Children
- Next Steps in your Organization's Racial Equity Journey
- Building Partnerships through Healthcare: Paving the Way to Food Access
- Food Rescue Assessments: Understanding Barriers to Food Donation and Finding Solutions

The closing session of the Summit focused on racial equity and gains necessary to address financial and job-related stressors which cause food insecurity. This session demonstrated the financial obstacles that minority groups have historically faced in Iowa and how the legacy of discrimination has dire ramifications today.

Based on the success of this virtual Summit, the World Food Prize Foundation aspires to increase programming and include additional events. The Foundation is grateful for the longstanding, continued support of its presenting sponsors, the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and Farm Bureau Financial Services.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Janie Simms Hipp
General Counsel, USDA

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Resources from Our Partners

Racial Equity

- [One Economy Blue Print for Action in the Des Moines, Iowa Metro Area](#)
- [Racial Disparities Among People Assisted by the DMARC Food Pantry Network](#)
- [Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America](#)
- [Disparities by Race, Ethnicity and Education Underlie Millennials' Comeback in Wealth](#)
- [Wealth Gaps between White, Black and Hispanic Families in 2019](#)

Food, Nutrition & Wellness

- [A Vision for Native Food and Agriculture Infrastructure Rebuilding and Recovery](#)
- [DMARC - Des Moines Metro Food Pantry Network](#)
- [Iowa Food Bank Association SNAP Outreach](#)
- [Free Nutrition Education Programs - Iowa State Extension](#)
- [Knock & Drop Iowa](#)
- [Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative](#)

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

15TH ANNUAL IOWA HUNGER SUMMIT

*Food Systems Transformations and Action:
Confronting Iowa's Sustainable Food Needs*



AUBREY ALVAREZ
Co-Founder and Executive Director
Eat Greater Des Moines



ALEXANDRA BAUMAN
Executive Officer Nutrition Health & Wellness Director
Iowa Department on Aging



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Meskwaki Food Sovereignty



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Knock and Drop Iowa



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Iowa Food Bank Association



KIM GUARDADO
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Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)



MONIKA OWCZARSKI
Treasurer
Supply Hive - Sweet Tooth Farms

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FIRESIDE CHAT | 11:05 A.M.
Elevating Nutrition-Sensitive Food Systems in Iowa

Angie Tagtow
Chief Strategist, Akta Strategies

Christine Hradek
State Nutrition Program Specialist
Iowa State University

Kyle Poorman
Director, International Dialogues
Director, Iowa Hunger Summit

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Food, Nutrition & Wellness

- [Spend Smart. Eat Smart. - Iowa State Extension](#)
- [Live Well Montgomery County, Iowa](#)
- [MEANS Database - Food Diversion to Emergency Food Aid](#)
- [Back Pack Program - Food for Children](#)
- [Iowa Café Program - Food for Seniors](#)
- [Eat Greater Des Moines](#)
- [The Supply Hive - Des Moines](#)
- [Food Bank of Iowa](#)
- [Northeast Iowa Food Bank](#)
- [HACAP - Health & Nutrition Programs](#)
- [Food Bank of the Heartland](#)
- [Iowa Food Bank Association](#)
- [Sweet Tooth Farm](#)
- [Words on Wellness - Iowa State Extension](#)
- [Hunger Free Communities - Alliance to End Hunger](#)

CLOSING SESSION | 3 P.M.
Racial and Economic Equity in Food Security

Tereé Caldwell-Johnson
CEO, Oakridge Neighborhood

Marsha Kephart
EVP, Iowa State Bank

Lowell R. Ricketts
Data Scientist
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Matt Unger
CEO, Des Moines Area Religious Council

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World Food Prize Foundation Commitment

The World Food Prize Foundation is committed to realizing a food secure world, and that pledge has always been embedded in our work in Iowa. The Iowa Hunger Summit is a key example of the Foundation's mission to elevate innovations and inspire action to sustainably increase the quality, quantity, and availability of food for all. The Foundation is proud to align itself with leaders across the state striving to eliminate hunger by 2030. This goal is attainable and the Foundation is fully mobilized in its pursuit.

Successfully conducting the 2021 Iowa Hunger Summit was possible only with the energy and support of numerous individuals and organizations. Session recordings are available on our [YouTube channel](#). The Foundation aspires to bring you even more engagements in 2022!



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