

**261—57.2(15E) Definitions.** In addition to the standard definitions located in 261—Chapter 173, the following definitions apply to the VAAPFAP program:

“*Agricultural biomass industry*” means businesses that utilize agricultural commodity crops, agricultural by-products, or animal feedstock in the production of chemicals, protein products, or other high-value products.

“*Agricultural biotechnology industry*” means businesses that utilize scientifically enhanced plants or animals that can be raised by producers and used in the production of high-value products.

“*Agriculture*” means the science, art, and business of cultivating the soil, producing crops and raising livestock.

“*Alternative energy industry*” includes businesses involved in the production of ethanol, including gasoline with a mixture of 70 percent or more ethanol, biodiesel, biomass, hydrogen, or in the production of wind energy.

“*Committee*” means the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory committee established pursuant to Iowa Code section 159A.4.

“*Coordinator*” means the administrative head of the office of renewable fuels and coproducts appointed by the department of agriculture and land stewardship as provided in Iowa Code section 159A.3.

“*Coproduct*” means a product other than a renewable fuel which at least in part is derived from the processing of agricultural commodities and which may include corn gluten feed, distillers grain, solubles, a feed supplement, or can be used as livestock feed.

“*Farming*” means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, the raising of poultry, the production of eggs, the production of milk, the production of fruit or other horticultural crops, grazing or the production of livestock. Farming shall not include the production of timber, forest products, nursery products, or sod; and farming shall not include a contract where a processor or distributor of farm products or supplies provides spraying, harvesting or other farm services.

“*Fund*” means the renewable fuels and coproducts fund established pursuant to Iowa Code section 159A.7.

“*Innovative*” means a new or different agricultural product or a method of processing agricultural products which is an improvement over traditional methods in a new, different, or unusual way.

“*Livestock production operations*” means the production, feeding and marketing of livestock, poultry and aquaculture. This includes, but is not limited to, beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, turkey and equine operations. It also includes nontraditional agricultural operations such as ostrich, fallow deer, rabbit, fish and other aquaculture.

“*Office*” means the office of renewable fuels and coproducts created pursuant to Iowa Code section 159A.3.

“*Organic products*” means Iowa-grown or Iowa-raised agricultural products as defined by 21—Chapter 47, Iowa Organic Program.

“*Person*” means individual, corporation, limited liability company, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

“*Producer-owned, value-added business*” means a person who holds an equity interest in the agricultural business and is personally involved in the production of crops or livestock on a regular, continuous, and substantial basis.

“*Renewable fuel*” means an energy source at least in part derived from an organic compound, capable of powering machinery, including an engine or power plant. A renewable fuel includes but is not limited to ethanol-blended or soydiesel fuel.

“*Renewable fuels and coproducts activities*” means either of the following:

1. The research, development, production, promotion, marketing, or consumption of renewable fuels and coproducts.
2. The research, development, transfer, or use of technologies which directly or indirectly increases the supply or demand of renewable fuels and coproducts.

“*Rural region*” means any geographic area which is predominantly rural in nature, that is, having a relatively low population density and where agriculture is the predominant economic activity.

“*Soydiesel fuel*” means a fuel made of processed soybean oil which is mixed with diesel fuel, the mixture being a minimum of 20 percent processed soybean oil.

“*VAAPFAP*” means the value-added agricultural products and processes financial assistance program.

“*Value-added product*” means a product, which through a series of activities or processes, can be sold at a higher price than its original purchase price.