



ACWA
Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance

ACWA KEEPS A GREAT YEAR ROLLING

More than three dozen members of Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance (ACWA) gathered in Ames Tuesday, celebrating the non-profit's expansion to all 99 counties of Iowa this year and to look ahead to the future. The members, representing ag retailers, and agricultural industry organizations, discussed the history of ACWA and its mission to help farmers reduce nutrient loss and improve soil health and water quality.

"With the new launch going statewide as an organization, what better time to bring this group together just to validate the mission we're on," ACWA President Brent Low said. "The mission is one we all know and is crucial for not only short-term success but also long-term success of agriculture as we know it today and for the future."



ACWA Executive Director Roger Wolf told the group ACWA has a unique status among groups working to improve water quality today — strong relationships with farmers.

Daniel Robison, Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Endowed Dean's Chair, met with the group on Tuesday. He highlighted a number of exciting areas of research going on at ISU today, including a project which uses artificial intelligence to address real time needs on the farm and a project studying perennial cover crops.

"I've never been to a place with as much partnership work going on as Iowa," Robison said. "No matter where I go, I see people from your organization, commodity groups, working together. It's representative of the care and concern and collegiality of your organizations."

The night of networking ended with some friendly competition at the bowling alley.

"We wanted to bring the members together and get to know folks," Wolf said.

