

### Priorities for Federal and State Policy

The Midwest Row Crop Collaborative has identified the following priorities its members would like policy makers at both the federal and state levels to consider when making decisions that affect farmers' ability to productively engage in agronomic and conservation practices. MRCC supports policy efforts that will:

- **Accelerate innovation and scalability** of in field and edge of field conservation practices that improve water quality and soil health. This includes locally driven adoption of existing and innovative practices that will result in improved soil health and water quality outcomes.
- **Strengthen soil health and water quality research and data collection** to improve the adoption of conservation practices, impact of on farm conservation practices, and measurement of outcomes. Incorporate the latest science and conservation technologies into program implementation.
- To accomplish this, we must **improve opportunities for public private partnerships** to drive implementation of conservation practices. Public private partnerships should increase availability of incentives to farmers to overcome cost, risk, or learning-curve barriers to adoption of conservation measures.