

PRESS RELEASE:**SAC COUNTY, IOWA ISSUED BDO ZONE 'A' RATING FOR CORN STOVER**

– 'A' Rating To Unlock Full Value of Underutilized Corn Stover Resources –



April 3rd, 2025 - [Sac Economic & Tourism Development Ltd. \(SETD\)](#), [Ecostrat](#) and the [BDO Zone Initiative](#) are pleased to announce the issue of an investment grade BDO Zone 'A' Rating for Sac County, Iowa. The BDO Zone is rated for 824,000 bone-dry tons per year of corn stover and extends within a 75-mile radius from the center point, Sac City, IA.

Sac County's 'A' rating indicates high prospective viability to support new biobased plant operations, with low risk associated with Feedstock Supply and Infrastructure in the Zone. The BDO Zone lies within one of the highest-producing corn regions in the country, with average yields exceeding 190 bushels per acre, ensuring high amounts of corn stover are readily available. While large-scale stover harvesting is currently limited and there is no industrial competition for corn stover, strong farmer interest in supply contracts indicates significant scaling potential for collection. A strategic 90-acre greenfield site in Sac County's industrial park provides an ideal location for bio-industries, supported by solid infrastructure, efficient logistics, a supportive business climate, and competitive living costs.

"We are dedicated to working with bio-based companies to unlock the full value of our corn stover resources, transforming this underutilized feedstock into sustainable, innovative solutions," stated **Brandy Wilson, Sac Economic & Tourism Development**. "We have a strong history of working alongside bio-based businesses with a biodiesel facility in Wall Lake, IA, and a planned bio-based facility near Odebolt. Our 'A' rating emphasizes the vast potential Sac County holds as a leader in bio-based manufacturing and we are excited to showcase what we have to offer here."

Jordan Solomon, Chairman of the BDO Zone Initiative, stated, "Sac County's 'A' rating reinforces what we already know about Iowa - it's a powerhouse for agricultural biomass. The combination of abundant corn stover and ready-to-go infrastructure makes this region particularly attractive for bio-based developers looking to establish new operations."

To see the full BDO Zone Rating for **Sac County, IA**, please click [here](#), or visit www.bdozone.org.

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About Sac Economic & Tourism Development Ltd. (SETD)

Sac Economic & Tourism Development Ltd. (SETD) is dedicated to driving economic growth in Sac County, Iowa by focusing on business retention, expansion, and attraction. Through strategic marketing and support, SETD strengthens the area by fostering business growth, enhancing the county's quality of life, and positioning it as an attractive destination for both residents and visitors. For more information, visit www.saccountyiowa.com or call 712-661-9713.

About *The BDO Zone Initiative*

The Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Initiative certifies 'regional readiness' for bio-manufacturing, creates global connections and ignites an influx of new energy opportunities for farmers, economic developers, and rural businesses. A BDO Zone rating is an internationally recognized, standards-based technical risk assessment of a region's feedstock, supply chain, and infrastructure risk with respect to the development potential for new biofuel plants. BDO Zone ratings are *site location bullseyes* for bio-project development. Investment grade ratings are force-multipliers for attracting new manufacturing plants to the areas where they are most likely to succeed, drive investment and create jobs.

For more information on the BDO Zone Initiative, contact info@bdozone.org. To view all BDO Zone ratings, visit www.bdozone.org. Check out the BDO Zone [LinkedIn](#) page for news and updates.

Ecostrat is the North American leader in biomass due diligence for biofuels, renewable chemicals, biogas, and bio-product project development and finance. **Jordan Solomon** is Chairman of the *BDO Zone Initiative* and President of Ecostrat (www.ecostrat.com). He can be reached at jordan.solomon@ecostrat.com.