#RestaurantsWork



"The restaurant industry has provided me the opportunity to be a female leader in the industry and set an example for young women that they too can set high goals and achieve them. Whatever you do, try to be the best at that position. If you're a dishwasher, be the best dishwasher there is. There's always room to improve and grow and move up in this industry. Work with and for your peers and learn from them. And ask questions!"

Patty Weidner Owner/Operator, Prairie Meadows



Des Moines, Iowa

IOWA RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

142,800 lowans in 2014, restaurants account for 142,800 jobs in Iowa – 9% of employment in the state.





1 in 3 Americans begin their working careers in the restaurant industry

1 in 2 adults have worked in the restaurant industry

