

SASKATCHEWAN STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION



Policy Book

Resolution 02-2000SA

WHEREAS the Income Tax Act currently allows sales of Canadian Wheat Board grains; and

WHEREAS Customs and Revenue Canada has recently announced its intention to disallow tax deferred sales through Auction Marts and dealers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, along with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association lobby the Government of Canada to allow tax deferred sales of livestock.

Resolution 03-2000SA

WHEREAS the issue of the unjust education tax being placed on agriculture land; and

WHEREAS a coalition group of six farm organizations, one being the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, have been negotiating this issue with the Saskatchewan Government in good faith; and

WHEREAS our proposal to freeze 1999 tax levels and then a fifteen percent reduction on Education tax on agricultural land for each year for ten years on a declining balance; and

WHEREAS if by the spring sitting of the provincial legislature the government does not support this proposal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association would throw its support behind the Tax Revolt Movement that has been started.

Resolution 04-2000SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association reiterate its policy for the continued special treatment of farm labour, including labour involved in intensive livestock operations under current legislation.

Resolution 01-2000AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the efforts of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan to pursue investigating steps necessary to raise the amount deducted in the Horned Cattle Trust Fund from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per head.

Resolution 02-2000AGM

WHEREAS the provincial government has announced in the March 2000 budget a regressing/Permanent Cover Program; and

WHEREAS the SSGA membership feels that any government funding targeted to the grass industry be spent on research, extension and education;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA petition the government to adequately fund research, extension and education before considering any form of grass acreage payment.

Resolution 03-2000AGM

WHEREAS the Grazing & Pasture Technology (GAPT) Program has been very successful in promoting good grass management and the proactive approach of GAPT in riparian management, etc. has been beneficial to agriculture in Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA, in cooperation with the other organizations/agencies involved in GAPT seek funding for the continuation of GAPT beyond March 2001.

Resolution 01-2001SA

WHEREAS the newly formed general farm organization Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is being funded by a tax of ½ mil (or \$0.10 per acre) of the assessed value of farm land in a rural municipality that supports this organization; and

WHEREAS the impact of general farm organizations have traditionally been weakened by the need for unanimous support of their membership with divergent and oftentimes conflicting views; and

WHEREAS the SSGA believes that commodity based farm organizations have a more focused mandate and hence a greater impact on government policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association opposes the funding of any general farm organization by a mandatory land tax.

Resolution 02-2001SA

WHEREAS municipal assessment based on market value has and will continue to bring an unfair burden and financial hardship on agricultural taxpayers and especially grasslands; and

WHEREAS SSGA and other groups have bargained in good faith with SAMA and ministers and officials involved with these issues; and

WHEREAS there is a need to further the public's awareness of the hardship and burden imposed by reassessment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA Board of Directors orchestrate a media campaign to reactivate this issue before the public.

Resolution 02-2001AGM

WHEREAS the new method of assessment has caused shifting of grants paid to school boards; and

WHEREAS in reassessment years the amount of grants can change drastically thereby increasing the tax burden on property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government pay all costs of education and remove education taxes from all property in the province.

Resolution 03-2001AGM

WHEREAS the province of Saskatchewan has been on central standard time; and

WHEREAS a change in time would directly affect the efficiency of our operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to remain on central standard time.

Resolution 04-2001AGM

WHEREAS the Government of Canada requires extensive and expensive testing and safety trials prior to any ingredient being approved for sale in livestock feed; and

WHEREAS there is a great need for effective agents to mitigate bloat when grazing certain legumes, especially alfalfa; and

WHEREAS such additives have been shown to be effective in other countries, namely New Zealand; and

WHEREAS individual producers may import such ingredients at great cost in time and money from New Zealand for on-farm use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA approach the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to expedite the procedure for importation and commercialization of such ingredients in Canada.

Resolution 05-2001AGM

WHEREAS Johne's disease is a production limiting disease of cattle, bison and deer and indications are that Johne's disease is increasing in prevalence in Saskatchewan commercial and purebred beef herds and dairy herds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the SSGA support the development of a voluntary herd certification program for Johne's disease in addition to producer awareness of the problem of production limiting diseases.

Resolution 01-2002SA

WHEREAS water is an important component in the sustainability of livestock in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS drought impacts severely on the water availability for many livestock producers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association request the Saskatchewan Government secure funding of a minimum of \$5 million annually for long term agriculture water development.

Resolution 02-2002SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association encourage the Saskatchewan Government to make any necessary changes to farm land ownership legislation to allow any Canadian citizen to own property in Saskatchewan.

Resolution 03-2002SA

WHEREAS the Canadian Cattle Identification Program is not yet fully implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCIA tags continue to be used for animal health traceback purposes only.

Resolution 01-2002AGM

WHEREAS clauses 12 & 13 of the Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food standard lease form are excessively intrusive and all encompassing; and

WHEREAS any lease contract should exhibit a degree of mutual trust and respect;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association request that the Minister of Agriculture review the standard lease with the intent of re-writing the lease to express amore balanced approach to protect the privacy of leaseholders.

Resolution 02-2002AGM

WHEREAS SaskPower Corporation is a Crown Corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan and is the public's corporation; and

WHEREAS it is known fact that SaskPower Corporation has invested surplus profits in ventures outside our borders; and

WHEREAS it is also known that rural Saskatchewan is in need of meaningful incentives to expand various enterprises, such as feedlots, hog barns and other value added activities; and

WHEREAS the initial cost to access power and/or gas, especially three-phase power, is very costly and is an immediate financial burden on an emerging enterprise;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) lobby the provincial government and the Minister responsible for Crown Corporations to develop a program that would provide a mechanism to amortize the cost of power hook ups over a period of 5-10 years administered in the form of a low interest loan program in order that SaskPower may recover the associated administrative costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SSGA encourage other like-minded organizations to lobby in support of such a program.

Resolution 04-2002AGM

WHEREAS producers are required to purchase tags for use under the Canadian Cattle Identification Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that producers be able to access the information collected on these animals using the tags for a reasonable cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be implemented in the CCIA's future mandate.

Resolution 05-2002AGM

WHEREAS the change to market value assessments in 1997 drastically altered assessed values; and

WHEREAS those changes resulted in a dramatically increased tax burden on property; and

WHEREAS the manual used by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) does not take into account many variable that affect grazing land, such as productivity or restrictions on use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to return to pre-1997 rules in regards to land assessments.

Resolution 06-2002AGM

WHEREAS ethanol production is positive for adding value to grain crops; and

WHEREAS ethanol production could be a large revenue source for the provincial government; and

WHEREAS ethanol production combined with a feedlot could positively benefit both the province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan feeding industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ethanol production be pursued following the model of eight 20million litre plants throughout the province, each combined with a feedlot.

Resolution 07-2002AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association ask the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to investigate the benefits of increasing the national check-off by \$1.00 in order to market our product.

Resolution 08-2002AGM

WHEREAS the provincial sales tax on production purchases is an unfair tax on product;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Saskatchewan remove the PST from all non-personal consumption items.

Resolution 01-2003SA

WHEREAS there has been an increase in the incidence of Johne's disease in the province of Saskatchewan in the past number of years; and

Given the nature of the disease and as there is an increasing number of breeding herds being transported and wintered in locations where herds are intermingled in somewhat crowded conditions; and

Given the numbers of community, cooperative and PFRA pastures where herds are also intermingled;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association support the Canadian Animal Health Coalition on their strategy of developing Canada's National Johne's Disease Control Program.

Resolution 02-2003SA

WHEREAS recent developments in relation to leased Crown Lands threaten existing and future leaseholders rights, namely the priority to renew traditionally upheld by Saskatchewan Agriculture; and

WHEREAS leaseholders have held their agreements with the government in good faith and have practiced responsible land stewardship; and

WHEREAS lost grazing rights cause to further erode already declining land bases forcing leaseholders to seek alternative grazing sources, reduce herd size or terminate operations; and

WHEREAS producers require the security of long term tenure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association lobby the Provincial Government to honour the renewal policy and continue to grant long term leases/lease renewals.

Resolution 01-2003AGM

WHEREAS livestock producers are vulnerable to auction marts and/or livestock dealer's inability to pay for delivered animals;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA investigate the possibility of setting up a producer assurance policy to cover the livestock producer's loss.

Resolution 03-2003AGM

WHEREAS the transmission of the disease Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy is directly linked to meat and bone meal;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the CCA and CFIA to provide a scientific assessment of the risks and benefits of further use of rendered beef products in poultry and pork feeds and pet foods.

Resolution 01-2004SA

WHEREAS the current Livestock Dealer Bonding regulations do not adequately protect producers from defaults;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA recommend to the Livestock Inspection Services Advisory board that:

- a) The minimum bond for a livestock dealer's license be increased to \$100,000.00 from \$25,000.00
- b) Be it resolved that applicants show proof of a line of credit sufficient to conduct business and meet requirements of paying producers within the required three day period. Dealers that have had their bond forfeited or license cancelled or suspended be ineligible to act as a Dealer or an Agent of a dealer for a minimum of two years unless full restitution has been made.
- c) And be it resolved that a standard be established related to a minimum credit rating that must be achieved before a Dealer's license can be approved.

Resolution 02-2004SA

WHEREAS as cattle producers contribute both to the Horned Cattle Trust Fund and also the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund; and

WHEREAS as the SSPCA Investigative Services Committee receives financial contributions from these check-off dollars;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA request that all funds dispersed to Investigative Services Committee through the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund and Horned

Cattle Trust Fund be restricted specifically for the use required for the humane handling, feeding and appropriate care of all classes of bovine cattle and calves only.

Resolution 01-2004AGM

WHEREAS the current assessment values for non-arable land fail to reflect the true productivity of the land compared to the 1965 system; and

WHEREAS under the 1965 system, a large difference in assessed values indicated the differences in productivity of different lands; and

WHEREAS the 2001 assessment is based on limited numbers of pasture sales in each different carrying capacity which removes the true differences in productive values of various pasture types; and

WHEREAS all agriculture land in the province, both arable and non-arable, will have a common mill rate applied by each individual RM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2005 reassessment, SAMA adopt a method of assessing non-arable land which is similar to arable land assessment and uses a single provincial market index for the entire province.

Resolution 02-2004AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association is an organization that has traditionally supported free open markets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association remains an organization that advocates little or no direct government assistance in the form of subsidies other than during times of severe disaster.

Resolution 01-2004-M

WHEREAS BSE has been experienced in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS there is a lot of expertise in the U.K. in dealing with the BSE crisis;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors investigate the opportunity to invite U.K. BSE experts to come to Canada to share their knowledge.

Resolution 02-2004-M

WHEREAS the Cattle Market in its current state is dysfunctional because of BSE, and can not fix itself; and

WHEREAS it is abundantly clear that to solve the problem a new approach has to be taken; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Cattlemen Association has developed a contingency plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association encourages the Canadian Cattlemen Association to include the goal of Canadian producer owned packing plants in those contingency plans.

Resolution 03-2004-M

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments designed the CAIS program, and encouraged producers to join; and

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan government has announced they will not live up to their full commitment; and

WHEREAS this action by the Provincial Government is wrong and unacceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association lobby the Provincial Government to honor their full commitment to the CAIS program.

Resolution 07-2004-M

WHEREAS the Canadian Cattlemen Association has presented contingency plans.

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association support these plans as well as;

- A form of cash injection, for another business year.
- Lobby support of government policy.
- That Canadian Cattlemen ban hormone use, and determine if the CAIS program will work and lobby the government to make it functional.

Resolution 08-2004-M

WHEREAS we must test a certain number of cattle to meet OIE obligations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and Canadian Cattlemen Association petition the federal government for a compensation program that will acquire the necessary numbers.

Resolution 09-2004-M

WHEREAS Canada is a small nation, with huge trading interests;

WHEREAS we do have a NAFTA with US;

WHEREAS our friendly and diplomatic approach to NCBA and USDA, has cost Canadian producers thousands of dollars;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Cattlemen Association extensively debate, at the board level the idea of launching a Chapter 11 NAFTA challenge, against US illegal closure of American border to Canadian cattle.

Resolution 10-2004-M

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers take steps to reinstate the Beef Industry Committee.

Resolution 01-2005SA

WHEREAS the Environment is a high priority with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the public in general; and

WHEREAS the Oil Industry in North America is a major polluter in North America; and

WHEREAS one of the major causes of pollution in the Oil Industry is oil leaking from the wellhead of oil being brought to the surface with pump jacks; and

WHEREAS there are proven methods to eliminate this problem with equipment that is on the market at this time; and

WHEREAS landowners in the oil producing areas have a concern to have this problem addressed and brought to a halt; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has been working on putting policy in place for 30 years to deal with the oil industry and as of yet there is nothing in place;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby Environment Canada, Saskatchewan Environment, Saskatchewan Energy and Mines to put policy in place requiring the oil industry to take steps to prevent contamination from wellhead leaks on all oil wells. Producing wells to prevent further contamination and new wells to prevent contamination from starting.

Resolution 02-2005AGM

WHEREAS oil and gas exploration and development is rapidly increasing in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Saskatchewan leaseholders are the Stewards of the leaseland;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan Government to allow the occupants of leaseland to negotiate with the oil companies for fair payment for the severance and nuisance.

Resolution 03-2005AGM

WHEREAS one of the ACRE crown land sub committee recommendations is to open the Provincial land act, and;

WHEREAS the SSGA feels that this move could jeopardize the lessee's right of access, their long term tenure and the ability to transfer leases that we presently hold;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby both the ACRE committee and the Provincial Government, not to open the Provincial Land Act.

Resolution 04-2005AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA again is in favor of Government having policy that allows money invested in feedlots, packing plants, or similar industry that would help to enhance rural Saskatchewan and Canada, to be put into a tax shelter.

Resolution 05-2005AGM

WHEREAS COSEWIC and the Nature's Conservancy of Canada have recently advocated that Plains Bison be classified as a "threatened" species within Canada under the Endangered Species protection legislation, and have argued pursuant to this status designation that very few "pure" bison which are not contaminated with cattle genes, exist in Canada; and

WHEREAS the SSGA Zone 4 believe this to be patently untrue; and

WHEREAS designation of bison as "threatened" will have a significant adverse impact upon the profitability of bison farming and that industries ability to market bison meat and other products, both domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS this designation recommended by COSEWIC, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada, promised to further devastate a troubled bison industry in particular, and troubled rural economy in general;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA Zone 4 recommend the Provincial SSGA support the Saskatchewan Bison Association and it's partners in opposing the designation of Plains Bison (Bison, bison) as a "threatened" species under Canada's Endangered Species Protection Act.

Resolution 06-2005AGM

WHEREAS the USDA will likely implement country of origin labeling by year-end 2006;

WHEREAS there appears to be some inequities regarding the labeling of agricultural products here in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the CCA, Province of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to review the laws and regulations pertinent to the labeling of food products exported from Canada as the country of origin. With the following emphasis: products which are 100% Canadian grown would be clearly labeled "Product of Canada," if there is any doubt that all or a portion of any food products destined for export is sourced from a country other than Canada then the package/box/container should be clearly labeled "Processed in Canada."

Resolution 07-2005AGM

WHEREAS on March 7, 2005, Judge Cebull of Montana allowed an injunction to be passed to keep the American border closed to live cattle from Canada; and

WHEREAS R-CALF of America has applied for an injunction to the same said judge to stop boxed beef from being imported from Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby CFIA, CCA and the federal government to allow cattle to be tested for BSE for the purpose of marketing.

Resolution 08-2005AGM

WHEREAS the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and others have proposed rescinding the own-use provision of Health of Canada regulations that allow SSGA members and others to import generic drugs, pesticides and herbicides;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA and CCA strongly lobby the federal government to maintain the current rules regarding own-use importation.

Resolution 09-2005AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA ask CBEF to trial test export markets with OTM BSE tested product and this be done as soon as possible and that SSGA, CBEF and CCA expedite this market trial.

Resolution 02-2006SA

WHEREAS feral wild boars have become a problem in over 45 rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS improperly managed feral wild boars are very destructive to private property, the Saskatchewan agriculture industry and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the provincial government to make Saskatchewan a wild boar management zone. Any wild boar outside it's home property be considered fair game and can be disposed of.

Resolution 03-2006SA

WHEREAS SWF may be considering seeking changes to rules regarding use of ATV's for hunting in Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA be involved in any changes to Saskatchewan hunting regarding vehicle use by hunters.

Resolution 04-2006SA

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA and CCA continue to be involved in developing reasonable and economically viable cattle management practices such as loading densities and transportation times for trucking cattle.

Resolution 05-2006SA

WHEREAS cattle identification has proven its worth for the cattle industry and beef industries; and

WHEREAS many cattle have bar code tags which identify the herd of origin which may be different from the current owner; and

WHEREAS if the CCIA quits reading bar code tags, several years of valuable information will be lost;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian beef industry continue to read bar code tags and use the information gathered for as long as there are cattle with bar code tags being marketed.

Resolution 06-2006SA

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Stock Growers (SSGA) has long advocated the removal of education tax on property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA support Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the Tax Action Group in their endeavors to reduce education taxes on agriculture property.

Resolution 07-2006SA

SSGA supports CCIA in maintaining their policy of voluntary age verification.

Resolution 01-2006AGM

WHEREAS the Canadian beef cattle industry is highly dependant upon export sales;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby both the provincial and federal governments to empower Canada's WTO negotiators with a mandate to achieve substantial improvements in global market access for Canadian beef exports.

Resolution 02-2006AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan cattle industry supports the principal of animal traceability and the need for such programs to be national in scope;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby both federal and provincial governments to insure the Canadian Livestock Identification Agency (CLIA) and any proposed provincial traceability initiatives do not unnecessarily duplicate the efforts and initiatives already undertaken by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA)

Resolution 03-2006AGM

WHEREAS USA restrictions on Canadian imports of breeding cattle, over thirty month cattle and over thirty months beef are currently costing the Canadian cattle industry in excess of 1.2 million dollars per day;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian government put high priority on full restoration of access to USA for all classes of Canadian cattle and beef.

Resolution 04-2006AGM

WHEREAS certain RM's are considering taxing rate payers to fund capital business interest or other ventures which are outside of RM's functions and as SSGA's supports individual investment in any business;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby SARM to take a position to not tax rate payers to fund businesses.

RESOLUTION 01-2007SA

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association feels their cattle ID system at the present time is intact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we request a Cost/Risk/Benefit Analysis be completed.

BEFORE; further consideration will be given for the endorsement of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) draft proposal, on animal movement and tracking.

Resolution 02-2007AGM

Because the CCIA tagging system is industry driven and mandatory, it could be a valuable tool for producers. Information could be anonymously returned to producers that would allow them to improve their cow herds and/or management practices. That information could include health problems and carcass data.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA work with the CCIA to set up a system to return information to primary producers.

Resolution 03-2007AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that after cost analysis is in, Zone 4 request SSGA call on the CFIA and CCIA to have industry wide meetings with producers prior to

implementation of any or all facets of the proposed trackability and traceability legislation.

Resolution 04-2007AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government to take steps to deal with the gopher epidemic.

Resolution 06-2007AGM

WHEREAS there is a lack of livestock inspection at most points in Manitoba, it seriously affects the security of Sask. cattle and other livestock;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to work with the Manitoba Government to address this issue.

Resolution 07-2007AGM

WHEREAS the beef industry needs to speak with one voice in its lobby efforts; and

WHEREAS it needs to represent all sectors of the industry; and

WHEREAS it needs to represent all geographic areas of the province; and

WHEREAS it needs to have access to its own funding for those purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the development and participation in a taskforce to investigate and develop options to be considered in the development of a Sask. Beef Industry single voice group.

Resolution 01-2008SA

WHEREAS last February some processed feed was deemed as contaminated by the CFIA;

WHEREAS the cattle that were fed this contaminated feed were placed under quarantine by the CFIA. Later the animals in question were deemed as safe for human consumption, but had to stay in Canada, as export of these animals would violate foreign trade agreements;

WHEREAS the above restrictions severely reduced the value of these animals. Furthermore, many of the animals were not intended for slaughter, as some were replacement animals and higher valued stock;

WHEREAS the hassle and cost associated with a quarantine kill made finding someone willing to process these cattle a challenge;

WHEREAS the CFIA has the power to restrict movement and issue quarantines, but when there is no ordered kill, there is no framework for compensation;

WHEREAS losses incurred were a dual responsibility because of contaminated feed and quarantine;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA ask the CCA to lobby for Federal funding to be made available to producers immediately after the CFIA issues quarantines or movement restrictions or any other order that restricts a producer's livelihood when the situation has occurred at no fault of his own. Government shall be responsible for time and money involved in recouping damages.

Resolution 02-2008SA

WHEREAS wildlife management practices are even more important to the agriculture sector of the provincial economy; and

WHEREAS management of most wildlife habitat is in the hands of agriculture producers with little or no economic benefit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the SSGA lobby the Provincial government to establish a task force to review how the sale of hunting rights by land owners has been utilized by other agencies in other jurisdictions. This said task force should assess the potential that would accrue to land owners from this management approach, understand the impact this approach would have on habitat maintenance and address the concerns resident hunters have regarding their rights and opportunities to harvest game.

Resolution 04-2008SA

WHEREAS many areas in southwest Saskatchewan are going into the fourth year of drought with a shortage of feed stocks, and a severe lack of water, as well as an ongoing problem with gophers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board of directors of SSGA lobby all levels of government to implement programs which will alleviate these problems in the near and long term.

Resolution 06-2008SA

WHEREAS the beef cattle industry needs to speak with one voice in its vision of policy; and

WHEREAS it needs to represent all sectors of the industry and all geographic areas of the province; and

WHEREAS it needs access to interim funding for these purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA continues to support the formation of a Saskatchewan beef industry umbrella group under the Agri-Food Act with the objective of bringing a final proposal to the June 2008 annual meeting.

Resolution 07-2008SA

WHEREAS the SSGA has served the Stock Grower members of Saskatchewan for the past 95 years under its current structure with success and distinction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any proposed change to the structure and mandate of the SSGA vis-à-vis, the umbrella group be made only after the general membership has been consulted and give the opportunity to examine, discuss and vote on such proposal.

Resolution 01-2008AGM

WHEREAS the most effective industry representation possible is desired by all cattle producers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the formation of an umbrella group know as the "Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association" under the Agri-Food Act."

Resolution 02-2008AGM

WHEREAS the mission statement of the SSGA states that it is to serve, protect, and advance the interests of the beef industry. The vision statement is the **Business of Beef – Freedom in Strength**; and

WHEREAS the beef industry has struggled through some extremely difficult circumstances such as closed borders, trade barriers, costly and cumbersome regulations; and whereas the current market crisis has added a severe impact on every sector of the beef industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA, and specifically the entire board of directors, be genuinely committed to represent all sectors of the beef industry and all geographic areas of the province to the best of their ability and set aside personal and territorial differences. This will be essential to ensure the survival of our industry and our association.

Resolution 04-2008AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial Minister of Agriculture to endorse a program which provides monetary parity with the new Alberta Farm Recovery Program II.

Resolution 06-2008AGM

WHEREAS Alberta has introduced a program (Alberta Meat & Livestock Strategy) that has serious implications for all Canadian producers as well as possible national trade implications;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA Board of Directors draft an appropriate response to the Alberta government; and also that the SSGA request our provincial government to express the provincial industry's concerns to the Alberta government.

Resolution 01-2009SA

WHEREAS the cattle industry relies heavily on grass and forages and whereas over the last 10-15 years the resources allocated to grass and forage research has declined dramatically.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby both provincial and federal governments to reinvest adequate resources in grass and forage research.

Resolution 01-2009AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that any motion to remove the SSGA President from his or her position shall require a 15-day advance notice to each and every member of the Board of Directors. Upon proper notification to the Board of Directors, the motion shall also require a two-third-majority vote to be carried.

Resolution 03-2009AGM

WHEREAS the crownland purchase program provides a 10% discount of the initial purchase price on year one of the program;

WHEREAS the cattle industry is going through some challenging times;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture to request that the 10% discount be extended for the length of the five year term.

Resolution 04-2009AGM

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan government's intention is to open and modernize the Saskatchewan Lands Act;

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan government desires to work closely with the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Land Use Committee during this initiative;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association work closely with the Saskatchewan government through the analysis review and modernization of the Provincial Lands Act.

Resolution 05-2009AGM

WHEREAS resolutions passed at the Zone meetings could be outdated if not acted on in a timely manner;

BE IT RESOLVED that all resolutions that passed at the zone meetings be taken to the next scheduled board of directors meeting for consideration.

Resolution 07-2009AGM

WHEREAS the SSGA is a voluntary membership organization representing the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS one directive set out in the articles of incorporation is to work with like minded organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board of directors work only with said organizations when the issues involved support the principles of the SSGA.

Resolution 09-2009AGM

WHEREAS since 1980 a number of environmental studies have been conducted on the Great Sand Hills and whereas the latest study cost the tax payers 3.2 million

dollars and whereas the ranching industry has been in the Great Sand Hills for over 100 years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan government should not impose any further restrictions or regulations on the ranching way of life.

Resolution 11-2009AGM

WHEREAS the 2009 hunting season includes Sunday hunting; and

WHEREAS the landowners have had the responsibility and inconvenience of accommodating the hunting community by allowing access; and

WHEREAS this decision was made with absolutely no consultation of landowners;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment to discontinue Sunday hunting in 2010.

Resolution 12-2009AGM

WHEREAS the Grower Own Use Program (GROU) allows for eligible United States versions of Canadian registered products to be imported into Canada at US pricing; and

WHEREAS Tordon 22K, a widely used product due to the increasing presence of noxious weeds and its effectiveness in their control of Leafy Spurge, Scentsless Chamomile, Field Bindweed, etc. is currently a listed GROU program approved product; and

WHEREAS consideration of Tordon 22K as a GROU listed product is imperative due to the necessity of the product in noxious weed control, and the large price discrepancy (\$42.10 CDN/L versus \$19.48 US/L) is a major concern to producers and Weed Management Authorities in controlling noxious weeds.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Federal government to have Tordon 22K added as an eligible GROU listed product.

Resolution 13-2009AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial Minister of Agriculture to endorse a new program that develops and retains young agriculture producers in Saskatchewan with financial and business assistance.

Resolution 14-2009AGM

WHEREAS Canada's Specified Risk Material (SRM) long list on over 30 months cattle has put our packers at a cost disadvantage to US packers and Whereas Canada needs to maintain "controlled risk" status at OIE;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA ask the government of Canada to get a ruling from OIE on the need for the long list of SRM removal on OTM cattle in maintaining our "controlled risk" status.

Resolution 15-2009AGM

WHEREAS the SSGA likes to take care of its membership;

BE IT RESOLVED that we run the super issue as a trial for the new magazine.

Resolution 01-2010SA

WHEREAS the additional cost of custom agricultural operators being mandated to use clear diesel in their equipment makes Saskatchewan livestock producers at a competitive disadvantage.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Saskatchewan allow custom agricultural operators to use purple diesel in their equipment.

Resolution 02-2010SA

WHEREAS large tracts of range in Saskatchewan are being threatened by the noxious and invasive weed Leafy Spurge. Saskatchewan residents stand to lose a large natural resource, namely our native ranges. A common pathway for the transportation of seed is wildlife;

WHEREAS grazing ranges provide important environmental function in the whole ecosystem of Saskatchewan;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to jointly fund the battle against this invasive weed with producers.

Resolution 03-2010SA

WHEREAS Canadian cattlemen have spent millions of dollars each year on cattle identification;

WHEREAS identification is the first pillar in the National Traceability initiative and producers will also participate by populating the premise identification database at CCIA;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to fully fund the third pillar of traceability which is the movement of animals.

Resolution 04-2010SA

WHEREAS the SCA has been promoted as the administrative body to oversee the provincial check off levy and to act as a facilitator/liaison to and from government, the policies put forward by the SSGA & SCFA and the elected district representatives (at large);

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA recognize the SCA based on the following 2 principals.

- 1) The SCA is the administrative body which oversees the provincial check off levy in a responsible and dutiful manner.
- 2) The governance of the SCA must be transparent and based on sound democratic principals.

Resolution 01-2010AGM

WHEREAS the current Surface Rights Act is outdated; and

WHEREAS mineral and resource exploration is increasing in Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to modernize the Surface Rights Act and establish an independent regulatory body.

Resolution 02-2010AGM

WHEREAS conservation easements are being placed on a portion of former Wildlife Habitat Protection land that is eligible for sale under the Crown Land Sale program; and

WHEREAS conservation easements permanently decrease the sale value of the land;

BE IT RESOLVED that we lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to recognize the decreased value in the sale price of applicable land.

Resolution 03-2010AGM

WHEREAS Agri-Recovery was developed as a natural disaster safety net; and

WHEREAS there are currently no established parameters to trigger the program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that clear parameters be established to trigger Agri-Recovery implementation.

Resolution 04-2010AGM

WHEREAS the Canada-Saskatchewan Pasture Recovery Initiative (CSPRI) is in response to drought conditions for 2008, 2009 and early 2010 but only in designated areas; and

WHEREAS the southwest had serious drought for the past six consecutive years; and

WHEREAS this prolonged drought has had a devastating effect on pastures in the southwest; and

WHEREAS both the federal and provincial governments have recognized drought as a disaster;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CSPRI be extended to include those RMs in the southwest.

Resolution 05-2010AGM

WHEREAS water is the life blood of our farms and ranches and we live in a semi-arid climate. Water is the most valuable resource.

BE IT RESOLVED that it is uneconomical to deliver potable water. We must petition the provincial government to allow pipeline systems to be constructed for the purpose of supplying water for industrial agriculture and domestic use allowing recipients to treat their own water to potable standards.

Resolution 06-2010AGM

IN LIGHT of the Federal government's strategy and commitment to marketing, research, innovation and support of the Beef Science Research Cluster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal government for full funding of phase 2 of the Beef Science Research Cluster.

Resolution 07-2010AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan cattle producers are at a disadvantage to USA and Alberta producers in not having functional access to forward risk pricing management tools (futures market in USA and cattle price and basis insurance) in Alberta.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SSGA support the development and implementation of an actuarially sound effective and affordable National Cattle Price insurance program for fed cattle, feeder cattle and calves.

Resolution 09-2010AGM

WHEREAS cattle with horns cause significant damage to carcasses of beef cattle; and

WHEREAS the Horned Cattle Trust Fund is a penalty against horns that has been at \$2 per animal since 1938.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the SK government to raise the deduction from \$2 to \$10 over a four year period.

Resolution 10-2010AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan's cattle producers are dedicated stewards of the province's grasslands and are interested in the conservation of the natural environment resource; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that ecological goods and services or 'EG&S' are the benefits arising from the ecological functions of healthy ecosystems.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association:

- Supports the development a specific EG&S strategy for Canada that includes policies, programs and mechanisms for conserving natural capital on both private and public lands.
- Supports a sound Canadian EG&S policy that recognizes the role of land managers in the production of EG&S and recognizes that such a policy is one component of a sustainable landscape approach that will retain our natural capital and the goods and services it produces.
- Supports programs that offer appropriate compensation to landowners who provide ecological goods and services that result in increased economic and environmental value for the Canadian public.

Resolution 12-2010AGM

WHEREAS the 2010 Strategic Plan will provide direction for the future of SSGA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2010 Strategic Plan be adopted as presented and any required constitutional changes as a result of the plan will be brought to the membership at next year's Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 01-2011SA

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Provincial Government for the discontinuation of any wild boar farms.

Resolution 02-2011SA

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby for increased provincial funding for the eradication of feral wild boar.

Resolution 04-2011SA

WHEREAS the livestock industry is worth millions of dollars to the Saskatchewan economy annually; and

WHEREAS a potential disease outbreak could severely impact the livestock industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Provincial Government to develop a provincial livestock biosecurity program in partnership with SSGA & WCVM to educate producers on biosecurity best management practices.

Resolution 05-2011SA

WHEREAS Premise Identification is a fundamental component in the management of animal disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS the Alberta government has offered their premise ID system to Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan government to move forward with implementation of premise ID in Saskatchewan.

Resolution 01-2011AGM

WHEREAS currently when land is leased by a mineral company for mineral extraction that the land is valued at agricultural values.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Surface Rights Arbitration Board that when mineral companies lease land to develop mineral resource facilities on a site that the land be valued as commercial property.

Resolution 02-2011AGM

WHEREAS bonds do not provide adequate protection against non-payment to Saskatchewan livestock producers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan in addition to bonds, to develop a Livestock Patrons Assurance Fund (LPAF) similar to Alberta's LPAF.

Resolution 03-2011AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to hold Saskatchewan Surface Rights Arbitration Board Hearings in the Rural Municipality office where the land is located.

Resolution 04-2011AGM

WHEREAS Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) is a production limiting disease in beef cattle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a BVD awareness strategy.

Resolution 06-2011AGM

WHEREAS the stockmen of Canada have paid their share of traceability in that they have paid for tags and have been applying these tags for eleven or twelve years. This cost has been born by the stockmen and if the people of Canada want a rigorous traceability system, that the people of Canada should pay.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fully fund the initiative of traceability beyond the farm gate.

Resolution 10-2011AGM

WHEREAS national animal traceability requires premise identification; and

WHEREAS premise identification will vary from province to province;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA adopts the position that Saskatchewan's premise identification will be the legal land description of their primary premises or operation.

Resolution 12-2011AGM

WHEREAS CCIA collects information on animal movement and origin.

BE IT RESOLVED that CCIA work with industry to provide BVD information back to cow/calf producers.

Resolution 01-2012SA

WHEREAS investment in beef, feed and forage research has been shown to have significant economic and production benefits to the livestock industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to increase funding towards beef, feed and forage research.

Resolution 02-2012SA

WHEREAS the Canada-European Union (EU) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement presents the most significant opportunity in a generation to create new market access for Canadian beef exports.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA work with CCA to lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to actively pursue the successful negotiation of CETA.

Resolution 03-2012SA

WHEREAS the proposed implementation of the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) announcement will greatly benefit Canadian livestock producers by reducing costs and streamlining trade with the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fully implement RCC action plan in a timely fashion.

Resolution 04-2012SA

WHEREAS irrigation increases the productivity of agriculture land; and

WHEREAS Saskatchewan has existing potential for irrigation expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to expand irrigation infrastructure in Saskatchewan.

Resolution 05-2012SA

WHEREAS Johne's disease is a production limiting disease in cattle.

WHEREAS the impact of the pathogen that causes Johne's disease on human health is unknown.

WHEREAS all other Canadian provinces have implemented some form of Johne's disease programming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA would support the creation and implementation of a cattle industry led Johne's disease program which focuses on producer education and Johne's testing support.

Resolution 06-2012SA

WHEREAS the Codex Alimentarius Commission's role in setting science based international standards is critical to enforcing World Trade Organization requirements that plant and animal health measures be based on scientific risk assessments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to work with like minded countries to ensure that CODEX standards remain science based.

Resolution 07-2012SA

WHEREAS a recent Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation (WCB) report recommended compulsory participation in WCB for agricultural producers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have agricultural producers be exempt from compulsory participation in WCB.

Resolution 01-2012AGM

WHEREAS cattle theft and related fraud is an ongoing concern and threat to the Saskatchewan cattle industry; and

WHEREAS there is currently no dedicated livestock theft investigation unit in Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA work with SARM & SCA to lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the RCMP to actively pursue the creation of a dedicated livestock theft investigator position for the province of Saskatchewan through existing RCMP per capita levies paid by Rural Municipalities.

Resolution 02-2012AGM

WHEREAS the ability to grow feed on southwest irrigation projects is a valuable part of livestock producers long term viability.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA meet with the provincial and federal governments to discuss the importance of irrigation land in the southwest.

Resolution 03-2012AGM

WHEREAS the federal code of practices is being reviewed and the SSGA have many concerns to do with increased restrictions that may challenge the cattle industry competitiveness.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA work together with the federal department of Agriculture & CCA to ensure that a balanced approach be applied to the code of practice.

Resolution 04-2012AGM

WHEREAS the federal government has been discussing ending operations of the community pastures branch; and

WHEREAS many cattle producers are patrons of the community pasture program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby on behalf of producers to see that any changes in management of the PFRA pasture system be passed on to provincial or patron management.

Resolution 06-2012AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the Federal Government to have an orderly, fair and equitable transfer of AESB pastures to the province of Saskatchewan for the purpose of private ownership or lease. Priority should be given for agricultural land use and current land users should be given the first chance to purchase or lease. All necessary precautions should be taken to ensure the land is maintained at an acceptable standard for wildlife habitat and environmental sustainability.

Resolution 07-2012AGM

WHEREAS the Barn Swallow has been added by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) to the threatened species list.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Federal Government to remove the Barn Swallow from the threatened list.

Resolution 08-2012AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the government of Saskatchewan to work with CCIA on a process to share information on animal identification to support livestock theft or fraud investigations.

Resolution 01-2013SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA along with CCA lobby governments to return the ethanol industry to an open market footing by sunsetting any mandates, incentives or tariffs on imports.

Resolution 03-2013SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA endorse the Canadian Cattlemen's Association ecosystem services principles as outlined in the EG&S Task Force draft policy paper.

Resolution 04-2013SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to work cooperatively with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture to ensure a smooth and successful transition of the federal community pastures.

Resolution 05-2013SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA endorse the strategic direction that the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is taking on the development of Growing Forward 2 non-business risk management programming.

Resolution 06-2013SA

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the government of Saskatchewan to increase the compensation to crown land lessees to more fairly reflect the time and nuisance that occurs from dealing with oil and gas activities on their lease lands.

Resolution 02-2013AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that any money gained from the sale of PFRA pastures be invested in the beef sector.

Resolution 03-2013AGM

WHEREAS there is a movement to implement a recycling program for twine, net wrap and silage bags funded through a levy charged to producers at point of sale.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA does not approve of having a levy charged on twine, net wrap and silage plastic until the plastic products can be collected from producers in the condition it is in when it is removed from feed stuffs and recycled in a cost effective manner.

Resolution 04-2013AGM

WHEREAS the SK livestock inspection service is currently under review; and

WHEREAS there is a need to implement administrative and operational efficiencies to deliver a cost effective inspection service.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the development of a new industry led private organization to direct the SK livestock inspection and work towards a Western Canadian Livestock Inspection service.

Resolution 05-2013AGM

WHEREAS there is an acute shortage of labour in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial and federal governments to maintain and simplify the application process for the Temporary Foreign Workers program.

Resolution 06-2013AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the SK Ministry of Agriculture's transition plan for the former AESB Community Pastures.

Resolution 07-2013AGM

WHEREAS changes need to be made to the SK Crop Insurance Forage Program.

BE IT RESOLVED that producers be offered a forage insurance program that relates to the carrying capacity of their own individual operations that is flexible enough in times of crop loss that will guarantee feed costs that reflect a producers individual area.

Resolution 08-2013AGM

WHEREAS the SK Surface Rights Acquisition & Compensation Act is currently under review.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA be well represented as a stakeholder when issues regarding surface rights arbitration and compensation on crown and patented lands are reviewed.

Resolution 09-2013AGM

WHEREAS the Provincial Lands Act is going to be updated; and

WHEREAS the current policy of thirty-three year leases benefits both the environment and livestock production while providing stability to individual producers operations.

BE IT RESOLVED that thirty-three year renewable leases continue to be offered.

Resolution 10-2013AGM

WHEREAS the Provincial Lands Act is going to be updated; and

WHEREAS current provisions in the Lands Act gives lessee control of access.

WHEREAS threats such as biosecurity and liability are becoming more prominent.

BE IT RESOLVED that lessee have the right to control access on lease land be included within the Provincial Lands Act.

Resolution 01-2014SA

WHEREAS conservation easements are a permanent encumbrance being placed on ecologically sensitive crown lease land as a condition of sale; and

WHEREAS conservation easements permanently decrease the sale value of land;

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to recognize the decreased value in the sale price of applicable land.

Resolution 02-2014SA

WHEREAS there appears to be many inequities and imbalances with the current surface lease compensation process for crown lease land.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the establishment of a surface lease compensation review process for crown lease land.

Resolution 03-2014SA

WHEREAS recent food safety recalls have hurt the public perception of beef; and

WHEREAS consumers need to be confident of a safe food supply; and

WHEREAS irradiation is a safe and effective way to help ensure food safety and could be as important to meat as pasteurization is to milk; and

WHEREAS irradiation is already used on a number of food products sold in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA support efforts to gain Health Canada approval of irradiation as a food safety intervention for trim and ground beef.

Resolution 04-2014SA

WHEREAS as some non reversionary lands are critical to the continued viability of transitioning federal community pastures.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the government of Canada for an exemption from treasury board policy regarding the disposal of surplus assets directly pertaining to non reversionary land.

Resolution 06-2014SA

WHEREAS the SK beef industry recognizes the value of forage research.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA support the ongoing continuation of the SK Forage Network to coordinate research priorities. So as to enhance a collaborative approach to research for all forage and livestock industry stakeholders.

Resolution 07-2014SA

WHEREAS predation continues to have an economic impact on Saskatchewan cattle producers; and

WHEREAS producers have difficulty getting a timely response from a limited number of control officers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to increase funding to the SCIC predation program to improve the timeliness and availability of predator control officers in the province.

Resolution 01-2014AGM

WHEREAS the *Provincial Lands Act* is going to be updated.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the provincial government to recognize the value within provincial government crown grazing leases and provide ability for producers and lenders to utilize this value for security purposes.

Resolution 02-2014AGM

WHEREAS the federal government has issued an emergency order and recovery plan to save the Greater Sage Grouse; and

WHEREAS the ranching community is bearing the brunt of the cost and labour of implementation; and

WHEREAS there has been little or no consultation directly with ranchers; and

WHEREAS there is no method addressing West Nile Virus or predators or other causes of decline.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Federal Minister of Environment to delay the emergency order until there has been meaningful consultation with the ranching community.

Resolution 03-2014AGM

WHEREAS our government has moved to protect the Greater Sage Grouse; and

WHEREAS their policies will cause undue financial stress on ranchers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to fairly compensate producers for their financial hardship.

Resolution 04-2014AGM

WHEREAS the provincial government has given hunters the right to access the former PFRA lands without permission after November 1st; and

WHEREAS biosecurity for noxious and invasive weeds or animal diseases are readily spread by various means of transportation; and

WHEREAS fire is a major issue.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the provincial government to modify the regulations to allow management of the former PFRA pastures to control access by any means other than by on foot.

Resolution 05-2014AGM

WHEREAS the government is not in favor of ad hoc programs to cover drought and flood; and

WHEREAS the government continues to enhance Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation programs for grain and pulse growers to manage risk.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to enhance existing SCIC forage insurance programs to provide better risk management coverage for forage crops from incidents of drought and flood.

Resolution 06-2014AGM

WHEREAS SSGA life membership fees have been \$1,000 for the past twenty years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA life membership fees be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Resolution 07-2014AGM

WHEREAS the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) allows for financial compensation in support of voluntary conservation agreements; and

WHEREAS current government policy involving SARA makes species at risk and their required habitat a liability to landowners and land managers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to enable the sections of the SARA act that support voluntary conservation agreements that are fully compensated and recognized by the act.

Resolution 08-2014AGM

WHEREAS the *Animal Pedigree Act* provides credibility for Canadian genetics in domestic and international markets; and

WHEREAS repealing the *Animal Pedigree Act* could negatively impact purebred cattle producers ability to export genetics to international markets.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to retain the *Animal Pedigree Act*.

Resolution 09-2014AGM

WHEREAS the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recently switched to a centralized import number distribution centre; and

WHEREAS livestock importers have been experiencing significant delays while trying to obtain import numbers, which is impeding commerce and creating additional expenses in the importation process.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the CFIA to streamline the import permit application process allowing importers to obtain permit numbers in a timely fashion, similar to pre-existing turnaround times.

Resolution 10-2014AGM

WHEREAS there is a resurgence in cattle rustling.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA host a reward fund with rewards up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing livestock from a SSGA member.

Resolution 11-2014AGM

WHEREAS there is an acute shortage in Saskatchewan for agriculture labour, particularly year round permanent labour with skills needed for livestock production; and

WHEREAS there is also an acute shortage of labour for meat processing in Alberta, where Saskatchewan cattle producers rely on value added operations to send their cattle; and

WHEREAS the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) has been successful in the past in supplementing labour in the agriculture and meat processing sectors as a last resort when employers have been unable to find enough Canadians to fill vacancies; and

WHEREAS there has been abuse of the TFWP in other sectors and the Federal Government is expected to make significant changes to the program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA support the Government's efforts to reform the TFWP so that employers may not routinely replace Canadians, but at the same time maintain a viable foreign worker program and immigration system

designed to alleviate chronic and legitimate labour shortages as exist in the livestock and meat processing sector.

Resolution 12-2014AGM

WHEREAS leafy spurge is a difficult weed to control and causes added expense and labour to farms and ranches.

WHEREAS leafy spurge is appearing along provincial highways and right of ways.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the SK Ministry of Highways to take the necessary steps to eradicate leafy spurge on their right of ways and ditches.

Resolution 1-2015SA

WHEREAS it is critical to the future of the beef industry to engage and attract young producers.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA establish a new \$25 junior membership for producers under the age of twenty five years old.

Resolution 02-2015SA

WHEREAS there are currently limited incentives to become a Verified Beef Program (VBP) audited producer; and

WHEREAS there are significant funding inequities between Saskatchewan and other VBP programs in western Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to create a second level of food safety funding for VBP audited producers.

Resolution 03-2015SA

WHEREAS landowners that voluntarily participate in species at risk stewardship programs maybe exposing themselves to future liability.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to recognize and implement Safe Harbour Agreements under *The Species at Risk Act* to protect landowners participating in voluntary stewardship programs from all future liabilities.

Resolution 05-2015SA

WHEREAS there is increasing pressure on the agricultural sector from outside special interest groups.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the development of right to farm legislation.

Resolution 06-2015SA

WHEREAS the University of Saskatchewan is currently selling or generating revenue from agricultural assets.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the University of Saskatchewan to invest any current or future revenue generated from these assets back into agricultural research.

Resolution 07-2015SA

WHEREAS investment in intellectual and physical research infrastructure and capacity is critical to the future of the beef cattle industry; and

WHEREAS the Livestock & Forage Steering Committee report has recommended the creation of a Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence at the University of Saskatchewan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA support the concept of developing a Livestock & Forage Centre of Excellence at the University of Saskatchewan.

Resolution 08-2015SA

WHEREAS underground pipelines, flow lines and power lines pose a safety risk.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have all pipelines, flow lines and power lines be registered with Sask 1st Call.

Resolution 09-2015SA

WHEREAS *The Surface Rights Compensation and Acquisition Act* is currently under review; and

WHEREAS pipelines and flow lines create ongoing limitations on a landowners ability to develop and utilize their property.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to require resource companies to pay annual rent for pipelines and flow lines.

Resolution 10-2015SA

WHEREAS the Grower Own Use Program (GROU) allows for eligible United States versions of Canadian registered products to be imported into Canada at US pricing; and

WHEREAS inoculating sainfoin seed is a recommended best management practice; and

WHEREAS sainfoin inoculant is not currently available for sale in Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to have sainfoin inoculant added as an eligible GROU listed product.

Resolution 02-2015AGM

WHEREAS there has been an increase in the elk and moose population in southwest Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to increase the number of tags issued.

Resolution 03-2015AGM

WHEREAS it is currently proposed to investigate a mandatory per head levy for the purpose of establishing a producer funded BSE testing fund.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA be opposed to establishing such a levy.

Resolution 04-2015AGM

WHEREAS the Greater Sage Grouse emergency protection order causes undue financial hardship for landowners and land managers in the day to day operation of their businesses.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to review or change the Species at Risk Act to be less onerous on landowners and land managers.

Resolution 05-2015AGM

WHEREAS COSEWIC has recently recommended that the Plains Bison be classified as a “threatened” species within Canada under the Species at Risk Act, and have argued pursuant to this status designation that very few “pure” bison which are not contaminated with cattle genes, exist in Canada; and

WHEREAS the designation of bison as “threatened” will have a significant adverse impact upon the profitability of bison farming and that industries ability to market bison meat and other products, both domestically and internationally.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada opposing the designation of the Plains Bison as a “threatened” species under Canada’s Species at Risk Act.

Resolution 06-2015AGM

WHEREAS public funds are being forwarded to the Nature Conservancy of Canada from the federal and provincial governments.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to cease financial support to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and other ENGO’s for the purpose of purchasing agricultural lands.

Resolution 07-2015AGM

WHEREAS conservation easements held in perpetuity devalue property and do not recognize future considerations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments to revise The Conservation Easements Act to make conservation easements no longer than twenty five years.

Resolution 08-2015AGM

WHEREAS the Verified Beef Program (VBP) and other programs educate producers about best management practices for caring for livestock; and

WHEREAS producers have demonstrated a long history of responsible drug use for treating livestock; and

WHEREAS producers need to have veterinary drugs on hand for emergency situations.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the CVMA, SVMA, Health Canada (veterinary drug directorate) to protect producers right to store and administer over the counter and prescription veterinary drugs.

Resolution 9-2015AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan is not currently meeting our required BSE testing numbers.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to allow provincially inspected abattoirs to be a source of BSE testing samples.

Resolution 10-2015AGM

WHEREAS the Species at Risk Act (SARA) identifies lands necessary for the survival or recovery of species at risk as critical habitat; and

WHEREAS ranchers who provide such habitat need to be ensured they are protected from court actions or onerous rules which could adversely affect their operations; and

WHEREAS management agreements can be drafted which will result in the provision of such habitat.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby any Government Minister's necessary to have these management agreements recognized as providing effective protection under SARA.

Resolution 11-2015AGM

WHEREAS the recently transitioned PFRA community pastures are subject to different terms and conditions than regular crownland grazing leases.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have the transitioned PFRA pastures be offered the same contract terms and conditions as all other provincial agricultural crown grazing leases.

Resolution 12-2015AGM

WHEREAS Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) requires livestock producers to pay their WLPPI premiums at the time of policy purchase; and

WHEREAS SCIC doesn't require grain producers to pay their crop insurance premium until the fall.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to have livestock producers be treated the same as grain producers.

Resolution 13-2015AGM

WHEREAS unapproved agricultural drainage negatively impacts downstream landowners and infrastructure.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to disqualify producers found to be illegally draining from government business risk management programs.

Resolution 14-2015AGM

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) presents a significant market access opportunity for Canadian beef exports and failure to be involved would mean losing position to competing beef exporter nations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA work with CCA to lobby the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to actively pursue the successful negotiation of the TPP.

Resolution 15-2015AGM

WHEREAS the range of feral wild boars has been rapidly expanding across Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS there are not currently any effective control measures in place; and

WHEREAS wild boars are currently protected under the *The Stray Animal Act* and can not be hunted during any wild game seasons.

BE IT RESOLVED that the wild boar be removed from the jurisdiction of *The Stray Animal Act* and placed under *The Wildlife Act* so that Saskatchewan can be declared a wild boar eradication zone.

Resolution 16-2015AGM

WHEREAS premises identification is integral to the traceability system; and

WHEREAS producer participation has been low to date.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to make premises identification mandatory in Saskatchewan.

Resolution 17-2015AGM

WHEREAS cattle and beef from Canada and the USA are comingled; and

WHEREAS Canadian cattle producers are expected to compete in the North American market.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby CFIA to harmonize the registration of animal health products and livestock feeds with USDA so what is approved for use in the USA can freely cross the border.

Resolution 18-2015AGM

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA membership approves the proposed amendments to the SSGA constitutional bylaws as presented.

Resolution 20-2015AGM

WHEREAS it has been SSGA board policy to invest ninety three percent of all life membership revenue.

BE IT RESOLVED that fifty percent all future life membership revenue be invested and the remaining fifty percent of revenue be directed towards annual operation expenses.

Resolution 21-2015AGM

WHEREAS predation control is a constant problem in Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS compensation from the SCIC Predation Program for injured animals is not adequate.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to revise the SCIC Predation Program to compensate producers for animals injured as a result of predation at current market value.

Resolution 22-2015AGM

WHEREAS CFIA is proposing new traceability regulations that do not follow the Cattle Implementation Plan (CIP) which was agreed to by all industry players in 2011.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA forward their disapproval of the proposed traceability regulation changes to the CFIA.

Resolution 24-2015AGM

WHEREAS SSGA annual membership fees have not been increased since 1997;
and

WHEREAS operating expenses continue to increase due to inflation.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA proportionally increase all active memberships fees by fifty percent effective immediately.