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Resolution #1

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's new Humane Transport Regulations require producers to complete a movement document; and

WHEREAS there will be increased printing costs to produce expanded livestock manifests to accommodate the new movement requirements.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby AAFC to fund all additional costs as a result of the Humane Transport Regulations.

Carried

Resolution #2

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan received \$400M from the Government of Canada to decommission oil wells; and

WHEREAS orphan oil wells are currently ineligible for funding from the provincial Accelerated Site Closure Program (ASCP).

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to include orphan oil wells in the ASCP.

Carried

Resolution #3

WHEREAS term conservation easements are a new conservation tool; and

WHEREAS term conservation easements can help contribute to Canada's Target 1 goal; and

WHEREAS term conservation easement are not currently eligible under the Federal Ecogifts program.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to provide tax incentives for term conservation easements.

Carried

Resolution #4

WHEREAS the current Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) assessment process assesses species populations based on political boundaries; and

WHEREAS the overall health of a species population is not accurately reflected using political boundaries.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to have the COSEWIC assessment and recovery planning processes updated to reflect the status of the species entire population and that recovery actions in Canada consider the overall status of the species population.

Carried

Resolution #5

WHEREAS Black Tailed Prairie Dogs (BTPDs) are a protected species under *The Species at Risk Act* (SARA); and
WHEREAS BTPDs cause long term damage to native grasslands and seeded crops; and
WHEREAS there is an existing process through the Saskatchewan Ministry for individuals to apply for a permits to control BTPDs.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby for a more streamlined and clear process for individuals to apply for a permit to control BTPDs.

Carried

Resolution #6

WHEREAS Black Tailed Prairie Dogs (BTPDs) are a protected species under *The Species at Risk Act* (SARA); and
WHEREAS BTPDs cause long term damage to native grasslands and seeded crops; and
WHEREAS damage to native prairie from BTPDs is not currently covered by the SK Crop Insurance Wildlife Compensation Program.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to include BTPD damage under the Wildlife Compensation Program.

Carried

Resolution #7

WHEREAS the COVID pandemic has highlighted the fragile nature of livestock processing capacity in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has a goal of doubling Saskatchewan's livestock processing capacity by 2030.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to offer incentives including tax rebates and discounts on utilities & water to investors that construct new or expand livestock processing & value-added facilities in Saskatchewan.

Carried

Resolution #8

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has a goal of increasing livestock cash receipts and value-added revenue by 2030; and

WHEREAS the current Intensive Livestock Operation (ILO) permitting process in Saskatchewan is unpredictable.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA work with the Government of Saskatchewan, SARM and livestock industry associations to develop a more predictable ILO permitting process.

Resolution #9

WHEREAS the adoption of cover cropping and cocktail cropping is rapidly increasing; and

WHEREAS there is currently limited crop insurance coverage available for these crops.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to expand crop insurance coverage options for cover crops and cocktail crops.

Carried

Resolution #10

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

WHEREAS the legislative framework currently exists for the creation of an assurance fund.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to establish a Saskatchewan Cattle Producer Assurance Fund.

Carried

Resolution #11

WHEREAS the current livestock dealer bonding system does not provide adequate protection to livestock producers; and

WHEREAS other provinces license livestock dealers based on ability to pay via a financial means test.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA support the implementation of a financial review process as part of the livestock dealer licensing process.

Carried

Resolution #12

WHEREAS there is discussion of adding a security declaration to livestock manifests; and

WHEREAS producers have concerns about disclosing personal banking information; and

WHEREAS security declarations are an unproven document in a court of law.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA oppose the addition of security declarations to Saskatchewan livestock manifests.

Carried

Resolution #13

WHEREAS carbon pricing is increasing agricultural producers annual operating costs; and

WHEREAS agricultural producers have no ability to pass these increased costs on to consumers; and

WHEREAS agricultural production has significant carbon sequestration potential; and

WHEREAS without the development of internationally recognized carbon protocols producers have no ability to participate in the carbon market.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to provide funding as part of the next Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) for the development of agricultural carbon protocols.

Carried

Resolution #14

WHEREAS the destruction of critical habitat is in contravention of *The Species at Risk Act (SARA)*; and

WHEREAS there are currently no regulatory tools to prevent the destruction of critical habitat on private land; and

WHEREAS the destruction of critical habitat leaves the province and private landowners open to the threat of an emergency protection order.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the province of Saskatchewan to allocate 7% of all crown land sales revenue into a conservation endowment trust to fund conservation activities on private lands.

Carried

Resolution #15

WHEREAS custom work is currently an ineligible expense for AgriStability; and

WHEREAS excluding custom work as an eligible expense unfairly discriminates against producers that don't have the labour or specialized equipment to perform all jobs on their operation; and

WHEREAS excluding custom work doesn't accurately reflect the true profit or loss of running an agricultural business.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to include custom work as an eligible expense under AgriStability.

Carried

Resolution #16

WHEREAS there is a growing risk of the elimination of single use plastic; and

WHEREAS farmers and ranchers rely on plastic products such as twine, net wrap and silage plastic to store livestock feed; and

WHEREAS these products are difficult to transport and have limitations for recycle.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to invest in research to investigate the development of environmentally friendly agricultural plastic alternatives.

Carried

Resolution #17

WHEREAS the PMRA is currently in the process of phasing out the licensing of strychnine for ground squirrel control; and

WHEREAS there is currently no equivalent or adequate alternative to strychnine as an option available for controlling the overpopulation of ground squirrels on agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS producers are currently experiencing an explosion in ground squirrel numbers.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to extend the license for strychnine until a viable alternative is available.

Carried

Resolution #18

WHEREAS there are currently regulatory trade barriers that prevent the interprovincial trade of provincially inspected meat products; and

WHEREAS the COVID pandemic has highlighted the importance of food security.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers for provincially inspected meat products.

Carried