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Resolution #1

WHEREAS the Farm Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) approval process is slow and inefficient; and
WHEREAS time is of the essence for timely project approvals during times of drought.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to reduce red tape and expedite the approval process at critical times.

Carried

Resolution #2

WHEREAS the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) covers non-insurable losses; and
WHEREAS producers with more than \$2 million in gross revenue are ineligible for PDAP assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to eliminate the \$2 million eligibility cap for PDAP claims.

Carried

Resolution #3

WHEREAS having affordable energy is critical for heating homes in rural Saskatchewan; and
WHEREAS the cost of installing natural gas is exorbitant.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the provincial government to have SaskEnergy provide rural residents the option to access, install or upgrade natural gas at a cost no greater than \$7,500.

Carried

Resolution #5

WHEREAS stockpiling forage is a recognized grazing management practice; and
WHEREAS stockpiled forage has monetary value to livestock producers; and
WHEREAS damage to stockpiled forage is not recognized under the SCIC wildlife damage program.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to include damage to stockpiled forage as an eligible loss under the Wildlife Damage Program.

Carried

Resolution #6

WHEREAS investment in the expansion of water infrastructure and storage helps to improve agriculture's resiliency to drought; and

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan modified Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) funding caps and cost share percentages in response to last year's drought.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to make the enhancements to FRWIP permanent.

Carried

Resolution #7

WHEREAS irrigation increases the productivity of agriculture land; and

WHEREAS Saskatchewan has existing potential for irrigation expansion;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the federal and provincial governments for increased irrigation projects and usage in Saskatchewan.

Carried

Resolution #8

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to starting a new agricultural operation or expanding an existing one; and

WHEREAS several CAP programs require \$50,000 in gross revenue to qualify.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to review the minimum gross revenue eligibility threshold to qualify for CAP programming.

Carried

Resolution #9

WHEREAS the Humane Transport Regulations came into full force in February 2021; and

WHEREAS the Humane Transport Regulations now require a transport of care (TOC) document for all deliveries of uncompromised cattle; and

WHEREAS the administrative burden induced by (TOC) is unjustifiable given the excellent animal welfare outcomes in short haul cattle deliveries.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to fund the ongoing printing cost of the TOC document that Livestock Services of Saskatchewan has developed.

Carried

Resolution #10

WHEREAS Health Canada is proposing Front of Package Labelling for ground beef; and

WHEREAS the proposed labelling regulation would require ground beef sold at retail to carry a high in saturated fat warning label; and

WHEREAS ground beef is a nutrient dense protein that contributes zinc, iron and vitamin B12 and other essential nutrients that Canadian consumers need in their diets; and

WHEREAS the potential trade implications that this labelling could initiate.

BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby all levels of Government to defeat this proposal regulation and disallow it from being published in Canada gazette 2.

Carried

Resolution #11

WHEREAS Johne's disease is a production limiting disease of cattle, sheep and goats; and
WHEREAS the Johne's Disease Surveillance Program (JDSP) has been well received and utilized by livestock producers.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan for the continuation of the JDSP in the Next Policy Framework.

Carried

Resolution #12

WHEREAS irrigation projects are very important to the livestock sector especially in times of drought.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby both levels of government to make it easier to have projects put in place in a timely manner.

Carried

Resolution #15

WHEREAS the federal government has recently announced additional proposed firearm restrictions; and
WHEREAS firearms are a valuable tool for livestock producers.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada in opposition of the new firearm restrictions.

Carried

Resolution #16

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Value-Added Agriculture Incentive (SVAI) provides tax incentives for capital investment in new and expanded value-added agriculture facilities; and
WHEREAS SVAI has a \$10 M minimum capital investment.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to lower the minimum investment for livestock processing facilities.

Carried

Resolution #17

WHEREAS the Richardson's Ground Squirrel (RGS) population has increased exponentially; and
WHEREAS RGS cause immense damage to forage crops and severe soil degradation.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada for compensation to cover for the loss of production.

Carried

Resolution #18

WHEREAS cost of production information is critical for on farm decision making on an individual farm and industry basis.
BE IT RESOLVED that SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to financially support the cost of production network.

Carried

Resolution #19

WHEREAS grasslands are under pressure to convert to annually cropping; and
WHEREAS grasslands provide significant ecological benefits to society including carbon capture, biodiversity and wildlife habitat;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to develop programming to value the ecological goods and services that grasslands provide.

Carried

Resolution #20

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has set a goal of growing livestock cash receipts to \$1.8 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS discretionary use hinders investment in the livestock sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to remove discretionary use from RM control.

Carried

Resolution #21

WHEREAS the 2021 drought was widespread and severe; and

WHEREAS cashflow is currently tight for livestock producers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Canada to offer a long-term low interest loan to help livestock producers rebuild their breeding herds.

Carried