



APAS Policy Resolutions

Approved at APAS AGM March 24, 2010

Economic Trade & Strategic Growth

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby the federal government for changes to AgriInvest that would increase the contribution rate on eligible net sales to three percent and raise the aggregate contribution limit to \$200,000.

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS support the efforts of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to establish a national food strategy for Canada.

Livestock

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS investigate how the value of feed produced and fed-on-farm could qualify for contributions to AgriInvest.

Economic, Trade & Strategic Growth and Grains & Oilseeds

WHEREAS budgeting for public research by Agriculture & AgriFood Canada has declined dramatically since 1994; and

WHEREAS public agriculture research, particularly through research stations, has produced a very high return on investment and contributed enormous direct economic benefit to agricultural producers;

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS work through the CFA and with organizations with similar objectives to lobby the federal government to restore core funding levels for public agriculture research to 1994 levels.

Dave Spencer asked for permission for Richard Phillips to speak on the resolution from Grain Growers of Canada.

Environment

Be it resolved that APAS work with the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association to influence the Saskatchewan Carbon Trading Legislation so that it supports the best interests of agricultural producers in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that all exemptions from the definition of trespassing be removed, except for emergency personnel, and that all others need a signed right of entry.

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS write the appropriate federal ministries to express its concern with the proposed amendments to the regulations under the Migratory Birds Convention Act and request that APAS become part of the consultation process.

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS investigate the current situation regarding land surface rights and how the interests of land owners and producers can be protected.

BE IT RESOLVED that in consultation with APAS, the Saskatchewan government help develop a collection infrastructure for agricultural plastics in the province.

Be it resolved that APAS develop a plan to have Weather Bug weather stations installed in all member RMs.

Be it further resolved that APAS look into government funding to assist the installation of Weather Bug weather stations in all member RMs.

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Environment

Whereas there are excessive numbers of deer on all roads resulting in the inhumane killing of thousands of deer every year, danger to motorists, and higher insurance premiums.

Be it resolved that the season for deer population degradation tags be extended.

Grains and Oilseeds

Be it resolved that APAS look for funding to conduct a study into developing standard forms for contracts that farmers sign so their interests can be better protected.

Be it resolved that APAS investigate supporting the establishment of open running rights on rail lines in Western Canada.

Be it further resolved that APAS work with organizations like CFA, WRAP and KAP to have open running rights implemented on rail lines in Western Canada.

Whereas New Generation Coops are effective ways for producers to invest in agriculture related development such as short line railways; and

Whereas shares in publicly traded companies qualify as RRSP investments.

Be it resolved that the federal government create a level playing field by allowing investments in New Generation Coops to qualify as RRSP investments.