



## **APAS Winter Mid Term Resolutions December 4, 2009**

### **Livestock**

Be it resolved that APAS work with governments and the Saskatchewan livestock industry to establish and maintain meat packing capacity in the province.

Be it resolved that the federal and provincial governments provide an annual payment to Saskatchewan primary livestock producers based on the carrying capacity (e.g. AUMs) of grassland they operate.

Be it resolved that the federal and provincial governments implement integrated provincial regulations across Canada that allows for the interprovincial movement of non-federally inspected killed livestock and processed meat.

Be it resolved that APAS advocate that a payment be made by the federal government to packing plants to help offset the cost of SRM removal from OTM cattle.

### **Economic, Trade & Strategic Growth**

Be it resolved that APAS accept the Final Report “Strategies and Recommendations for New Entrant and Intergenerational Transfer Program Needs” from the study conducted by Al Scholz.

Be it resolved that the APAS Mid Term Meeting direct the Executive and Staff to study the Scholz report in more detail and prioritize: actions that APAS can take; recommendations that can be made to policy makers; and resolutions that could go forward to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Be it resolved that general farm organizations, including APAS, have direct participation in the upcoming federal-provincial review of the Growing Forward policy framework for farm support programs.

Be it resolved that the interest free portion of the cash advance programs be increased from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Be it resolved that the AgriInvest program rules be changed to allow unused annual producer and matching government contribution levels to be carried forward to future years.

Be it resolved that APAS request the federal government to reinstate the 10% federal tax credit for purchase of new and used machinery.

Be it resolved that APAS encourage the Ministry of Agriculture to enter a positive return per acres in the labour and management cell of their cost of production Guides.

Be it resolved that APAS meet with federal and provincial officials to discuss the development of functional futures markets for major commodities such as peas, lentils, and flax.

### **Grains and Oilseeds**

Be it resolved that APAS immediately express to Parliament's Standing Committee on Agriculture, the Minister of Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, and the Minister of State (Agriculture) our concerns about the potential negative impact of Bill C13 and the need to have producers' interests protected.

Be it resolved that APAS continue to work with KAP, WRAP, CFA, and commodity groups to identify required changes to current CGC regulations that would strengthen producer payment protection.

Be it resolved that APAS include information in the newsletter telling producers to ensure that the firm they are dealing with is licensed by the CGC.

Be it resolved that APAS immediately lobby the federal government to extend the moratorium on railway siding closures.

Be it resolved that the Executive and staff of APAS work with CFA, KAP, and WRAP to develop shared strategies and joint submissions where possible on current transportations issues including Rail Freight Service Review, Cost of Capital methodology Review, Industry Development Fund Review, access to producer car loading sites, and a grain transportation costing review.

Be it resolved that APAS actively promote direct involvement of producers and their general farm organizations in monitoring and decision-making by governments, agencies, and boards related to grain transportation infrastructure, service, and costing.

Be it resolved that APAS investigate the current impact on producers of production, marketing, and technology use contracts.

Be it further resolved that APAS assess the feasibility of conducting a survey of Saskatchewan producers about the nature and impact of production, marketing, and technology use contracts.

Be it further resolved that APAS launch a major publicity campaign subsequent to the survey findings.

## **Environment and Food Safety**

Be it resolved that APAS recommend to the Ministry of Environment that it delay any legislative changes as part of its regulatory review until there has been adequate consultation with the agriculture industry.

Be it resolved that APAS promote EG&S and ALUS as models for environmentally sustainable development for rural Saskatchewan.

Be it further resolved that APAS actively seek opportunities, or partner with others, to develop EG &S and/or ALUS projects.

Be it resolved that Canadian food safety standards serve as the minimum standards for all imported food.