



# RESOLUTIONS

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## **Resolutions from KAP's 2007 Annual Meeting**

**Winnipeg** - The following 33 resolutions were passed by Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates during its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting in Winnipeg last week, and are now KAP policy:

### **BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### CAIS Administration

That KAP request that the Office of Auditor General investigate the Canadian Agriculture Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program Administration to see what happens to producers' records after they are sent to the Administration.

#### Representation on MASC Board

That KAP lobby the provincial government to have representation from all agricultural areas of the province on the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation board.

#### Inventory Calculation

That KAP lobby the federal government to transfer any unused portion of funds from the Family Farm Options Program to the CAIS Inventory Transition Initiative for the benefit of producers.

#### Program Consultation

That KAP urge federal ministers to consult with general farm organizations when developing programs and do so prior to establishing the value of such programs.

#### APFII Consultations

That KAP urge both levels of government to review the business risk management pillar, including the potential for companion programming, during the APFII consultation process.

#### Deadlines for CAIS Administration

That KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments to implement deadlines on the CAIS Administration to complete applications or pay producers a penalty plus interest.

#### Excess Moisture Insurance

That KAP lobby the provincial government to allow farmers to retain the maximum \$75/acre for excess moisture insurance without any extra expense.

#### Focus on the Future

That KAP and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture take to government the message that farm incomes are not at a sustainable level.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### Revenue Cap

THAT KAP lobby the federal government to implement reductions to the revenue cap; and further

THAT KAP lobby the federal government to ensure the proper maintenance of the hopper car fleet to an acceptable loading standard.

### Hopper Bins

THAT KAP lobby the appropriate government departments to rectify the discrepancy to hoppers bins on skids in regard to farm versus industry assessment.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### Increase of Check-Off

That KAP request that the Agricultural Producers' Organization Certification Agency increase the check-off for KAP from 0.5 of 1% to 0.75 of 1% by regulation under the Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Act.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### Technical Review Committee Reports

That KAP lobby the provincial government and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities regarding their livestock development plans and support site-specific TRC reports based on sound science.

### Hog Industry

That KAP work with the Manitoba Pork Council to lobby the province to lift the moratorium placed on the hog industry.

### Nutrient Loading Sources

That KAP lobby the provincial government to use water quality testing to determine the sources of nutrient loading in Manitoba waterways.

### Nutrient Loading Strategy

That KAP lobby the Manitoba Government to use a science-based approach for any soil nutrient management strategy.

### Nutrient Management & Cottagers

That KAP call on the provincial government to institute a system for cottagers, similar to nutrient management requirements, to manage their effluents in the same manner as agriculture.

### Land Use Planning

That KAP use the development plan process in the province as an opportunity for input to support sustainable agricultural development.

## **MARKETING**

### CWB – Gag Order

That KAP request Minister Strahl remove the “gag order” imposed upon the Canadian Wheat Board.

## **FOOD SAFETY**

### Traceability

That KAP, in conjunction with the commodity groups, vigorously lobby both levels of government to work with and enhance existing traceability programs thereby avoiding unnecessary costs and program overlap.

### Private Property

THAT KAP develop a policy on biosecurity in conjunction with commodity groups that includes a provision stating that no person or persons be allowed on the property, including land and production buildings, without the consent of an authorized person on the farm.

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY**

### Hydro Services

That KAP lobby Manitoba Hydro to explore voluntary cost sharing with farmers in order to relocate or bury hydro services to farmyards for safety reasons.

## **FARM INPUTS**

### Own Use Imports

That KAP lobby the federal government and PMRA for the own use import policy to be expanded to vaccines and livestock pharmaceuticals that are identical to those used by US producers ensuring price parity.

### Fertilizer Prices

That KAP ask the Competition Bureau to investigate the price of fertilizer.

## **ASSESSMENT / TAXATION**

### PST – Environmental & Food Safety Initiatives

That KAP lobby the provincial government to exempt farmers from paying PST for environmental improvements and food safety & biosecurity initiatives, including professional fees.

### Education Tax Rebate

That KAP lobby the provincial government to have the education property tax rebate applied at the point of payment, the property tax bill.

## **RESEARCH & BIOTECHNOLOGY**

### Own Use Imports

That KAP press the federal government for a public comment period to be set up after the patent has been conditionally approved by the Patent Office, but before final approval is granted to provide additional information for the Office to make the final decision on whether to grant the patent.

## **RURAL**

### Predator Control

That KAP ask the provincial government to reinstate an effective predator control policy, with the necessary programming and appropriate tools in place.

### Farm Equipment Specifications & Warranties

That KAP lobby the Manitoba Farm Machinery Board & Canada West Equipment Dealers Association to develop a clear contract of specification & performance including remedies, time lines & non-compliance penalties to become part of the agreement for sale; further,  
That KAP lobby the MFMB to become more proactive in past warranty problems and encourage more R&D.

### Theft of Farm Equipment

That KAP publish a listing of both dealer & private agricultural equipment thefts in the KAP Alert with appropriate details supplied by the district chairs; further,  
That KAP develop a list of steps to be taken when you are a victim of theft; further,  
That KAP lobby the machinery manufacturers to make new equipment more theft proof; further,  
That KAP lobby the Dept of Infrastructure & Transportation to make available to highway inspectors & weigh scale operators a running list of stolen farm equipment.

### Western Grains Research Foundation Funding

That KAP support the efforts of the Western Grains Research Foundation to expand their check-off mechanism to capture all wheat & barley sold in Western Canada.

### Access to Toll-Free

THAT KAP encourage MTS to continue expanding local toll-free services in rural Manitoba.

### Renewable Fuel Policy

THAT KAP lobby the federal, provincial and municipal governments to develop a renewable fuel policy with incentives comparable to our U.S. neighbours.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### Strategic Planning

That KAP hold a strategic planning session to investigate a long term plan on the structure of farm groups in Manitoba; further  
THAT KAP, along with other Manitoba commodity groups, hold a strategic planning session to investigate the same issue.

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