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## General Council Sets Policy to Move Forward

**Winnipeg** – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates from across the province met in Portage la Prairie yesterday to learn more about emerging issues in agriculture, and to set direction for the organization. The following resolutions were passed, and are now KAP policy:

#### **Export of Animals**

**THAT** KAP lobby Manitoba MPs to ensure that there are adequate facilities at the border crossings in order to facilitate the movement of animals.

#### **CFIA Fees**

**THAT** KAP lobby the federal government for the removal of fees for exports charged by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

#### **Deadstock Disposal**

**THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to ensure that there are regional designated land disposal sites for SRMs and deadstock disposal.

#### **Traceability Systems**

**THAT** KAP lobby the province to ensure that all traceability initiatives be industry-led and government work with industry to ensure that such initiatives are not a financial burden to producers.

#### **Crop Residue Burning**

**THAT** KAP lobby the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA), and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) to add funding for BMPs to deal with handling straw with the goal of reducing crop residue burning.

#### **Permits for Water-Related Projects**

**THAT** KAP request that the Manitoba Government require non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to follow the same procedures and licensing process that private landowners must follow for drainage and water storage projects.

#### **Provincial Study on Biomass Use**

**THAT** KAP ask the Government of Manitoba (Minister of Finance) to release the results of its feasibility study relating to the use of biomass in energy generating stations, so

that this information is publicly available to farmers and others who may be interested in this potential opportunity.

**Crop Insurance Coverage**

**THAT** KAP work with the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) and governments involved to ensure that crop insurance coverage reflects current market conditions and average yields.

KAP delegates also adopted a revised policy paper on alternate energy and a series of documents outlining confidentiality and conflict of interest guidelines for General Council.

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