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10-06 TRACEABILITY

Moved by: Steve Eby, Bruce

Seconded by: Chris Freiburger, Bruce

WHEREAS Canadian Cattle producers have a long list of regulations that are costing the industry millions of dollars, and whereas full traceability is to be implemented in 2011 potentially adding additional costs to producers, and whereas traceability equipment is currently not 100% accurate,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA lobby all agencies and levels of government so traceability does not make the beef industry non-competitive or delay the normal speed of commerce.

CARRIED

SUB-RESOLUTION:

Grey

Moved By: Glynn Waterton

Seconded by: Ken Mitchell

WHEREAS, the CCIA is going to implement mandatory traceability and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is already producing at a loss and this will add further costs and,

WHEREAS, the US cattle industry will not be implementing such a mandatory program and,

WHEREAS, this mandatory traceability applied at the producer level will not add anything to the safety of our product at the consumer level

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA, oppose the implementing of MANDATORY TRACEABILITY without a producer vote.

10-07 BRM PROGRAM

Moved by: Bonna Oosterhof, Dundas

Seconded by: Cora VanDenBroek, Dundas

WHEREAS Ontario continues to be affected by low returns in all beef sectors, and

WHEREAS a useable and easy to administer and understand Business Risk Management beef program is required, and

WHEREAS the Ontario Cattlemen's Association has been working on a Business Risk Management program for the beef sectors for several years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE OCA develop a Business Risk Management program for Ontario Beef farmers in consultation with producers on a timely basis to address beef sector needs.

CARRIED

10-08 ONTARIO LABELLING

Moved by: Bill French, Leeds

Seconded by: Harold Haig, Leeds

WHEREAS the Ontario Farm Products has country of origin labelling regulations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA lobby the Ontario government to enforce the country of origin regulations.

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10-09 OCA ROLE & MANDATE

Moved by: Brian Dudgeon, Bruce

Seconded by: Scott Legge, Bruce

WHEREAS over the last several years, the beef industry in Ontario has under-gone and been faced with some extreme challenges and changes, and

WHEREAS the landscape of the industry is forever changing and has been forever changed, but the role and mandate of the OCA seems to be frozen in a period of time that existed when the industry enjoyed more favorable experiences,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA and Advisory boards work together to redefine the role and mandate of the OCA moving forward so it has an effective voice for Ontario Producers.

CARRIED

10-10 DIRECTOR TRAINING

Moved by: Ruby Lennox, Wellington

Seconded by: Rob Unsworth, Wellington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA provide director training to all county directors. Directors need training in leadership and parliamentary procedures in order to run effective meetings.

CARRIED

10-11 SCANNERS AT AUCTION MARKETS

Moved by: Doug Shelswell, Simcoe

Seconded by: Ron Coulter, Simcoe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CCIA scanners should be available in all auction markets to post numbers of age verified animals, as well as age range.

CARRIED

10-12 CONSULTING FIRMS

Moved by: Jamie O'Shea, Middlesex

Seconded by: Frank Byrne, Kent

WHEREAS the OCA frequently uses the services of consulting firms for direction in the industry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA hire consulting firms that have a proven record of making business profitable in Ontario.

CARRIED

10-13 UTILIZING THE SKILLS OF OUR GRASS-ROOTS

Moved by: Denton Meiklejohn, Hastings

Seconded by: Darrell Russett, Hastings

WHEREAS OCA is an organization which takes its strength and develops its leadership from 'grass roots', and

WHEREAS a large portion of the membership may feel detached and powerless in decision-making,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA launch an active survey program to provide an opportunity for members to volunteer to service in areas of special expertise, and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA publish the resulting list of human resources available in order to enhance and expand communications within our organization.

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10-14 ONTARIO BEEF MAGAZINE CONTENT

Moved by: Denton Meiklejohn, Hastings Seconded by: Darrell Russett, Hastings
WHEREAS education is a critical and ongoing need in our industry,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA develop a strategy to use the beef magazine for selected series of brief teaching articles, announcing topics in advance where possible.

CARRIED

10-27 ABATTOIR REGULATIONS

Moved by: Mike Buis, Kent Seconded by: Matt Heleniak, Oxford
WHEREAS the number of local Provincially inspected abattoirs is declining, and
WHEREAS they are an important part of the beef industry infrastructure, and
WHEREAS much of this decline of abattoirs is due to the cost of complying with an increasing regulatory burden that is constantly being added to under the guise of food safety, and
WHEREAS the Province continues to add new and increasingly complex regulations that were in place a decade ago, and
WHEREAS the Province continues to add new and increasingly complex regulations which are increasingly applied for the sake of being technical, rather than with the intent of food safety,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Province of Ontario apply common sense in the creation, application and enforcement of meat inspection legislation, with their goal being to create an environment which allows Provincially inspected abattoirs to thrive financially, and grow in numbers, while maintain their high food safety standards.

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SUB-RESOLUTION:

Moved by: George Taylor, Middlesex Seconded by: Grant McComb, Middlesex
WHEREAS there is shrinking abattoir numbers,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE OCA put pressure on provincial and federal inspection.

10-28 PRISON FARMS

Moved By: Jeff Peters, Frontenac Seconded By: Dave Perry, Frontenac
WHEREAS the Federal government is closing six prison farms across Canada, and
WHEREAS these farms provide food for inmates and processing facilities for local beef farmers, and
WHEREAS studies have proven that these farms provide valuable work experience that reduces reoffending and makes society safer,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA join other agriculture groups and write to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to voice our opposition to the closure of these prisons farms and solicit the support of the Provincial and National associations to do the same.

CARRIED

10-29 BUY ONTARIO POLICY

Moved By: Matthew Heleniak, Oxford Seconded By: Dave Dyment, Oxford

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA put pressure on Ontario government institutions (ie. casinos), to have to buy Ontario beef. Our taxes buy the food for these establishments and more often than not they are buying from the lowest cost processors, which are more than likely American and Western plants.

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REFER TO OCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

10-16 INTRODUCTION OF WILD TURKEYS

Manitoulin

Moved by: Steve Orford

Seconded by: Jim Martin

WHEREAS, wild turkeys are not a native species to Manitoulin Island and there is potential for considerable damage to crops and stored feed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA write a letter in support of the Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association to the Ministry of Natural Resources stating strong opposition to the introduction of wild turkeys to Manitoulin Island, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA forward this same request to OFA.

10-17 ABATTOIR EXPANSION PROGRAM FUNDING

Manitoulin

Moved by: Steve Orford

Seconded by: Jim Martin

WHEREAS, the proposed Cochrane abattoir has been unable to qualify for funding under the Abattoir Expansion Program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the share of funding that was conditionally approved for that abattoir be equally divided between the two successful applicants, Manitoulin and Rainy River.

10-18 GOVERNMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Huron

Moved by: Harvey Hoggart

Seconded by: Neil Rintoul

WHEREAS, the county/district associations rely on volunteers and those volunteers are declining in numbers, and

WHEREAS, Agricorp has implemented a new ruling that requires the employees and contract employees to resign their positions or lose their jobs due to conflict of interest, and

WHEREAS, these employees and contract employees contribute significantly to our associations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA lobby OMAFRA & Agricorp to allow these employees and contract employees to sit on these boards declaring their conflict of interest in certain situations while maintaining their jobs.

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10-19 ESTABLISHING CALF CLUBS

Haldimand

Moved by: Webb Slack

Seconded by: Marie Trainer

WHEREAS, there exists in Ontario several "Calf Clubs" that have been formed for the common goal of increasing returns to the cow-calf producers through various channels, and

WHEREAS, cow-calf producers in Ontario are struggling to generate positive returns, and

WHEREAS the viability of the cow-calf industry is critical to maintaining a supply of cattle raised in Ontario,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT OCA develop a fund to assist in the establishment of cow-calf clubs in Ontario.

10-20 TAG RETENTION

Grey

Moved by: Harold Klages

Seconded by: Dale Pallister

WHEREAS CFIA is expecting 100% compliance on tag retention when cattle are moved through sales barns and to slaughter, and reasonable human effort cannot deliver 100% compliance for a variety of reasons,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT OCA pursue the development of a new technology that would give the 100% compliance that is required with the reasonable human effort that is available. Until this technology is available a reasonable slippage must be expected.

10-21 LOBBYING

Algoma

Moved by: Ron Bonnett

Seconded by: Will Samis

WHEREAS the Ontario beef industry seems to be in crisis again, and

WHEREAS some federally elected officials have offered to work with cattle producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE OCA Board of Directors contact all federal parties and seek out any assistance any party has to offer.

10-22 OSPCA POWERS

Elgin

Moved by: Alan Carroll

Seconded by: Dan McKillop

WHEREAS a recent order by the OSPCA that horses and cattle on pasture should have access to a well-drained resting area and to shelter for protection from adverse weather conditions, and

WHEREAS an Eastern Ontario farmer was raided and forced to comply including replacing steel gates because they could be hit by lightning, and

WHEREAS OSPCA staff can now legally enter a property without a warrant (previously they could do so only if they personally witnessed an animal being abused),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA staff meet with the OSPCA and discuss these absurd orders, and also come to the defence of producers if similar incidents occur, and

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FURTHER BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCA lobby the Ontario Government to control the powers of the OSPCA in accordance with normal farm practices.

10-23 GROWING FORWARD FUNDING

Rainy River

Moved by: Ken McDonald

Seconded by: Tom Morrish

WHEREAS the proposed Northern Growth Plan of the Ontario Government, released in October, 2009 states that one of the priorities for Agriculture is: "To Increase participation of Northern operations in business support programs such as the Canada-Ontario Growing Forward Program", and

WHEREAS real barriers to making full use of these programs in the North do exist, due to geography, distance, inadequate communication systems, and a shortage of OMAFRA technical personnel, and

WHEREAS the current province-wide delivery policy stating that cost share funds are allocated on a first come first served basis places Northern Producers at a distinct disadvantage, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work together with its partners in this program, to immediately develop a system whereby cost share funds are allocated on a regional basis.

REFER TO RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

10-26 FEED CONVERSION FOR BULLS

Leeds

Moved by: Earl McFadden

Seconded by: Donald Bracken

WHEREAS researchers have found that different feeds can obtain different rates of gain in young beef sires,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA ask for research funds to have young beef sires compared on the same feed.

REFER TO GENERAL FARM ORGANIZATIONS:

10-25 APPRENTICESHIP IN AGRICULTURE

Grey

Moved by: Jacquie Hendry

Seconded by: Sean McGivern

WHEREAS, there is a need for skilled trade and apprenticeship in agriculture, and

WHEREAS, skilled trades and apprenticeship in agriculture is not included in the curriculum, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA lobby and support the GFO's efforts to work with the college and apprenticeship boards to seek opportunities for those individuals interested in a skilled trade or apprenticeship in the agriculture sector.

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REFER TO OSCIA:

10-24 WOOD ASH

Rainy River

Moved by: Tom Morrish

Seconded by: Delton Martin

WHEREAS wood ash from industrial operations in Northern Ontario is classified as Class 3 material under the Ontario Nutrient Management Act, and

WHEREAS significant research and field trials, demonstrate the positive value of using this material as a soil additive in growing crops, and

WHEREAS the current classification regime and manner in which “certificates of use” are issued by the Ministry of the Environment deter many producers from making use of this readily available source of plant nutrients,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the present classification of this material under the Nutrient Management Act be changed from Class 3 to Class 1.