

Manitoba Cattle Producers Association 2009 Resolutions

1. Cattle Price Insurance Program - CARRIED

Be It resolved that the MCPA investigate and lobby the provincial and federal government for a price and basis insurance program for the cattle industry in Manitoba, similar to other provinces.

2. Cattle Price and Basis Insurance Program - WITHDRAWN

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the provincial and federal government for a price and basis insurance program for the various classes of cattle with an equal cost share percentage similar to the crop insurance program with one animal being considered a production unit. For example, feeder, fats, stocker.

3. Price and Basis Insurance for Fed Cattle - WITHDRAWN

Be It Resolved the MCPA lobby the provincial and federal government for a price and basis insurance program for fed cattle with an equal cost share percentage as the crop insurance program with one animal being considered a production unit.

4. Cyanide Guns for Problem Predator Control - CARRIED

Whereas problem predator incidents are increasing, and resulting damages and loss to livestock is on the increase.

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the federal and provincial governments to reintroduce the use of cyanide guns for problem predator control in Manitoba.

5. Exemption for Drivers of Farm Implements - CARRIED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby for an exemption clause in the Highway Traffic Act, which allows operators of agricultural farm implements to be exempt from the requirement of having a valid drivers license while operating agricultural farm implements on a public road with the following restriction;

All Agricultural farm implements that have a maximum operating speed of no more than 30 klms per hour.

6. Date of MCPA Annual General Meeting - TABLED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA Annual General Meeting be scheduled during the month of October.

7. Anti Trust Legislation - TABLED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the CCA and the federal government to amend existing competition laws to limit market share, ownership, and control to no more than 30% for any enterprise.

8. Price Transparency - CARRIED

Since there is very little price transparency relative to the US in the prices of our fat cattle from the packers,

Be It resolved the MCPA lobby all levels of governments to attempt to achieve more transparency in our pricing for the cattle industry

9. Beef Imports - CARRIED

As Canadian Beef Producers, we pride ourselves in producing the highest quality product.

We would expect all beef imports coming into Canada to be tested to the same level in regards to toxins, hormones and chemical residues that the Canadian Cattle industry is by law required to adhere to.

Be It Resolved the MCPA Lobby the CCA and the federal government for a provision in the laws which indicates all beef imports are tested at all import sites across Canada to ensure it meets the same standards that are currently required from all Canadian producers and beef products produced in Canada.

10. MCEC Check-Off - TABLED

Whereas, the three year review of the MCEC is coming up,

Therefore Be It Resolved That the MCPA lobbies the Province of Manitoba to discontinue the \$2.00 a head check off to MCEC.

11. MCEC Accountability - CARRIED

Be it resolved that the MCPA lobby to have the yearly financial records of the MCEC made available to producers in Manitoba, as MCEC is accountable to the producers that pay check-off put into this organization.

12. AgriRecovery - CARRIED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the provincial and federal government to establish set triggers or margins in order for areas to be eligible under the AgriRecovery Program.

13. Anaplasmosis - CARRIED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the CCA and the federal government under the animal disease act to keep Anaplasmosis as a reportable disease.

Be It Further Resolved that the MCPA lobby the CCA and the federal government under the animal disease act to compensate producers for the cost incurred while animals are under quarantine for a reported disease.

14. Reaffirm the Establishment of a Kill Permit for Problem Wildlife- CARRIED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA lobby the provincial government for the establishment of a kill permit for problem wildlife not presently included within current problem wildlife management programs but nonetheless pose a threat to property, food safety, and livelihood. Such as, issuing more tags and landowner permits.

15. Extended Use for Bar-Code Tags - TABLED

Given the large amount of cow/calf operations in MB; and

Given the current economic situation;

Be it resolved that the MCPA requests that the CCIA allow producers to continue using bar-code tags for another two years. Thus, giving time for producers to grandfather-in the CCIA requirement to use RFID tags.

Late Resolution 1 - CARRIED

Be It resolved that the MCPA lobby the provincial government for an active brand inspection to prevent the loss of cattle on the landscape.

Late Resolution 2 – CARRIED

Due to unfair price son vet supplies in Canada compared to the U.S., be it resolved that the MCPA lobby the CCA and the federal government for price equalization on vaccination medications that are in similarity to our currently approved vaccines.

Late Resolution 3 – CARRIED

Be It Resolved that the MCPA investigate the possibility of holding the Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the Manitoba Livestock Expo, in November.