



Resolutions As Passed at the 2025 Annual General Meeting February 26th, 2025

1. Implementing the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry's report, "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human, and Social Health."

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby the federal government to allocate the resources necessary to implement the recommendations contained in the Senate report, "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human, and Social Health", including provisions to recognize the contributions of early adopters.

2. Carbon Tax Revenue for Grassland Retention

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA request the federal government to ensure that a portion of carbon tax revenue is directed towards payment to incentivize the retention and maintenance of native grass and pastureland and hay land.

3. Incentives for Producers to Install Weather Stations for Data Collection

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA request the federal government provide an incentive for producers to provide data from verified weather stations, new and existing, to be used for weather data collection and the delivery of rainfall insurance and other weather-based government programs.

4. Federal Government Investment in Farm Adaptation to Climate Change

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

To provide greater support for the research and investment needed to adapt Canadian farms to the challenges of climate changes in order to improve their resilience and profitability and thus promote sustainable agricultural production that delivers food security to our fellow citizens.



5. Federal Government Investment in Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions by Farms

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

To recognize the strategic role of the agricultural sector in meeting climate challenges by targeting and funding projects that promote the reduction of GHG emissions on the farm, and by increasing support for research, knowledge transfer and the adoption of efficient, cost-effective technical practices and solutions for reducing GHG emissions.

6. Waterhemp and Palmer Amaranth

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Government of Canada to fund research that would provide farmers with integrated weed management strategies to help manage waterhemp and Palmer amaranth.

7. AgriStability Eligible Expenses for Feed and Input Costs

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA request the federal government to support changes to AgriStability eligible expense category to better capture the full livestock sector input costs (pasture and feed).

8. Changes to Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA requests changes to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act to prioritize farmers as secured creditors in the dispersal of grain in store that is being dispersed in the liquidation of assets to creditors.

9. Protecting Producers from Payment Default

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA urge the Canadian Grain Commission undertake operational changes to ensure:

- a. licensed grain buyers are current with their contractual obligations to producers;
- b. have bonds or insurance coverage in place to fully compensate for all payment defaults;



- c. bonds and insurance include interest owing for the delays in processing claims and settlements;
- d. proper licensing of grain brokers to ensure compliance with the regulations, protection and transparency for producers; and
- e. public information for producers to understand the risks of deferring payments when the financial position of buyers is unknown.

10. Conversion of Grain Weight to Dry Matter Basis

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA request the Canadian Grain Commission to establish a conversion factor for grains and oilseeds that calculates weight on a “dry matter basis”, such that the weight of grain at final settlement is calculated at its maximum dry moisture level (e.g. 14.5% for wheat).

11. Protecting Canadian Agricultural Land from Foreign Ownership

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA advocate for the Government of Canada to amend the Investment Canada Act to classify agricultural land as a critical resource requiring review of foreign purchases to ensure they align with Canada’s food security, sustainability, and rural development goals.

12. Adapt Agri-Insurance to Climate Change

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

To improve the Agri-Insurance program so that it adequately covers new climate risks and enables the governments to assume the full risk of losses incurred during exceptional climate-caused disasters.

13. Expansion of Farm Rollover Provisions

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA request Finance Canada to immediately expand eligibility of farm rollover provisions to include aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, stepchildren, and adopted children.

14. Enhancing Capital Cost Deductions for Canadian Farms



BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA advocate for:

- a. A permanent accelerated capital cost allowance measure that mirrors U.S. Section 179—that enables farm businesses to deduct 100% of capital costs for new farm equipment (up to a certain threshold) in the first fiscal year; and
- b. A temporary “bonus” depreciation provision—mirroring the U.S. model—that, at least in the near term, allows farm businesses to deduct an additional portion (ideally 100%) of larger capital purchases in Year 1, to close the competitiveness gap with U.S. producers.

15. Coast Guard Services at Churchill

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA ask the federal government to ensure the establishment of Canadian Coast Guard Services, stationed at Churchill.

16. Response to possible tariffs on Canadian exports to the USA

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA engage with the Government of Canada on the following actions:

- a. Ask Canadian officials to emphasize to the U.S. to continue to respect current CUSMA trading rules.
- b. Have the Government of Canada identify a targeted list of US products imported into Canada in order to have a targeted list for strong retaliatory tariff action;
- c. Investigate the opportunities for Canada to be the preferred supplier of agricultural products to replace US exports to countries affected by US tariffs.
- d. Support agricultural businesses and producers that will be affected by tariffs through direct financial aid, if tariffs are applied.

17. Water in U.S. Trade Negotiations

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA clearly request that the Federal Government refrain from using potential water sales, transfers or diversions as a bargaining chip in any trade negotiations with the United States.

18. Rural-Agricultural Lens to Policy Development



BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby the federal government to ensure all departments are mandated to duly consider the perspective of, and any implications for, Canada's rural communities and the agri-food sector within the policy development process.

Reaffirmations

19. Trade and Market Development Programs

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA work with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to ensure federal trade and market development programs meet the needs of smaller acre crops and niche commodities through program changes that provide:

- Funding for domestic market development, including activities to promote the health benefits of agriculture and agri-food products to Canadians;
- Financial assistance to help sectors resolve emerging non-tariff trade restrictions, including technical and political barriers to trade in overseas markets; and
- Flexible funding agreements for commodity associations that are unable to meet existing cost-shared funding ratio requirements.

20. Market Access

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the federal government:

- To allocate the necessary resources and authority to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to ensure that imported agricultural and forestry products and foods are produced according to the same production and processing standards as those in force in Canada, which could be used to set up a monitoring office for imported products along with measurement and control tools in collaboration with the Canada Border Services Agency; and
- To maintain if not improve access to the markets of our trading partners and remove all trade barriers concerning export-oriented agri-food products.

21. Chinese Market Access



BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the federal government to obtain concrete commitments China to allow Canadian slaughterhouses and producers of canola or other potentially affected products, to deliver their products to the Chinese market.

22. Negotiate an exemption for private-forest lumber in the future agreement on lumber exports to the US

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the Government of Canada to negotiate an exemption from countervailing and anti-dumping duties for private-forest lumber in the future agreement on softwood lumber exports to the United States.

23. The Barton Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby the Canadian Government to implement the initiatives outlined in the Barton Report including:

- a. Attracting the talent Canada needs through immigration,
- b. Positioning Canada as a Global Trading Hub,
- c. Unlocking innovation to drive sales and growth, thus increasing agriculture's contributions to Canada's GDP.

24. Livestock Tax Deferral

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to implement changes to the Livestock Tax Deferral Program to ensure:

- All producers in need of a tax deferral due to drought or excessive moisture have access to the Livestock Tax Deferral program, irrespective of administrative boundaries;
- Decisions regarding deferral eligibility are timely and in sync with the production season to allow for informed business decision-making and tax planning on the part of producers;
- That the program is utilizing new technology such as satellite vegetative mapping into their drought and excessive moisture assessment process;
- Individual producers, when excluded from a designation, are afforded an appeal mechanism; and



- That all classes and types of livestock are provided a deferral when AgriRecovery is triggered.

25. Agricultural Policy Framework 2023-2028: AgriStability

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA ask Agriculture and Agri-food Canada to increase AgriStability program coverage to 85% of the reference margin, without requiring the agreement of all the provinces.

26. Agricultural Policy Framework 2023-2028: Investment

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA ask the Government of Canada to increase the overall budget for the agricultural sector in order to close the gap with the European Union so that public investment in agriculture is consistent with the size and strategic importance of this sector within the Canadian economy, while reducing the administrative burden on agricultural producers.

27. Agricultural Policy Framework 2023-2028: Agri-environmental

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

- To introduce a new program, called Agri-Green, to remunerate producers who will comply with certain environmental requirements or implement certain practices;
- To offer a dedicated support and guidance program for all the adjustments required of agricultural enterprises enabling them to cope with climate changes and make greater use of existing advisory services; and
- To increase funding for agronomic research and innovation as well as for strategic agro-environmental initiatives (e.g., Living Laboratory Initiative, coaching, training, knowledge transfer, etc.).

28. Insurance

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA work with members to identify insurance barriers and gaps and work with stakeholders to address these gaps.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFA work with the Federal Government and its members to create a publicly (government) owned farm insurance company to underwrite, issue and manage for the farming industry in Canada.

29. Access to Government Funding for All Agricultural Producers

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby the Government of Canada through AAFC to insist that the program parameters and priorities of the Next Policy Framework are jointly developed and applied by the federal, provincial and territorial governments to ALL agricultural producers, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Government of Canada is otherwise restricted in its implementation of equal access for all farmers due to provincial jurisdictions, the CFA insist an alternate emergency fund be created with accessibility granted to farmers excluded from current CAP funding within their province.

30. Business Risk Management 1

BE IT RESOLVED that when improvements to business risk management programs are proposed by the federal government, provinces can individually select whether or not to adopt the program, without the current requirement of a 'strong majority'.

31. Business Risk Management 2

BE IT RESOLVED that should the Federal government allow individual provinces to opt into proposed improvements to risk management programs negating the requirement of a 'strong majority' of provinces, CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-food Canada to allow individual producers in those provinces that do not opt in to access the federal portion of funding improvements proposed by the federal government.

32. Noxious Weed – Amaranthus Palmeri



BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to have *Amaranthus palmeri* added as a prohibited noxious weed seed under the Weed Seeds Order.

33. Funding for Breeding Programs

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to protect the viability of public crop breeding programs by ensuring that AgriScience Clusters provide funding for all crops breeding activities necessary to bring a new crop variety to market, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada that a minimum 70:30 (government: producer) cost share funding ratio is reinstated for smaller acre crops that cannot afford to meet the full cost share ratio.

34. Revocation of the maximum residue limits for Imported Products when active ingredients are removed in Canada

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

- Meet with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Health Canada officials to inform them of the economic consequences and food safety implications of this situation;
- Ask the Government of Canada and the PMRA to set the MRL at 0.01 PPM for imported products when these active ingredients are subject to complete removal in Canada;
- That any MRLs applicable to unregistered active ingredients set by the Canadian Department of Health for imported products apply to products originating in Canada
- Ask the Government of Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to block at the border any imported agricultural product presenting MRLs higher than those for Canadian products as a result of the PMRA's re-evaluation of a phytosanitary product.
- Ask the Government of Canada to work with the U.S. Government to harmonize the MRL to 0.01 PPM for active ingredients that are no longer registered



35. Farm Animal Veterinarians

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA work with members and other stakeholders to address the issues with accessing farm animal veterinarians.

36. Approval of safe-use alternative antimicrobials

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA work with agricultural stakeholders to lobby Health Canada to facilitate the swift approval of alternative antimicrobials with a history of safe use in other jurisdictions.

37. Reserving animal-based imagery and words for animal products

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby for stricter and more proactive enforcement of existing labelling regulations and legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada to reserve to animal-based products the use of images of animals as well as any names/words commonly used to describe such products.

38. Support for additional sustainability tools, technologies and practices

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby government to ensure effective and targeted funding to support the development and implementation of additional sustainability tools, technologies, and practices on farms, such as: ecological goods and services programming, infrastructure supporting renewable energy, standardized tools and technologies to measure greenhouse gas emissions on-farm, and research towards on-farm green technologies.

39. Maintenance Funding for Weather Radar Stations

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby Environment Canada to ensure the weather radar network provides radar coverage for all agricultural lands in Canada.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Federal Government to ensure Environment Canada has the direction and resources to ensure that radar stations are kept functioning in a consistent and reliable manner.

40. Canadian Agriculture Competitiveness

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Federal Government to focus on supporting those strategies that will result in the largest emissions mitigation effects (i.e. methane and nitrogen oxides), including methane inhibitors for both feedlot and cow-calf operations, manure management, fertilizer management, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Federal Government to ensure that agriculture is not penalized where there are no feasible alternatives, as the past has shown with conservation tillage that agriculture will adopt better practices when able, and to recognize and address climate policies that, while necessary for other industries, negatively affect Canada's agricultural competitiveness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Federal Government so that when realistic alternatives are identified, transition and implementation plans for agricultural businesses are also supported (backgrounder, follow-up, etc.)

41. Expansion of Weather Radar Network

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA lobby Environment Canada to ensure the weather radar network provides radar coverage for all agricultural lands in Canada.

42. Emission Offset Programming

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA investigate carbon sequestration and the potential impact it may have on Canadian farmers' incomes; as well, investigate a cap and trade system and the potential it may have as a source of income for Canadian farmers.

43. Harmonization of Pesticides

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in concert with other interested organizations petition the Privy Council Office, which is the body responsible



in Canada for the Regulatory Cooperation Council, with a demand that all differences in the evaluation and registration of pesticides that are preventing harmonization between Canada and the USA be resolved.

44. Safe Food for Canadians Regulations

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture ask Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Government of Canada:

- To provide an investment assistance program to support the purchase and installation of equipment
- required to comply with CFSR standards, including labelling;
- To strengthen the capacity of agricultural businesses to adapt specifically to the CFSR by means of financial support for the use of consulting services;
- To ensure that foreign suppliers are subject to the same regulatory requirements and to the same production standards as Canadian producers, with rigorous identification of their products.

45. Mandatory Entry Level Training for Truck Drivers

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA work with the Federal government to establish license reciprocity for Class 1 Drivers both in Canada and with the U.S to increase the availability of drivers for the sector and for improved inter-provincial and international transport,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFA lobby the Federal Government to invest in the training of Class 1 Drivers to help reduce the financial burden on agriculture producers and reduce the shortage of truck drivers available.

46. Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program and Processing

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA engage members in defining how, and to what extent, on farm processing should be accommodated in the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) and the Agricultural Stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.



47. Temporary Foreign Worker Program: Mobility

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the Government of Canada:

- To ensure that seasonal TFWs in the Agricultural Stream have the same access to inter-farm transfers as TFWs in the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program to ease their mobility within the agricultural sector;
- To explore mechanisms that would allow for greater mobility between farms and structured work-sharing arrangements for smaller operations that do not require TFWs on a full-time basis;
- To ensure both employers and TFWs abide by the terms of both the TFWP and their employment contracts; and
- To provide a rapid replacement mechanism in the event of a worker's unplanned departure.

48. Temporary Foreign Worker Program: Housing

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the Government of Canada:

- In the event that new TFW housing standards are introduced, to preserve the competitiveness of the agricultural sector with, among other things, adequate government financial support and an adequate timeframe for their implementation; and
- To extend the time limits for housing inspections to a minimum of 12 months.

49. Temporary Foreign Worker Program: Impartial Support

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the Government of Canada to provide support to employers, TFWs and community organizations throughout the employment relationship in a neutral and impartial manner.

50. Local Labour Force

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture lobby the proper government agencies to provide changes to allow agricultural producers to access the local labour force without affecting their Guaranteed Income Supplement or incurring any penalties.



51. Legislative measures to prohibit unauthorized entry into agricultural businesses and food-processing sites

BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA ask the Government of Canada:

- To table and adopt a bill based on Bill C-205, as tabled on February 18, 2020, making it a punishable offence to enter a place where animals are present without authorization or lawful excuse while creating a risk of contamination, which was abandoned when the federal election was called, and
- which will include plants as well as animals.

52. Water Infrastructure Funding

BE IT RESOLVED that CFA advocate for enhancements to federal water infrastructure and water supply programming, including;

- I. Infrastructure programs which mandate consideration and recognition of financial, organizational and technical challenges faced by rural and remote communities,
- II. A review of program design to identify solutions to the challenges in accessing public funding by rural
- III. communities and agricultural producers,
- IV. The adoption of the principle that programs providing public funding for infrastructure should provide benefits to all citizens in the region, urban and rural, and that proponents demonstrate the consideration of regional water needs.
- V. The adoption of the principle that connections to publicly funded water infrastructure projects be accessible to neighbouring communities at a reasonable cost.
- VI. That the Federal government work with the Provinces to develop programs to assist rural and remote communities with the ability to build local capacity in planning, developing, and implementing water projects to meet local needs and enhance future resilience.

53. Regulation of Strychnine



BE IT RESOLVED that the CFA request Pest Management Agency (PMRA) to issue a decision to allow for continued use of Strychnine and its associated end-use products until viable alternatives are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFA lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to actively pursue research and development of viable, effective and economic alternatives to Strychnine.