

NPPC DELEGATE ACTION AT 2003 NATIONAL PORK INDUSTRY FORUM

The following action was taken by the NPPC Delegates at the 2003 National Pork Producers Council Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX on March 7-8, 2003.

Adopted Resolutions: shown in final form

A. SO#1 Organization/Funding

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Delegates encourage the Pork Act delegates to approve the implementation of a plan to create a single industry organization funded by voluntary contributions from producers and others. The structure of the single organization will be determined by a task force formed jointly by the National Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board. The task force will bring its final recommendation for the new single industry organization to the 2004 Pork Forum for adoption. Passed

B. SO#1A Organization/Funding

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Delegates support the implementation of a plan to eliminate the mandatory checkoff and within 6 months following the 2003 Pork Industry Forum, move to a single national pork association, the National Pork Producers Council, funded by a voluntary 45 cents per one hundred dollar value system, that incorporates key programs of both the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council. Tabled

C. SO#1B Organization/Funding

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Delegates support the implementation of a plan to eliminate the mandatory checkoff and within six months following the 2003 Pork Industry Forum, move to a single national pork association, the National Pork Producers Council, funded by a voluntary 45 cents per one hundred dollar value system, that incorporates key programs of both the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council. Tabled

D. SO#2 Checkoff

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council propose that the mandatory pork checkoff rate be reduced 5 cents from its present 40 cents per \$100 of value to 35 cents per \$100 of value. Defeated

E. SO#3 Producer Consent Rate

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Delegate body raise the National Pork Producers Council Producer Consent funding to 15 cents per \$100 value
Withdrawn

F. SO#4 Organization/Funding

MOTION: That should the mandatory pork checkoff be ruled unconstitutional, or in some other way be discontinued, the National Pork Producers Council Producer Consent rate shall immediately move to the \$.45/\$100 value. Passed

G. SO#5 Producer Consent Program Support

MOTION: That all pork producers who serve on pork producing business entities whose agents serve on the National Pork Producers Council's Board of Directors, Committees or delegate body shall pay the Producer Consent program's market deduction on all hogs from all affiliated businesses or applicable membership fees. That any director, committee member, or delegate not fully participating in the Producer Consent program must resign within 6 months from his or her position. Passed

H. SO#6 Producer Consent

MOTION: The member state organizations of the National Pork Producers Council recognize the importance of the National Pork Producers Council Producer Consent program and therefore assume the responsibility of the marketing and sign-up processes to and of producers of the program. And be it further resolved, The role of the National Pork Producers Council shall be to assist in the coordination and marketing of the Producer Consent program Passed

I. SO#7 Governance

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Board of Directors create a task force to review the governance systems of the National Pork Producers Council, and forward appropriate recommendations for resolutions and/or bylaws changes to the delegate body for consideration at the 2004 annual meeting. Areas of review shall include: the demands on time of producer leadership and impact upon availability of leadership; size, structure and responsibilities of the delegate body including mechanisms to insure positive state and national relations, clarity of the current bylaws, and other areas as identified which relate to improving the design and structure of the organization's governance processes. Passed

J. SO#8 Editing of Bylaws

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council Delegates grant the authority to the National Pork Producers Council Bylaws and Resolutions Committee to edit the wording of the National Pork Producers Council Bylaws for the sole purpose of clarity, continuity and functionality. And be it further resolved, that edits may not be made to alter the intent of the Bylaws. Passed

K. SO#9

MOTION: Be it resolved that the chair recognize the states that doubled their state assessment to the National Pork Producers Council. Passed

L. SO #10

MOTION: The delegate body encourages the National Pork Producers Council to increase the state assessments by 100% for the year 2003. Passed

M. SO#11 Organization/Funding

MOTION: To change the producer consent rate returned to states be immediately, reduced to 25% to create immediate funding to NPPC during 2003. Passed

N. PP#1 Animal Welfare

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council provide scientific, and technical information as well as monetary support to aggressively address animal welfare issues.

And be it further resolved, to work with other compatible organizations to enhance the image of modern agriculture. Passed

O. PP#2 Legal Issues

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council work to provide indirect, as well as direct, access to legal assistance for regulatory, environmental, nuisance and related issues and pursue the development of a legal defense fund. Passed

P. PP#3 Right to Operate

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council support the right of all producers of any size or type of production system to market access and we are opposed to anything that hinders market access.

The National Pork Producers Council support a congressionally directed study on the issues of market access, packer ownership and the concentration of pork packing and swine production systems. Passed

Q. PP#4 Country of Origin Meat Labeling

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council pursue a repeal of the mandatory country of origin meat labeling legislation.

And be it further resolved to work with state associations and other related agricultural organizations to communicate the negative impact of country-of-origin labeling and ask for congressional hearings to inform producers and the public about the negative impacts of country-of-origin labeling. Passed

R. PP#5 Drought Assistance

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council oppose use of Farm Bill offset funding and encourages Congress to provide disaster assistance for pork producers in a manner similar to emergency assistance provided for victims of other natural disasters. Passed

S. PP#5A Livestock Disaster Program

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council to petition Congress and the USDA to add swine to any future livestock disaster programs. Passed

T. PP#6 Captive Supplies

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council pursue legislation at the national level, allowing all non-cooperative packers that annually slaughter an average of 100,000 or more swine to control no more than 60% of their daily slaughter for no longer than 7 days prior to slaughter through ownership or captive supply agreements whether those agreements be contract, formula and/or any other supply capturing mechanism. The Federal legislation should not pre-empt existing, more restrictive state legislation. Defeated

U. PP#7 Market Access

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council work with states to support Federal legislation requiring all non-cooperative packers that annually slaughter an average of 100,000 or more swine to purchase 40% of their daily slaughter from the cash or spot market, Federal legislation should not pre-empt existing, more restrictive state legislation. Defeated

V. PP#7 A Market Access

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council pursue legislation that a minimum of 25% of the nation's hogs be sold on the spot market in order to derive a current market price. Out of order

W. PP#8 Hogs and Pigs Report

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council request that the USDA include in the quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report an estimate of all hogs and pigs on the North American continent to more accurately reflect the total pigs potentially available to North American meatpacking plants. Passed

X. PP#9 Competition in Livestock Markets

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council should demand that the Secretary of Agriculture, Attorney General, and the President direct the USDA and the Department of Justice to review, interpret and enforce the Packers and Stockyards Act to the fullest extent to preserve competition in livestock markets. Defeated

Y. PP#10 Packers & Stockyards Act

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council form a task force to review and update the Packers & Stockyards Act to reflect the changes in the livestock industry and to protect the individual operations/owners interest. Defeated

Z. PP#11 Gestation Stalls

MOTION: e National Pork Producers Council supports the current position of the American Veterinary Medical Association on sow housing. Passed

AA. PP#12 Federal Estate Tax

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council supports retaining the Federal estate tax with \$3,000,000 exemption per decedent. A new, stepped-up tax basis shall be allowed on all assets at the time of death.

The \$3,000,000 exemption shall be adjusted annually for cost of living increases.

The unified Tax Rate Schedule (estate tax rate) shall be capped at 45% tax rate.

Defeated

BB. PP#13 Federal Research

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council urges Congress to strongly support Federal funding for public research in food, agriculture, and the environment that have significant benefits for consumers, the public and the pork producers. Passed

CC. PP#14 Antibiotic/Antimicrobial Use

MOTION: WHEREAS, The National Pork Producers Council supports and promotes sound science as the basis for decision-making and policy development regarding antibiotics/ antimicrobials use in food animal production.

WHEREAS, the National Pork Producers Council supports the use of the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System, the National Animal Health Monitoring System, and USDA's food safety monitoring system to address issues of antimicrobial resistance trends in food borne bacteria and animal health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Pork Producers Council supports the regulation of antibiotics/antimicrobials at the national level to avoid a state-by-state patchwork of regulation;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Pork Producers Council support USDA on-farm antimicrobial resistance trend research and surveillance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Pork Producers Association supports a USDA multi-agency approach to on-farm antimicrobial resistant bacteria trend research and surveillance. This multi-agency approach will include APHIS, ARS, and FSIS resources and initially will work with pork producers in MN, IA, TX, and NC. The approach will be based on the National Animal Health Monitoring System, which has a proven track record of maintaining producer confidentiality. This research will enable USDA to comprehensively address animal health and food safety issues related to antimicrobial resistance, in cooperation with the food animal production industry. Passed

DD. PP#15 Animal Welfare Issues/Environmental Issues

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council opposes any legislation or ballot initiatives that are not based on sound science regarding pork production practices, animal welfare, or environmental practices which hinder the opportunity for success for pork producers. Passed

EE. PP#16 Farm Program Yield Certification

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council to contact and urge the USDA Farm Service Agency to work with livestock producers who feed their own grain production, to establish yields for farm program purposes by using all available records including crop insurance records and livestock records and farmer-owned scales. Passed

FF. PP#17 Monthly Hog and Pig Report

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council requests that Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture discontinue the monthly Hog and Pig Report as soon as possible. Passed

GG. PP#18 New Castle Disease

MOTION: That the National Pork Producers Council aggressively support a meat industry coalition and USDA efforts to secure a rapid resolve of the poultry New Castle disease outbreak in the Western United States. Passed