

2009 RESOLUTIONS PUBLIC POLICY - PP

PP # 1A

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council seeks transition of the ethanol blenders credit and import tariffs to a WTO compliant counter-cyclical payment system that will serve as a safety net in times of severe economic challenges to the ethanol industry. In addition, NPPC is opposed to any additional increases to existing federal or state mandates for corn-based ethanol usage. Further, NPPC opposes government incentives including subsidies for cellulosic ethanol production from corn ethanol co-product.

Action: Adopted

PP # 2

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council is opposed to mandated ethanol inclusion rates that are higher than the current levels of E-10, if the feedstock is corn.

Action: Adopted

PP # 3

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council opposes EPA's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions under the Clean Air Act.

Action: Adopted

PP # 4

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council supports increasing the USDA's Farm Service Agency loan guarantee levels from the current amount of just under \$1 million to \$5 million. Crop and livestock farmers who are unable to obtain commercial credit from banks, the Farm Credit System, or other lenders, need access to FSA guaranteed loans to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed and seed, and for building construction and farm improvements, that reflect current farming costs and expenses.

Action: Adopted

PP #7

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council recommends that all pork producers participate in Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA +), age appropriate, and achieve site status.

Action: Adopted

PP #8

MOTION: That the National Pork Producers Council, under the umbrella of the “We Care” program, work in collaboration with other appropriate national and state organizations to create essential producer programs and to communicate to producers more simply, clearly, and effectively the value of the industry’s proactive self-improvement programs.

Action: Adopted

PP #9

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council Delegates, as individuals, commit to promptly complete PQA Plus certification and conduct on-farm assessments of each site. Have all employees’ involved in hands on production complete the PQA Plus or age appropriate certification. All assessments and certifications are complete by Pork Forum 2010.

Action: Adopted

PP # 11

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council supports a national and state effort to improve unloading procedures and time lengths of unloading pigs at processing plants. The effort should include input from USDA, FSIS, processing plant personnel, trucking firms, producers and the scientific community.

Action: Adopted

PP # 12

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council work with and strongly encourage USDA to secure and publish weekly pork export data.

Action: Adopted

PP # 13

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council strongly encourage Pork Processors to work with the Animal Transporters to achieve TQA objectives and minimize the stress on animals delivered to Packing Plants by communicating and working with Transporters to avoid staging backups at Plants. And that NPPC strongly advocate that USDA utilize FSIS Inspectors that have animal handling experience, to better judge whether animals are being mistreated or just difficult in unloading procedures and that they use common sense and not “one technique fits all situations”.

Action: Adopted

PP # 14

MOTION: National Pork Producers Council shall develop and seek a revision to the currently offered livestock insurance to provide more comprehensive, reliable and more readily accessible “catastrophic” insurance that producers could elect to purchase in order to better protect their investment from the tremendous risk associated with these issues that could devastate the US pork industry.

Action: Adopted

PP #16 Floor

MOTION: The National Pork Producers Council continue to actively engage with federal government officials to give input and provide direction to insure that the rules for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and its overall implementation do not cause harm to the pork industry.

Action: Adopted

PP #17 Floor

MOTION: That the National Pork Producers Council Board of Directors continue to evaluate the economic, policy, and regulatory impact on the pork industry regarding insinuated man-made global warming.

Action: Adopted

PP #19 Floor

MOTION: Be it resolved that the National Pork Producers Council greatly appreciates the leadership and financial commitment of the Wisconsin Pork Producers Council regarding the EPCRA litigation in the Western District of Wisconsin.

Be it further resolved that the National Pork Producers Council greatly appreciates the leadership and financial commitment of the Ohio Pork Producers Council, Oklahoma Pork Council and the North Carolina Pork Council regarding the CAFO Rule.

Be it further resolved, that the National Pork Producers Council appreciates the financial commitment of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, Kansas Pork Association, Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Michigan Pork Producers Association, Minnesota Pork Producers Association, Missouri Pork Producers Association, South Dakota Pork Producers Council, Utah Pork Producers, and Illinois Pork Producers Association for the CAFO litigation.

Action: Adopted

COMPLIMENTARY

MOTION: The investors and members of the great state of Ohio and the home of The Ohio State University ask that the delegates to the National Pork Producers Council Annual Meeting and the National Pork Industry Forum join us in thanking President Bryan Black of Canal Winchester, Ohio for his tireless efforts and self-sacrificing gifts of time, knowledge, professionalism and passion to benefit the entire industry. Brian led us during a very dynamic time with a fair, strong and stable hand.

Action: Adopted

We salute Bryan for all that he has done for the U.S. Pork Industry.