



ONTARIO PORK

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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

RESOLUTION 1

For Debate

Whereas as Pork Producers we are shareholders of Ontario Pork, and

Whereas shareholders of openly traded companies have the right to vote for their Board of Directors via mail in votes and/or proxy, and

Whereas the other commodities allow for all their producers to have the opportunity to vote for their zone Director(s), i.e. the Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario White Bean Producers, Chicken Farmers & Egg Farmers of Ontario.

Therefore, be it resolved that ALL producers be given the right to vote for their Zone Directors representing them at the OPPMB Board of Directors table.

Note: Also Apples, turkey and sheep allow all producers a vote. The use of the word "Director" is for those with a position at the BOARD TABLE, not to be confused with the use of councillors/directors at the county level.

Currently all hog producers (those with an investment in the hog industry) are allowed to vote for their councillor/director (to be changed to the wording delegate); but, they are not allowed to vote for their Directors who will sit at the board table. This voting privilege is reserved for councillor/directors only.

Submitted by: *Perth County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 1 RESULTS

Total Voted: 141

Total in Favour: 66

Total Opposed: 75

OUTCOME: DEFEATED

SAFETY NETS

RESOLUTION 3

For Debate

Whereas other governments buy pork for social programs,

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to purchase Canadian pork products to support humanitarian purposes.

Submitted by: *Oxford County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 3 RESULTS

Total Voted: 145

Total in Favour: 134

Total Opposed: 11

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 4

For Debate

Whereas producers continue to face severe economic losses, and;

Whereas Ontario Pork is actively lobbying for a BRMP

Whereas farms and farm families cannot survive without a reasonable return;

Therefore, be it resolved that an industrial wage be an integral part of any Cost of Production formula.

Submitted by: *Durham Region Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 4 RESULTS

Total Voted: 139

Total in Favour: 84

Total Opposed: 55

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 7

For Debate

Whereas Ontario Pork is currently drafting up details for the BRMP and;

Whereas Ontario Pork was warned by Agriculture Canada that a subsidy like a BMRP on live hogs going into the US would substantially increase the risk of trade action against the pork industry and;

Whereas a BRMP will help pork producers when prices are below their cost of production and;

Whereas the provincial government has warned Ontario Pork that they will not contribute any money towards a program that could cause expansion;

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork move towards a mechanism that would ensure that the BRMP be only applied towards hogs that are born, raised and slaughtered here in Ontario.

Submitted by: *Perth County Pork Producers*

AMENDMENT: Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork move towards a mechanism that would ensure that the BRMP be only applied towards hogs that are born and raised in Ontario and slaughtered in Canada.

AMENDMENT RESULTS

Total Voted: 135

Total in favour of an amendment: 113

Total not in favour of an amendment: 22

Outcome: AMENDED

RESOLUTION 7 AS AMENDED RESULTS

Total Voted: 141

Total in Favour: 111

Total Opposed: 30

Outcome: PASSED

CONSUMER MARKETING

RESOLUTION 8

For Debate

Whereas the Provincial Government has been encouraging Ontario consumers to purchase homegrown food through various programs including “Home grown Ontario” and “Foodland Ontario”

Whereas most local pork products are processed by a local abattoir in Ontario,

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork supports small Provincially inspected abattoirs and recognizes their contribution to the Ontario pork industry.

Submitted by: *Oxford County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 8 RESULTS

Total Voted: 134

Total in favour: 132

Total Opposed: 2

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 9

For Debate

Whereas Ontario Pork has been repeatedly directed by councillors to try to promote Foodland Ontario pork labeling

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board put pressure on government, processors, retailer to label Ontario Pork Products.

Submitted by: *Grey Bruce Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 9 RESULTS

Total Voted: 136

Total in Favour: 128

Total Opposed: 8

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 10

For Debate

Whereas The Ontario consumer has a difficult time determining the origin of the pork they buy at the retailer

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork push the Federal Government to clearly define, then enhance, and enforce the labeling laws of Canada so the consumer can easily determine the origin of the fresh pork they purchase for their family.

Submitted by: *Oxford County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 10 RESULTS

Total Voted: 137

Total in Favour: 134

Total Opposed: 3

Outcome: PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION 11

For Debate

Whereas Policy Days held second Wednesday and Thursday in November is conflicting to many councillors who are busy with harvest and fall field work,

Therefore, be it resolved that policy day be changed to the third Wednesday in January, and dedicate energy and attention into fitting the entire agenda into a one day session.

Submitted by: *Oxford County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 11 RESULTS

Total Voted: 136

Total in Favour: 76

Total Opposed: 60

Outcome: PASSED

NATIONAL ISSUES

RESOLUTION 13

For Debate

Whereas Canadian hog producers adhere to CFIA and Health Canada production protocols that were instituted to protect Canadian and Global consumers from perceived health risks, and

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork, other provincial organizations, and the Canadian Pork Council begin a coordinated lobby calling for Canadian standards to be applied to all pork imported to Canada.

Submitted by: *Perth County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 13 RESULTS

Total Voted: 141

Total in Favour: 103

Total Opposed: 38

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 14

For Debate

Whereas exporting industries such as agriculture and manufacturing are an integral part of a healthy Canadian economy and,

Whereas the Canadian dollar has begun to trade with higher volatility due to changing global market conditions making the creation of accurate earnings forecasts and business plans for export dependent industries increasingly difficult and,

Whereas the options that are currently available to mitigate currency risk can be unwieldy for small firms due to liquid capital constraints and lack of knowledge

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork form working relationship with other exporting industries to create a dialogue in hopes that new solutions to this problem can be brought forward.

Submitted by: *Perth County Pork Producers*

RESOLUTION 14 RESULTS

Total Voted: 135

Total in Favour: 92

Total Opposed: 43

Outcome: PASSED

RESOLUTION 15

For Debate

Whereas DDG's have become a very popular feed stuff for the swine industry in recent years because of its' availability from the ethanol industry , and;

Whereas DDG's do have consistency issues with protein, fat and toxin levels from source to source and load to load within the same source , making it risky to formulate rations with accuracy, and;

Whereas the "Feed Act + Regulations" CFIA currently have to work with have no National Standard of analysis for DDG's and rely only on the manufacturer's declared guaranteed analysis as a base to apply generic tolerance regulations .These regulations allow fat to be +/- .05% , protein to be +1 to 1.5 % ,and have NO value for toxin or medication levels which are in all DDG's , and;

Whereas the price for DDG's is basically all the same regardless of analysis, and;

Whereas the swine industry needs standard guaranteed analysis for DDG's across all sources similar to what we expect when buying soyameal, as an example, if DDG's are to be a credible feed stuff for swine rations.

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario Pork become active in working with CFIA to generate a standard analysis for DDGs acceptable to the swine industry.

Submitted by: *District 10 Pork Producers*

Vote to defer Resolution 15 to the Research Committee

RESOLUTION 15 RESULTS

Total Voted: 141

Total in Favour: 110

Total Opposed: 31

Outcome: Deferred to the Research Committee

RESOLUTION RANKING

In order of importance, as voted by delegates:

Resolution 7 – Most Important

Resolution 9

Resolution 10

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Resolution 11

Resolution 3

Resolution 14 – Least Important