



ONTARIO PORK

Resolutions Response

June 25, 2018

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Letter from the Board Chair

June 25, 2018

Dear Delegates, Substitutes, Presidents and Secretaries:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I thank all delegates and pork producers' associations for participating in the resolution process. Your efforts in developing thoughtful resolutions and participating in meaningful debate provide another valuable means for the Board to attain and capture your input. This booklet contains actions taken and planned with respect to the resolutions debated and carried at the Annual General Meeting on March 21, 2018.

I encourage each of you to read and consider the responses given. Further questions pertaining to the issues outlined in these resolutions can be directed to the Board of Directors, or directly to the Ontario Pork staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Schwindt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Eric Schwindt
Board Chair

Regulations

RESOLUTION 1 – Farm Feed Mill Requirements

Whereas a history of on farm feed manufacturing records is required by our CQA/ACA program for swine for a period of 2 years and most farms would not have records beyond this; and

Whereas CFIA does on farm feed mill inspections and has been requesting records for a considerably longer period than this;

Therefore be it resolved that the CFIA be lobbied to align the history of required feed records to be in accord with our CQA/ACA program limit of 2 years.

Submitted by: Simcoe/York Pork Producers' Association

RESPONSE: It is anticipated that Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)'s Health of Animals Regulations will be open for a review later this year. Ontario Pork will be submitting its comments and will be encouraging pork producers to participate in the consultation to strengthen the industry message.

RESOLUTION 3 – CFIA Penalty Process

Whereas CFIA has the ability to place penalties on the transport of animals to both the producer and the transporter; and

Whereas these penalties appear to not have a statute of limitations for time past the alleged incident in question; and

Whereas by the CFIA's own rules the person or persons facing the penalty may not use the rules set out by CFIA as a defense on their own behalf stating them "indefensible" currently the accused has no opportunity to argue or refute the allegations to the best of our knowledge, under every Canadian law there is a mechanism for a defense which appears to be lacking in the CFIA rules and regulations in the transport of livestock;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork lobby the appropriate Federal Ministry to make any alleged infractions/penalties to be made known to the alleged party in a very short time and allow a change in their (CFIA) rules to affect an appropriate and proper defense for the accused party.

Submitted by the Simcoe/York Pork Producers' Association

RESPONSE: Ontario Pork continues its dialogue with Canadian Federal Inspection Agency (CFIA) to improve the notification system using every opportunity to address the issue, most recently at the Hog Industry Advisory Committee (HIAC) meeting on April 30, 2018 and at a series of meetings with regional CFIA officials in April and May.

RESOLUTION 4 – Regulatory Approvals

Whereas the 2016 corn crop was infected with high levels of vomitoxin; and

Whereas Ontario pork producers rely heavily on corn in diets fed to pigs; and

Whereas in the US, collaboration from 12 swine nutritionists studying which products were the most effective at mitigating the negative effects of vomitoxin came to the conclusion that a product known as “Defusion” was the best; and

Whereas this product is not yet approved for sale in Canada; and

Whereas to be competitive with other countries it would be an economic disadvantage not to have similar products available to Ontario pork producers;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork lobby the necessary regulatory agencies in Canada and Ontario to reinforce the importance of having products approved in a timely manner in order to ensure Ontario pork producers are not at a competitive disadvantage to neighboring jurisdictions.

Submitted by: Perth Pork Producers’ Association

RESPONSE: Ontario Pork contacted the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI) for more information, CAHI is a national trade association representing the developers, manufacturers and distributors of animal pharmaceuticals, biologics, feed additives and animal pesticides in Canada. According to CAHI, Cargill has submitted vomitoxin to the CFIA Feed Division for review. The product will be marketed in Canada under the name Notox Ultimate D. The mycotoxin binder category is a new review stream for the feed division.

Ontario Pork's Political Structure

RESOLUTION 7 – Ontario Pork's Delegate Allocation

Whereas Ontario Pork uses not only producer numbers from a county but also hogs designated in that county to establish delegates and substitutes; and

Whereas market hogs are finished and shipped from premises that are different from the locations of hog owners and cross county lines;

Therefore let it be resolved that Ontario Pork assign hog numbers to counties, based on the premise, where the hogs are finished for the purposes of establishing delegates and substitutes.

Submitted by the Northumberland/Quinte Pork Producers' Association

Supported by:

Glengarry/Prescott Pork Producers' Association

Nation Valley Pork Producers' Association

Ottawa Valley Pork Producers' Association

RESPONSE: Ontario Pork staff will be working with the Board of Directors to evaluate various delegate allocation models that best reflect the changing demographics within the Ontario pork industry.

Business Risk Management

RESOLUTION 9 – Cost-Share Programs

Whereas the Growing Forward program has many areas for producers to potentially access cost share funding from the provincial government; and

Whereas with every revision made to the intake process, the program becomes more complicated and the parameters narrower, resulting in lower chances of a project being approved;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork have a staff member with extensive knowledge and training as it pertains to any future assistance programs and the application process, in order to assist producers in submitting more successful applications.

Submitted by: Middlesex Pork Producers' Association

RESPONSE: Recognizing an importance of assisting producers with cost-share program applications, this project has been included in the Ontario Pork strategic business plan. Staff along with Ontario Pork's advisory groups, will be investigating different models for this service.

RESOLUTION 10 – New Research Facility

FOR Debate

Whereas Ontario Pork has decided to go forward with plans to build a new research barn and that research is very important to the Ontario pork industry; and

Whereas there is ever more pressure to have transparency from the public; and

Whereas Ontario pork farms are very confident and proud of how they produce pork; and

Whereas bio-security is very important to the farmers and animals welfare as to make it hard to invite the public on to their farms

Therefore be it resolved that the design of the new barn have a public viewing and education element in it to reflect the future and continuous changing of the industry.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

RESPONSE: Ontario Pork, Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the University of Guelph (U of G) will be working on the current design phase throughout the summer. This will include putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage building design services. After the design proposal is received and evaluated by all stakeholders, the Board of Directors will consider Ontario Pork's commitment to the build.