



Report Card on the Resolutions

2024

Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee

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INTRODUCTION

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee is pleased to provide Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members and staff with the 2024 Report Card on the Resolutions. This report contains the government and non-government responses to resolutions passed at the 2024 Provincial ASB Conference. The Report Card on the Resolutions includes the *Whereas* and *Therefore Be It Resolved* sections from the resolutions, response, response grade and comments from the Committee and ASBs for each resolution. The resolutions and responses are also posted on the Agricultural Service Board website at agriculturalserviceboards.com. Actions taken by the Committee on current and prior resolutions are also included in this report.

2024 ASB Provincial Committee Members

Position	Members	Alternates	Representation
Chair, Region Rep.	Brenda Knight	Tietsia Huyzer	Central
Vice, Region Rep.	Dustin Vossler	John Van Driesten	South
Region Rep	Walter Preugschas	Ross Bohnet	Northwest
Region Rep	Sebastien Dutrisac	Gene Hrabec	Northeast
Region Rep	Bob Chrenek	Corinna Williams	Peace
Secretary	Stephen Bevans		AAAF
Executive Assistant	Linda Hunt		ASBPC
RMA Rep.	Jason Schneider		RMA
AAAF President	Aaron VanBeers		AAAF
ASB Program Manager	Kerrianne Koehler-Munro		AGI
Recording Secretary	Anita Ash		AGI

2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS		
COMMITTEE	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Agriculture Plastics Recycling Group	Walter Preugschas	Dustin Vossler
Alberta Game Policy Advisory Committee	Gene Hrabec	Ross Bohnet
Alberta Endangered Species Conservation Committee (ESCC)	John Van Driesten	Brenda Knight
Clubroot Action Committee	Brenda Knight	Sebastien Durtisac
Fusarium Action Committee	Sebastien Dutrisac	Dustin Vossler
Wildlife Predator Compensation Committee	Corinna Williams	Tietsia Huyzer
Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (Alternate for RMA appointment)	Sebastien Dutrisac	Corinna Williams
Weed Issues on Oil and Gas Sites in Rural Alberta working group	Dustin Vossler	Brenda Knight
ASBPC Extension Committee	Walter Preugschas	Sebastian Durtisac

Executive Summary

The ASB Provincial Committee has assigned the following grades to responses by government and non-government organizations for resolutions passed at the 2024 Provincial ASB Conference.

Resolution Table

RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION	GRADE
1-24	AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS	Incomplete
2-24	COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES	Accept in Principle
3-24	CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE	Accept in Principle
4-24	SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER	Accept in Principle
5-24	WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT	Accept the Response
6-24a	IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS	Accept the Response Incomplete (CFIA)
6-24b	IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES	Accept the Response Incomplete (CFIA)
7-24	RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS	Accept the Response
E2-24	SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER	Accept in Principle
PC1-24	FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (FCDC)	Accept the Response

The Committee reviewed the responses and assigned one of four grades: *Accept the Response*, *Accept in Principle*, *Incomplete* and *Unsatisfactory*. The Committee considers the quality of each response and the grading and comments submitted by ASBs when determining the final grades for the report card. The grades assigned by the Committee are intended to provide further direction for advocacy efforts for each resolution. Please contact your Regional Representative if you have questions or comments about the grade assigned to a resolution or advocacy efforts.

Response Summary

Number of ASBs that Responded

Region	#ASBs Responding	% of Region 2024	% of Region 2023	% of Region 2022	% of Region 2021
South	7	39	22	33	33
Central	13	93	100	93	43
Northeast	3	27	82	82	15
Northwest	7	54	15	38	31
Peace	5	38	38	38	23
Overall	35	51%	49%	55%	32%

Summary of Grading Responses Submitted

Resolution No.	Accept the Response	Accept in Principle	Incomplete	Unsatisfactory
1-24	0	1	30	2
2-24	2	31	1	1
3-24	2	31	3	0
4-24	3	30	2	0
5-24	18	13	1	2
6-24a	26	3	4	1
6-24b	20	1	13	0
7-24	34	0	0	0
E2-24	1	32	1	0
PC1-24	31	3	0	0

2024 Activities of the ASBPC

ASBPC Regular Meetings

Date	Delegations or Activities
2023 09 15	Alberta Beekeepers Commission
2023 11 06	Organizational Meeting
2023 11 06	Alberta Transportation, Cooperative Extension
2023 11 17	
2024 01 12	
2024 01 22	Provincial ASB Conference
2024 04 03	Wetland policy discussion
2024 04 17	Resolution response review
2024 05 24	Resolution response review
2024 08 16	Chief Provincial Vet

Engagements:

Date	Event
November 6, 2023	Minister meeting at the Legislature
November 23, 2023	ADM Townhall
January 8, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension Model
Feb 8, 2024 - May 1, 2024	Seed Regulatory Modernization Information Task Team
February 29, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension
March 4, 2024	Co-op Ag Extension
June 20, 2024	ADM Townhall

Activities on Appointed Committees:

Date	Committee	Member Attending
January, 2024	Ag Plastics Recycle Group	Walter Preugschas
Feb 8, 2024 - May 1, 2024	Seed Regulatory Modernization Information Task Team	Sebastien Dutrisac
March 8, 2024	Weeds/Well Sites Working Group	Brenda Knight, Jason Schnider, Walter Preugschas, Dustin Vossler, Sebastien Dutrisac
May 28, 2024	Weeds/Well Sites Working Group	Dustin Vossler, Brenda Knight
August 20, 2024	Extension Committee - Strychnine	Walter Preugschas

Definition of Terms

The Provincial ASB Committee has chosen four indicators to grade resolution responses from government and non-government organizations.

Accept the Response

A response that has been graded as **Accept the Response** addresses the resolution as presented or meets the expectations of the ASB Provincial Committee.

Accept in Principle

A response that is graded **Accept in Principle** addresses the resolution in part or contains information that indicates that further action is being considered.

Incomplete

A response that is graded as **Incomplete** does not provide enough information or does not completely address the resolution. Follow up is required to solicit information for the ASB Provincial Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Unsatisfactory

A response that is graded as **Unsatisfactory** does not address the resolution as presented or does not meet the expectations of the ASB Provincial Committee

2024 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1-24: AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT HIGHWAY SIGNS

- WHEREAS** 13% of farm related fatalities in Canada are traffic related; and
- WHEREAS** farmers often travel long distances on public roads between fields; and
- WHEREAS** agricultural equipment is generally large and slow moving; and
- WHEREAS** the general public tends not to slow down around agricultural equipment on public roadways; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta's highways do not currently give any warning in areas that are often traveled by agricultural equipment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Transportation provides each Agricultural Service Board with six signs that state "Slow Down Around Agricultural Equipment" to be installed on highways, at locations determined by the individual municipality.

SPONSORED BY: Brazeau County
MOVED BY: _____
SECONDED BY: _____
CARRIED: _____
DEFEATED: _____
STATUS: Provincial
DEPARTMENT: Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development

RESPONSE: NONE

GRADE: INCOMPLETE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	0	
Accept in Principle	3	
Incomplete	86	More information needed in regard to AT requirements. Liability & effectiveness; Keep pressuring for a response from AT
Unsatisfactory	6	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC received communication from Jobs, Economy and Northern Development that the resolution should be answered by Transportation and Economic Corridors. The ASBPC recommended a grade of Incomplete as they did not receive a response from the Ministry of Transportation by either of the

deadlines. Further advocacy over the summer has resulted in a commitment by the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors to respond to the resolution in writing by September 2024. The response will be posted once received and communicated through the website and email to ASBs.

RESOLUTION 2-24: COMPENSATING PRODUCERS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

WHEREAS society is now placing more emphasis on the role of producers as stewards of the environment for their benefit; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has established a price metric for carbon and is considering reductions in nitrogen use that will impact producers without developing the appropriate offset or compensation system to producers performing these services; and

WHEREAS Governments and the Public are demanding or restricting more ecological activities such as wetland use, species preservation, wildlife management, predator control, reduced impact/emissions, carbon sequestration, changes in management practices and others; and

WHEREAS it is becoming increasingly costly for producers to shoulder the burden of every public interest at their expense without being compensated or offset fairly for the beneficial ecosystem services performed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Federal and Provincial governments develop and implement immediately a “good actor” compensation mechanism for producers performing ecosystem services beneficial for society.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Federal and Provincial governments investigate creating an exchange to trade Carbon and other ecological services for compensation at the minimum rate already determined by the Federal Government.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial/Federal

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation,
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (July 4, 2024)
2. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	6	
Accept in Principle	89	Tools already in place (RALP and ALUS) on going opportunities - biodiversity offsetting. Other incentive programs; Accept in principle - programs already in progress like ALUS, AB wetland replacement program and many more.
Incomplete	3	Should look at a more provincial based issues & not so expanded, more focuses on less issues.
Unsatisfactory	3	<p>The provided response fails to address the main issue and instead discusses programs that aim to achieve the desired outcome on a small, specialized scale. For instance, one mentioned program allocated \$5.6 million for 208 hectares, an initiative that appears to have occurred only once in 2020-21. This program seems inadequate for supporting producers but beneficial for reclamation companies and governments seeking praise for their efforts.</p> <p>This approach does not fully encompass the broader landscape and the individuals providing essential ecosystem services, such as water and carbon cycling, wetland utilization, species conservation, wildlife management, predator control, recreation, and more. A more effective strategy would involve compensating farmers annually for implementing practices that promote ecological services across all their land, rather than focusing solely on sporadic niche projects.</p> <p>Farmers and producers would seek compensation or a stipend for the ecological services they provide to the broader public. Funding would be allocated based on arbitrary metrics, similar to the development of the current federal carbon pricing system. The second part of the proposed strategy addresses the fact that the Federal government currently levies an arbitrary carbon tax per tonne of emissions. Farmers should receive payment for sequestering and storing carbon through various Best Management Practices (BMPs). This approach is crucial for preserving more grassland and native habitat. Currently, in 2024, the Federal government is collecting \$80 per tonne of emissions. Research into the carbon-sequestering abilities of different BMPs can be used to calculate a payment per acre. By utilizing the federal pricing system, farmers can determine the payment they are entitled to. The Federal Government needs to establish these arbitrary averages, similar to how they determined carbon</p>

		<p>emissions pricing. For instance, if a farmer sequesters an average of 2 tonnes of carbon per acre, priced at \$80 per tonne, they should be eligible for a payment of \$160 per acre. The process should be as straightforward as the federal pricing system; the price has already been determined, and now it's a matter of agreeing on the land's capacity to sequester and store carbon and equally compensating for sequestration as for emissions.</p>
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COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle because the responses indicate that the Canadian and Alberta governments are continuing to work on carbon trade options. The responses indicate that carbon trade funds are currently being distributed through programs available to Alberta producers. The recommendation is to continue to monitor and communicate as information becomes available.

RESOLUTION 3-24: CREATION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INSURANCE

- WHEREAS** livestock operations, especially cow calf operations, fall through the cracks on certain business risk management programs like AgriStability and Wildlife Predator Compensation Program; and
- WHEREAS** the current business risk management programs do not address in year losses and do not protect from extraordinary losses that occur from extenuating circumstances or abnormal cost of doing business losses; and
- WHEREAS** AFSC offers Crop Production Insurance which caps production losses, but does not provide a similar option for Livestock.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation work with AFSC and consult stakeholder groups in the livestock sector to develop a new Livestock Production Insurance Program or other suitable program.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	6	
Accept in Principle	89	Accept in principle - consultations are in progress.
Incomplete	9	Looking forward to seeing AFSC's results; However, the uptake of the existing programs is terrible, if they adequately addressed concerns why is uptake of LPI and AgriStability so terrible? We need a simple program that addresses revenue and price all in one and guarantees revenue like crop production. Cost of production is a key factor but when considering most producers grow a large percentage of feed on farm the major rises in cost of production are attributed to the inflationary pressures caused by government spending leading to a devalued currency and the

		subsequent rise is all operating costs. And is just one half of the equation, the other major half is production/revenue, which is poorly accounted for by AgriStability and LPI—resulting payments come too late. They also do not touch on the Livestock Indemnity Program the USDA has that covers a lot more production risk losses.
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle because the responses indicate that engagement and consultations are taking place. The recommendation is to continue to monitor and communicate results.

RESOLUTION 4-24: SUPPORTING A COMPENSATION MULTIPLIER

- WHEREAS** predator attacks can cause significant economic losses, but not limited to, death, decreased weight gain, treatment, rehabilitation, and lower conception rates; and
- WHEREAS** predation is highly variable from producer to producer and year to year; and
- WHEREAS** the current iteration of the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program (WPCP) poorly addresses concerns and losses outside confirmed kills and producers affected with large losses; and
- WHEREAS** the use of a multiplier to increase compensation would go some way to compensate for unfound kills, kills without enough evidence, time and resources spent by producers locating, treating and deterring predators, injured and or dead livestock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and Environment and Protected Areas work with the Alberta Beef Producers to adopt their proposed compensation multiplier to address direct and indirect losses from predation.

SPONSORED BY: County of Northern Lights

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Environment and Protected Areas

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)
2. Forestry and Parks

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	9	
Accept in Principle	86	Went to Fish & Wildlife. Need more information; Accept in principle - sent to the Ministry of Forestry and Parks as is their responsibility.
Incomplete	6	Information supplied on what is currently in place but does not address the Resolution; They introduced a compensation multiplier for only two categories of livestock, namely bred cows

		<p>and bulls. Extending this multiplier to encompass all livestock categories, including calves and yearlings, aims to address both direct and indirect losses. Direct losses refer to animals that are not recovered in areas known to have predation. Indirect losses, on the other hand, stem from stress-related factors such as decreased conception rates and growth, leading to reduced profitability.</p> <p>Research conducted in Montana and Wyoming supports this notion, indicating that even with the addition of a multiplier, only a fraction of the losses are covered. According to Wyoming's findings, to adequately compensate for all direct and indirect losses, the multiplier would need to be between 18 to 24 times higher for every discovered deceased animal. Even implementing a 2x multiplier for animals like calves and yearlings would leave the farmer bearing the brunt of the financial burden. As the predators are owned by the government, they should be responsible for covering these losses.</p>
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle since the response indicates that there is a multiplier in effect for some classes of beef animals. However the resolution talks about livestock in general and not specifically only breeding classes of beef animals. Discussion on the floor during the conference was that a multiplier would be available for all livestock using the model recommended by the Alberta Beef Producers. More engagement with the program is necessary to increase their understanding of the intention of the resolution.

RESOLUTION 5-24: WILD BOAR AND THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT

- WHEREAS** Alberta has designated Wild Boar at Large a pest since 2008; and
- WHEREAS** the Alberta Government established a minimum containment standard in 2013 to assist livestock owners with minimum guidelines to contain Wild Boar as livestock; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta pork producers raising Wild Boar as livestock are not mandated to follow the Minimum Containment Standards set out by the Alberta Government, they are only used as guidelines; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta Government Inspectors cannot uphold current Minimum Containment Standards for Wild Boar Farms or enforce penalties using the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA’S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Government of Alberta amend the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act to require Minimum Containment Standards for Alberta Wild Boar Farms, with penalties to enforce noncompliance.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARDS REQUEST: that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation invoke a moratorium on expansions of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta, until the province makes a decision on the future of Wild Boar Farming in Alberta.

SPONSORED BY: County of Stettler No. 6

MOVED BY: _____
SECONDED BY: _____
CARRIED: _____
DEFEATED: _____
STATUS: Provincial
DEPARTMENT: Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Irrigation (May 2024)

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	51	
Accept in Principle	37	Accept the response - Alberta pest act requirements, AGI mini containment standards in place for AB, NSC has bylaw with penalties; Flagstaff and Stettler Counties voted incomplete

Incomplete	3	Does not address the Resolution fully. Answer on moratorium
Unsatisfactory	6	Removal of grand-father clause & to ban wild boar farms; Did not answer what was asked. Contradictory.

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response since municipalities have the responsibility and legislative tools to enforce compliance with the minimum containment standards. Each municipality can issue notices to a pest that may not be present provided that the municipality has a policy to provide this direction.

Section 12c of the APA – “12(1) When an inspector is of the opinion that land, property or livestock contains or is likely to contain a pest or should be protected against a pest, the inspector may issue a notice in writing directed to the owner or occupant of the land or property or to the owner or person in control of the livestock... (c) specifying the measures to be taken and the material, if any, to be used to prevent the establishment of or to control or destroy the pest, and...”

This portion of the legislation allows a municipality to ensure that measures are in place to prevent livestock from becoming a pest so in this case ensure that the minimum containment standards are followed.

Municipalities have the ability to create bylaws to restrict the development and implement standards to meet their concern.

RESOLUTION 6-24a: IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH BEE PACKAGE IMPORTS

WHEREAS in 2022, honey producers across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba experienced one of the worst winters kill events in years, with some producers losing up to 90% of their hives;

WHEREAS the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) currently prohibits the importation of bee packages from the United States, yet allows bee package imports from intercontinental apiaries, including those in South America and New Zealand;

WHEREAS Varroa Mites are already present and established across Canada;

WHEREAS bee package imports from South America and New Zealand cost up to three times as much as bee packages sourced from the United States; and

WHEREAS since the 1980s, the CFIA has only approved two miticides for the control of Varroa Mites, a situation that has led to the development of miticide-resistant mites;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) permit Honeybee shipments from the United States for the purpose of hive repopulation, to combat the depopulation of Canada's Honey Bee hives;

SPONSORED BY: Beaver County

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

STATUS: Federal

DEPARTMENT: Canadian Food Inspection Agency,
Pest Management Regulatory Agency

RESPONSE:

1. CFIA (June 5)
2. PMRA (May 14)
3. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	%	COMMENTS
Accept the Response	74	AGI Response Grade, AIP Provincial Committee should follow up at end of June for results of risk assessment; Keep pressuring for a response from CFIA; Incomplete (CFIA)

Accept in Principle	9	With CFIA's response, the Leduc County ASB felt that there was more information to come, and therefore the Accept in Principle grade was appropriate; AGI was not asked to respond (Their response was informational); Accept in principle - still waiting on the follow up from CFIA . not a completed response. Still want pressure maintained
Incomplete	11	
Unsatisfactory	3	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response to PMRAs response as they are not responsible for boarder restrictions.

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Principle to the CFIA response as they indicate that they are in process of assessing the risk for imports from the US. The recommendation is to follow up with the CFIA for further progress or conclusion.

The response from the CFIA was not received until after the grading packages were sent to ASBs, and so was posted on the website and distributed through email mid June. Not all ASBs had opportunity to comment and review their response.

RESOLUTION 6-24b: IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CANADIAN APICULTURE THROUGH THE CONTROL OF VARROA MITES

WHEREAS in 2022, honey producers across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba experienced one of the worst winters kill events in years, with some producers losing up to 90% of their hives;

WHEREAS the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) currently prohibits the importation of bee packages from the United States, yet allows bee package imports from intercontinental apiaries, including those in South America and New Zealand;

WHEREAS Varroa Mites are already present and established across Canada;

WHEREAS bee package imports from South America and New Zealand cost up to three times as much as bee packages sourced from the United States; and

WHEREAS since the 1980s, the CFIA has only approved two miticides for the control of Varroa Mites, a situation that has led to the development of miticide-resistant mites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the CFIA and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) conduct further research on Varroa Miticide controls, and approve a new Varroa Mite miticide to address the lack of control options available to honey producers.

SPONSORED BY: Beaver County

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

STATUS: Federal

DEPARTMENT: Canadian Food Inspection Agency,
Pest Management

Regulatory Agency

RESPONSE:

1. CFIA (June 5) (see response above)
2. PMRA (May 14) (see response above)
3. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	57	CFIA's response did not alter the grade in Leduc County ASB's opinion; Accept the response - no solution for varroa mites - trying to find solution /actively researching; AGI Response Grade,

		AIP PMRA is the appropriate authority for this portion of the resolution; Keep pressuring for a response from CFIA.
Accept in Principle	3	
Incomplete	37	Research is underway, Canola Council of Canada; No response from CFIA
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response from the CFIA because they have no responsibility for the approval of miticides. This response was received after the grading packages were sent out so was communicated through the website and email to ASBs. Not every ASB had access to the response when the reviewed and graded this resolution.

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response because it is accurate to the responsibility of the PMRA. PMRA can only review and approve products that have been researched and developed by companies and submitted for approval. Advocacy for research to be done needs to happen with research institutions or product developers. Advocacy asking for proven miticides used in other jurisdictions should happen by the industry with the companies doing the development.

Path forward would be advocacy by the beekeepers with the suppliers to bring products to registration.

RESOLUTION 7-24 : RE-REGISTRATION OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR CERTIFIED APPLICATORS

- WHEREAS** Health Canada has completed the re-evaluation of 2% Liquid Strychnine. Under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act, Health Canada has canceled the registration of Strychnine, and all associated end-use products, used to control Richardson's ground squirrels for sale and use in Canada; and
- WHEREAS** Alberta producers have used alternative baiting, suffocates, and fumigant rodenticides to control Richardson ground squirrels but have not had the successes of Strychnine; and
- WHEREAS** in an integrated pest management plan (IPM), there is a need for options of control like Strychnine dependent on different circumstances (time of year, area of land infected, infestation levels, pest being controlled, etc.); and
- WHEREAS** the federal government has banned the use of Strychnine without providing producers any comparative alternative or financial support to deal with the Richardson's ground squirrel pest; and
- WHEREAS** training in the safe use of pesticides can be provided to agricultural producers in Alberta by participating in the Farmer Pesticide Certificate program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation propose to Health Canada and Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to allow Strychnine to be used exclusively by certified applicators.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the existing strychnine label be subject to meticulous review and amendment, with a specific focus on reducing the potential for off-target exposure and implementing enhanced control measures to mitigate any adverse environmental impact.

SPONSORED BY: Flagstaff County

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

STATUS: Federal and Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency

RESPONSES:

1. PMRA
2. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE	COMMENTS
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Accept the Response	97	Response is clear; Accept the response - GOA and Sask objected, Health Canada and PMRA says objections are unfounded and removal will go on as planned; Cardston does not agree with the response, but it does answer the resolution; Strychnine De-regulation and producers needing to move on from Strychnine and use the products that are available
Accept in Principle		
Incomplete		
Unsatisfactory		

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response because PMRA is unable to make recommendations for products that are not currently registered. So long as Strychnine is not registered for use on Richardson Ground Squirrels there is no product for PMRA to adjust labelling or use restrictions. The response is accurate and appropriate to the resolution.

ASBPC is working with the extension committee to put fact sheets together for future reference, standardize the background for future Strychnine resolutions and clarify the process and conditions that would have to be met to reinstate the emergency use registration.

Current research shows that products that are available work so there is no basis for an emergency use registration at this time.

RESOLUTION E2-24: SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT OF LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER

- WHEREAS** Bill S-270 is introducing the Prohibition of exporting live horses for slaughter and Bill C-355 is introducing the Prohibition of export of horses by air for slaughter Act; and
- WHEREAS** Federal Government is proposing new legislation and changes to three Acts that will dramatically impact the industry of raising draft horses by imposing fines of \$50,000 and up to six months imprisonment for a summary conviction or \$250,000 and up to two years imprisonment for an indictment for transporting horses by air for slaughter; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Government is always looking to open new doors for trade markets and partnering with other nations yet are willing to shut down an existing market with products already leaving Canada; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Government has not conducted or completed a scientific study as to the impact of transporting horses for slaughter overseas by air; and
- WHEREAS** there are 12,000 to 13,000 mares, studs and foals in Canada that are currently being raised for this market; and
- WHEREAS** the Western Canadian Slaughter Facility for Horses has ceased operations and is not purchasing animals to be processed at their facility; and
- WHEREAS** producers do not have a local market to distribute their product but have an already established market globally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Government of Alberta jointly lobby the Government of Canada alongside Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to prevent these Bills from receiving royal assent.

SPONSORED BY: County of Wetaskiwin No. 10

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Federal

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture and Agri Food Canada

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
2. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	3	
Accept in Principle	91	Accept in principle - AGI actively monitoring bills progress, still work to be completed on the bill, hence accept in principle to they can continue to monitor
Incomplete	3	
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept in Principle as at the time of the grading the bill was still going through the senate.

Letters asking the Senators to vote the bill down to provide options for end of life and meat horse producers in Alberta were sent from the Committee to senators from the west, from rural ridings or who were engaged with agriculture committee work. A blog post was posted on the ASB website with a summary of the situation, and a copy of the letter so ASB members could also send in letters and increase the advocacy.

A request for an emergent resolution was taken to FCM by an ASB member. They also brought this concern to the attention of RMA president Paul McLauchlin and past president of FCM Taneen Rudyk.

A similar resolution (8-24S) was passed by RMA and graded "Intent Not Met".

Recommendation is for ASBs to continue to advocate with their Senators.

RESOLUTION PC1-24: FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FIELD CROP DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (FCDC)

WHEREAS funding for FCDC was transferred in January 2021 to Olds College from being a Government of Alberta plant breeding and agronomy research facility.

WHEREAS this funding transfer enabled the continuation and revitalization of research and regional trials of cereal crops under Alberta conditions to demonstrate proven traits for the benefit of seed, crop, and livestock producers.

WHEREAS the loss of funding for FCDC research capacity and infrastructure in December 2023 will have long term, negative implications on the viability and sustainability of Alberta and Canada's seed, crop and livestock sectors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation (AGI) facilitates the establishment of a stable funding framework for FCDC that includes the retention of existing infrastructure, sites, and human capital for the continued enhancement of programs for seed breeding and agronomic research.

SPONSORED BY: ASB Provincial Committee

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: AGI

RESPONSE:

1. Agriculture and Irrigation

GRADE: ACCEPT THE RESPONSE

GRADE and COMMENTS from ASBs:

GRADE		COMMENTS
Accept the Response	89	Accept the response - WCI will carry on FCDC, current programming will go under review and make amendments as needed
Accept in Principle	9	
Incomplete	0	
Unsatisfactory	0	

COMMENTS from the COMMITTEE:

The ASBPC recommended a grade of Accept the Response as AGI and other partners are supporting the former Field Crop Development Center under the new branding Western Crop Innovation.

Interim leadership of the new WCI recognized that the ASB resolution played a roll in program continuation.

Update on Previous Years' Resolutions

2023 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-23	CREATION OF A MID-LEVEL ALBERTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (ABVMA) PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION	Accept in Principle	
2-23	<p>RURAL VETERINARY STUDENTS</p> <p>It was discussed at length that the need for students with lived experience and coming from rural areas should be considered along with the academic standards when the Committee met with the ABVMA delegation in 2023. The veterinarian community continues to invest in expanding the criteria that qualifies students for vet school, and look for ways to encourage rural livestock vets.</p> <p>In August of 2024, the Chief Provincial Vet met with the ASBPC to propose a program that would provide support for rural vet practices to hire intern vets to increase the opportunities for students to experience rural livestock vet practices. They offered some suggestions including engagement with the Vet Services Cooperation, RhPAP and the SCAP secretariat. Looking forward to updates over the next while.</p>	Incomplete	
3-23	<p>APPLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS FUNDING</p> <p>The ARAs and Forage associations continue to engage with RDAR and expand engagement in key projects that include post secondary institutions and ag tech and regenerative ag projects. They continue to receive base funding from RDAR</p>	Accept in Principle	
4-23	<p>GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION</p> <p>The ASBPC has not received a response to this resolution and will continue to follow up.</p>	Incomplete	

	<p>In August the Province provided a media release entitled “Protection of Life and Property from Problem Wildlife”.</p> <p>““Alberta’s government is announcing a multi-pronged approach to solving the issue of problem and dangerous wildlife by offering a range of management tools to address challenges and keep Albertans safe.</p> <p>Alberta’s government is creating a new network of wildlife management responders to help stop dangerous and deadly grizzly bear attacks on people and livestock. When a problem animal like a grizzly or elk is identified, members of the approved network will help provide rapid conflict response times across all regions of Alberta. This response could include tracking and euthanizing a problem animal, while still following all rules and regulations already in place. This is not a bear hunt; this is a measure to ensure the safety of humans and livestock.”</p> <p>These measures do not respond to any of the ASB resolutions. There has been no engagement from the province on issues around elk or grizzlies. No mention of regional or provincial planning or more frequent counts. Aren’t “fish and wildlife officers” already “wildlife management responders”?</p>		
5-23	<p>LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE</p> <p>No update</p>	Accept in Principle	
6-23	<p>ENFORCEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT ALBERTA WATER ACT</p> <p>Delegation from Environment and Protected Areas addressed the ASBPC in April 2024 to explain the enforcement of the Water Act and answer questions about the level of enforcement and engagement. They were assured that while some areas have had open positions there are still a mandate to investigate and follow up with every complaint.</p> <p>-</p>	Incomplete	

7-23	CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE DISPARITY BETWEEN CONSUMER PRICING AND PRODUCER REVENUE	DEFEATED	
8-23	<p>CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RMA taking the lead, continues to advocate for rural municipalities - Gaps in regulations and oversight as well as ability to keep developers accountable to environmental laws and consider the loss of ag lands continues. <p>Landowners are cautioned to review any contracts submitted to them with a lawyer as they are not regulated and many of them have significant holes and restrictions on the use of the land during and after the development.</p>	Incomplete	
9-23	SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER EMISSIONS	Incomplete	
10-23	ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION STANDARDS AND PROVINCIALLY REGULATED WEEDS	Incomplete	
11-23	LOSS OF 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE	Accept the Response	
12-23	REVIEW OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL (LPRT)	Incomplete	
E1-23	<p>STABLE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION FUNDING</p> <p>The province engaged with numerous industry partners to work out what a cooperative extension system might look like, and went so far as to encourage the development of a pilot project. However the funding proposal was declined and the committee was disbanded in August of 2024.</p>	Incomplete	
E2-23	<p>STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>This resolution asked for 5 year funding for the AgKnow initiative to support operational costs to continue the supports and services offered. While there has been as positive and encouraging</p>	Incomplete	

	engagement at the ministry level for this project and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions continues to be engaged, the funding commitment has shifted to project and operational costs are not covered. RDAR has extended some grant funds to help fill gaps however a stable funding model is still not yet established for 2024. In June of 2024 the AgKnow initiative reached out to its closest stakeholders for bridge funding support between grants. ASBs, ag business, commodity boards and individual farmers have responded and the initiative managed to make payroll one month at a time. The need for a stable funding model remains as the initiative has uncovered significant gaps and has made excellent progress to connect and be useful to the agriculture industry.		
E3-23	<p>SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA</p> <p>While there has been few changes to the CWD program and approach by CFIA, advocacy by the Alberta government, industry and ASBs continues to push back and ask questions about the approach being taken and its impact on the industry and the health and welfare of the farmers involved.</p>	Incomplete	

Expiring Resolutions

The January 2023 Provincial Rules of Procedure state in section 3(d) that the ASB Provincial Committee will actively advocate for resolutions for a period of three years. Any expiring resolutions that an ASB wishes to remain actively advocated for must be brought forward for approval at the next Provincial ASB Conference.

The following resolutions are set to expire December 31, 2024

2022 Resolutions

Resolution Number	Resolution	Grade	Updated
1-22	<p>VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ON ALBERTA PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS</p> <p>- Nothing new to report</p>	Accept in Principle	
2-22	<p>RESTORATION OF ALBERTA AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS</p>	Accept in Principle	

	<p>In 2023 work began to take the recommendations to create a cooperative extension model, and action it.</p> <p>An industry committee was formed, key topics were identified, a structure for delivery was created, industry groups and research were engaged to collaborate, and a pilot project was designed and funding proposal submitted.</p> <p>August 2024 the committee was disbanded as the funding proposal was denied. “We recently received difficult news that funding is currently not available to continue our efforts to pilot an Alberta cooperative extension model. Although senior government officials complimented the Working Group for responding to the request for designing a compelling, world-class cooperative extension model with broad industry stakeholder support, financial support cannot be put in place.”</p> <p>The full message is available on the ASBPC blog post for August 30, 2024</p>		
3-22	<p>CELEBRATE CANADA AGRICULTURE DAY IN ALBERTA SCHOOLS (FEB 22, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - response received by sponsoring municipalities and they are encouraged to engage directly with schools and districts 	Accept the Response	
4-22	<p>PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - still no movement or engagement on this resolution - Ministries are reorganized and contacts are lost. 	Incomplete	
5-22	<p>EXEMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE FOR AGRICULTURE UNDER THE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION PRICING ACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senate had two readings for bill S-234, and on June 8, 2023 the bill went to committee for consideration. After a report from the committee is received it will go for the third reading - Alberta Pork posted information on how ASB members and farmers could support this bill by writing to the 	Incomplete	

	Senators involved. Information posted in the ASB Blog - ASBPC writes to all the Senators listed in support of Bill S-234		
6-22	AMENDMENTS TO THE ASB CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RULES OF PROCEDURE - All amendments were presented at the 2023 conference and adopted by the assembly. - Changes come into place for the 2024 and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ability for the ASBPC to bring emergent resolutions to the assembly for vote if not addressed by Regions - align the years of advocacy for resolutions with the RMA process so move from 5 years to 3 years of active resolutions - Adjustments made to the Regional ROP to align with the Provincial ROP 	Accept the Response	

Current Advocacy

- Weeds on Wellsites engagement has started again.
- Seed royalty regulatory modernization, and Farm saved seed engagement
- Coop extension
- Ag Plastic
- Vet work

Mental Health and farmer wellbeing:

- E-19: ACCESS TO AG SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- E2-23 STABLE FUNDING FOR FARM MENTAL HEALTH

Managing wildlife:

- 4-22: PROPERLY MANAGING UNGULATE POPULATIONS and
- E3-23: SUPPORTING A VIBRANT CERVID INDUSTRY IN ALBERTA
- 4-23: GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
- 5-23: LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSE