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# Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association

## 1994 Resolutions

### Recognition

We wish to recognize and express our appreciation for the contribution of time, personal effort and dedication to the Wisconsin potato and vegetable industry made by WPVGA Board of Director member *John Knoch*, who is retiring from the Board.

We wish to recognize the dedicated support we receive from the *Potato Board*, *Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary*, *WPVGA Associate Division*, and the *WPVGA Vegetable Division*.

### Resolution #1:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA thank all legislators/agencies in education, research, marketing, and regulation that have helped to advance the potato and vegetable industry in Wisconsin.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

### Resolution #2:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourage pesticide manufacturers and appropriate government agencies to develop more methods and sites for adequate and safe reuse or disposal of pesticides and their containers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin maintain adequate funding for the WDATCP Clean Sweep program.

### Resolution #3:

WHEREAS, the quality of air, water, and soil resources have been of primary concern to the agricultural industry for many years, and further, that the control of pests is essential for the production of a wholesome and adequate food supply for our people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourage the continued use of IPM and BMP (Best Management Practices) programs.

### Resolution #4:

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase our knowledge of production inputs in our air, water and soil, and

WHEREAS, this knowledge is necessary for an informed general public and agricultural com-

munity and as a base for governmental policy decisions on environmental issues as they relate to the use of pesticides;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports the acquiring of this knowledge and requests the commitment of the necessary public funds to meet these objectives providing that acceptable methodology is used and has been subjected to peer review; and

FURTHER, that any research be done in a manner that adverse public perceptions and potential adverse industry impacts are minimized until the research results are validated; and

FURTHER, that the research be done in a manner suitable for multi-agency use and avoid unnecessary duplication of research; and

FURTHER, that any testing for pesticide residues recognize background levels.

### Resolution #5:

WHEREAS, Chapter NR140 of the Wisconsin Statutes established a system of regulating the intrusion of contaminants into the waters of the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA be opposed to actions by the legislature to preempt the function of NR140 by imposing bans of the use of production inputs.

### Resolution #6:

WHEREAS, the WPVGA recognizes the need for regulatory programs to maintain the integrity of groundwater quality and,

WHEREAS, access to test sites and use histories would aid in achieving an efficient and effective groundwater monitoring program for the potential presence of fertilizer and pesticide residues in groundwater;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA assist the research community and government agencies in acquiring the appropriate data and the cooperation of potato and vegetable growers,

FURTHER, the WPVGA make the agencies aware of this action and request their cooperation in working with the WPVGA.

### Resolution #7:

WHEREAS, pesticides may be restricted in their use, and,

WHEREAS, pests detrimental to agricultural production may occur for which there is no available alternative control;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support provisions in these restrictions by which emergency or special local need use of these pesticides be available in a timely fashion.

### Resolution #8:

WHEREAS, our ground and surface waters are of vital importance to the welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA oppose all efforts, except those which occur naturally, to divert these waters to areas outside of the state.

### Resolution #9:

WHEREAS, there is need for an Administrative Rule standardizing the procedure for environment clean ups, minimizing the consulting, testing, and reporting expenses of such clean ups, and recognizing some residual contamination can be acceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, WPVGA work toward development of a rule which meets this need; and,

FURTHER, WPVGA work with interested industry groups to develop Spill Prevention Contingency Plans for Agriculture.

### Resolution #10:

WHEREAS, the WDATCP has promulgated new rules designed to seek guidelines for the

orderly administration of state's drainage districts under Chapter 88 of the State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines prescribe specific responsibilities for District Commissioners in the area of ditch and corridor maintenance, assessments, and drains/land affecting the district; and

WHEREAS, the new rules give broader powers to the State than intended by the Ad Hoc Committee established to draft these rules in the area of mandated maintenance and administration; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has a desire to be exempt from these new rules;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports the new drainage rules as guidelines for use by local District Commissioners; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WPVGA opposes State interference or control in districts beyond guideline compliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WPVGA opposes any attempt by the WDNR to be exempt from the rules.

### Resolution #11:

WHEREAS, recent studies show that 45 percent to 75 percent of Wisconsin's commercial mix/load sites may require some soil remediation; and

WHEREAS, over half these sites have pesticides in the groundwater which exceed the state enforcement standard; and

WHEREAS, the source of the problem often precedes governmental or industry concerns about contamination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WPVGA applauds the establishment of a state fund and program under the control of the WDATCP to help clean-up these sites.

### Resolution #12:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has established a fund (PECFA) to help defray the cost of underground fuel storage tank remediation; and

WHEREAS, this fund has not included farmers in the eligibility requirements to access these funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports inclusion of farmers into the PECFA eligibility program for underground fuel storage tank remediation.

### Resolution #13:

WHEREAS, application of agricultural chemicals is frequently of critical importance to successful farming; and

WHEREAS, such application normally presents small risk to public health and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the absence of clear cut evidence a particular mode of application presents significantly higher risk to public health and the environment, the WPVGA will defend continued use of all modes of application.

### WETLANDS

### Resolution #14:

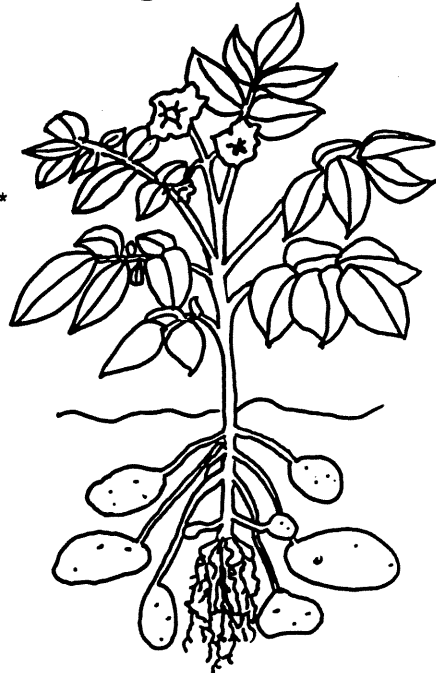
WHEREAS, the State Legislature is considering the expansion of shoreland zoning authority to all wetlands and;

WHEREAS, the federal government is in the process of developing a uniform wetland delineation manual that would preempt any state action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA oppose efforts by the State Legislature and agencies to expand shoreland zoning authority and delineate wetlands that would preempt federal law.

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# Wisconsin Chip Stock Growers See Continued Growth

by Tamas Houlihan, Managing Editor

After another successful season raising potatoes for the potato chip market, chip stock growers in Wisconsin are optimistic about the future.

"I would rate the quality of our chipping potatoes as good to excellent," said John Pavelski, Secretary of Heartland Farms, Amherst Junction. "And I think that because of improved quality, and our state's proven ability to produce, we'll see nothing but growth for Wisconsin chip stock growers."

And while Pavelski said yields this past season were just average to below average, he said Wisconsin's ability to store the Snowden variety has increased its market share.

"We'll be storing Snowdens all the way into the first week of April," said Pavelski. "We've proven we can do it, and we're confident we can do it on an even larger scale."

Heartland Farms raised 650,000 hundredweight of chip stock potatoes this year, and will still have 25,000 to 50,000 bags (hundredweight) available in April.

Don Faldet, President of Faldet Farms, Inc., Iola, raised Atlantics and Snowdens for the chip industry this year. He said both varieties did very well in terms of quality, while also producing average yields. He, too, expects to see more chip acreage coming out of Wisconsin in the years to come.

"A lot of companies are looking to Wisconsin for chipping potatoes," said Faldet. "Snowdens are performing extremely well out of storage."

"From a grower standpoint, I think you'll see more chip acreage in Wis-

consin in the future," Faldet said. "We increased our acreage by 15-20 percent this year, and there's a possibility we may increase again next year."

Conroy Soik, President and General Manager of Soik Sales, Inc., Stevens Point, said his plans were to have chip stock available in storage into April, but now he thinks he will be sold out sooner than that.

"We may be out of chipping potatoes by February," said Soik. "And I think that's due to a number of factors. Wisconsin is doing an excellent job raising chip stock, and this year there are availability problems in other areas."

Soik agrees that the potential is there for further increases in Wisconsin's share of the chip market.

"We've got a general foothold as a supplier in the chip market," said Soik. "And I think there will definitely be more contracts offered to Wisconsin growers because of the quality and service we have to offer. So the interest is there on the part of the chip

companies, but there's quite a bit of demand for process and table stock potatoes as well. A lot will depend on the growers' attitudes as far as what type of potatoes they want to raise. The price needs to go up somewhat on chip contracts."

Pavelski concurred with Soik, saying the Wisconsin potato industry as a whole is on the rise.

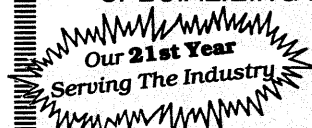
"All facets of the Wisconsin potato industry are growing," said Pavelski. "It's up to each farmer's initiative to do a good quality job, and provide the buyers with what they want."

"I think there will be increases in prices on chip contracts due to our quality and serviceability," Pavelski added. "I think the demands of the processors will get tighter—there will be more, stricter qualifications put on the farmers to produce what the processors want. But I see a substantial increase in the demand for Wisconsin chip stock potatoes. There are some markets to be had, and some money to be made."


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# WPIB Focus

## WPIB APPROVES INCREASED ASSESSMENT

At a meeting on December 15, 1993 in Antigo, the Wisconsin Potato Industry Board approved a motion to increase the potato assessment from three cents per hundredweight to four cents per hundredweight effective July 1, 1994

The motion, made by Nick Somers and seconded by Greg Wysocki,

passed 8-0. (WPIB members Gary Kincaid and Andy Wallendal were unable to make the meeting.)

The increased assessment was approved based on a proposal earmarking the additional funds for the following areas: UW potato research; the UW plant breeding program; foodservice, fresh, seed and process

potato marketing; WPVGA/administration; and the Auxiliary. A rationale was presented for the amount of spending in each area.

The current assessment of three cents per hundredweight generates approximately \$630,000 in an average year, or \$210,000 per penny. Thus an increase of one cent per hundredweight would raise the total budget figure to an average of \$840,000 per year.

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### Resolution #15:

WHEREAS, the WDNR's Wetland Water Quality rules, in effect, expropriate private wetlands for public use and preclude development of these lands for agricultural use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WPVGA oppose the confiscation of private wetlands without full value compensation of these same wetlands.

### PREEMPTION

#### Resolution #16:

WHEREAS, the proper use and application of agricultural and forestry fertilizers and pesticides for production and protection of all food and fiber crops is in the interest of the general public and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and State testing of products and training of uses provide for ample public and environmental safeguards, and

WHEREAS, local units of government should not be expected to have broad technical, investigatory, and enforcement capabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA urges that FIFRA and state regulations or restrictions of pesticides and fertilizers be based on federal standards and preempt local ordinances inconsistent with federal and state standards.

### QUALITY

#### Resolution #17:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA actively support and otherwise encourage the potato industry to offer for sale or sell only those potatoes that are clean, bruise-free, and properly identified as to grade and quality,

FURTHER, that our Association encourage all buyers and packers to expand the use of the Federal-State Inspection Service to assure quality,

FURTHER, that all handlers of fresh potatoes between grower and consumer be made cognizant of the perishability of our product and encourage or require their cooperation in providing the consumer a quality potato.

#### Resolution #18:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin potato industry has instituted programs to improve the image of Wisconsin potatoes,

WHEREAS, these efforts could be assisted through the use of marketing aids such as pro-

vided by marketing orders/or state grade labeling law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA continue to research and recommend ways that marketing efforts could be enhanced.

FURTHER, that our Association encourage our federal-state inspection service to stand behind the judgement of our WDATCP inspectors.

### SEED

#### Resolution #19:

WHEREAS, good quality potatoes are essential to our marketing program as well as the economic well-being of each grower;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA urges all growers to plant only certified seed potatoes.

#### Resolution #20:

WHEREAS, there is a need for a uniform means of defining the terms and conditions by which seed potatoes are bought, sold and delivered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports the use of a Uniform Seed Potato Contract which fairly represents the interest of all parties.

#### Resolution #21:

WHEREAS, incidents of potato virus "Y" necrotic strain have been confirmed in the varieties "Shepody" and "Atlantic" in the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and;

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS has undertaken strict testing procedures and quarantine policies to prevent the spread of PVY-N to the U.S., and,

WHEREAS, the possibility of PVY-N spreading to Wisconsin would compromise the seed potato industry;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourages USDA-APHIS and the Agriculture Departments across the U.S. to maintain strict policies and control over the importing of potatoes.

### TAXATION

#### Resolution #22:

WHEREAS, the supporting of our educational system through the property tax has placed disproportionate burden on farm land owners; and

WHEREAS, the support of our educational system is an obligation to be shared by all citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support efforts to fund our public schools using a more evenly distributed tax.

#### Resolution #23:

WHEREAS, irrigated farm land is taxed at a higher rate than dry land, and

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# Programs Set For Area Potato Grower Meetings

The 1994 Area Potato Grower Meetings are scheduled for February 15, 16 in Stevens Point, February 17 in Antigo and March 3 in Rice Lake. These meetings are opportunities for Wisconsin growers to get production updates as well as to discuss production strategies or problems with UW extension and research faculty. Programs are being finalized and will vary somewhat at each location. UW Extension and CALS research faculty

will present topics covering plant stand establishment, nitrogen and potassium fertility and several aspects of insect, disease and weed control.

In addition, researchers from New York, Minnesota and Idaho have been invited to share their knowledge and expertise. Dr. Bill Fry, a Cornell University Plant Pathologist, will talk on the 1994 late blight situation from a national perspective. Dr. Ted

Radcliff, an entomologist from neighboring University of Minnesota will discuss aphid and leafhopper control in the upper midwest. Finally, Dr. Mike Thornton, a University of Idaho Extension Specialist, will talk on the impacts of seed physiological age and seed bruising on potato stands and yield. Watch for the February issue of the *Badger Common'Tater* for full program and location details.

WHEREAS, irrigation of land is a management practice and not a land improvement;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support efforts to classify irrigated farm land for tax purposes the same as dry land farm land.

#### Resolution #24:

WHEREAS, the original intent of sales tax legislation was to give agriculture an exemption,  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA oppose the imposition of sales tax on any farm production inputs including machinery.

#### Resolution #25:

WHEREAS, the Governor of Wisconsin and the WI Department of Revenue have proposed adoption of a Use Value Assessment approach to taxing agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, this approach would assess agricultural land based on cash rent or soil type (Class A, B, C productivity); and

WHEREAS, this proposal allows for the discussion of equitable assessment of irrigated land used for potato and vegetable production;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support a Use Value Assessment based property tax plan that takes into consideration a standard three-year rotation and remove the irrigability of the land as an assessment consideration.

#### PESTICIDE REGULATION

#### Resolution #26:

WHEREAS, the proper and carefully planned use of pesticides and fertilizers is a very essential procedure in the production of an adequate supply of wholesome, nutritious food for people and animals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA cooperate with all state agencies and organizations in keeping growers informed about the safe and efficient use, application methods and regulations governing the use of agricultural pesticides and fertilizers;

FURTHER, that the WPVGA promote the development and implementation of educational programs for growers and their employees about the safe and proper way to handle agricultural pesticides and fertilizers.

#### Resolution #27:

WHEREAS, the cost of complying with Federal Regulations governing the labeling and use of agricultural chemicals has increased drastically, to the point where minor crop labels are being abandoned by manufacturers in the absence of

material concern about the ability to use a product safely merely because of the cost of label regulation compliance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, WPVGA will work in all ways possible to restore and preserve minor crop labels.

FURTHER, that the WPVGA seeks special local need or emergency use registrations for pesticides that are without such labels.

FURTHER, that the WPVGA participate in efforts to examine the feasibility of private labeling for such use.

#### Resolution #28:

WHEREAS, the registration of agri-chemicals is a comprehensive and precise process, and,

WHEREAS, the agri-chemical industry takes great care in the determination of calibration and rates of application and,

WHEREAS, the members of the growing community rely on the scientific expertise of the agri-chemical industry when applying pesticides and fertilizer to their crops;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support measures to exempt farmers

from damage liability resulting from agri-chemicals if the application was made according to label instructions.

#### Resolution #29:

WHEREAS, the E.P.A. is in the process of developing policy in the registration and re-registration of agricultural chemicals in response to the recent U.S. Court ruling that establishes "zero tolerance";

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has also sought to establish criteria in the registration/re-registration process that takes into account the benefits/risks of agricultural chemicals;

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences Report on the Effects of Pesticides on Infants, Children and Nursing Mothers will also attempt to establish pesticide regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA work toward the establishment of reasonable pesticide registration procedures that include both the benefits and the risks of the chemical;

FURTHER, that these benefit/risk registration procedures include acknowledgement of new

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EPA Worker Protection Standards when evaluating those pesticide registration issues that involve worker/applicator exposure issues; and

FURTHER, that the EPA reestablish the tolerance (1X10-6) that was revoked by the U.S. Circuit Court.

### LABOR

#### Resolution #30:

WHEREAS, acquisition and management of farm labor is one of the most critical and important contributions to the successful production and marketing of potato and vegetable crops;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that WPVGA shall work toward solving farm labor problems as they affect potato and vegetable growers, the welfare of the farmer, farm workers and the interest of the consumer.

#### Resolution #31:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has had one of the most liberal Unemployment Compensation schedules in the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, small agricultural employers that were intentionally excluded by the law when it was written in 1978 are now subject to the law due to increases in the Minimum Wage requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support a re-organization of the Unem-

ployment Compensation payment and eligibility schedules; and

FURTHER, that the WPVGA support the position that the quarterly \$20,000 gross wage exclusion be raised to reflect the rate of inflation since 1978 and current minimum wage rate.

#### Resolution #32:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Fruit and Vegetable Growers find it necessary to contract with migrant farm workers to support their operations;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has the most extensive, comprehensive and detailed set of Migrant Labor Laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports laws that protect the health and welfare of migrant farm workers and which do not place a major financial burden on growers, and

FURTHER, that the WPVGA opposes change to migrant laws that would impose major financial burdens on growers not required in other states, and

FURTHER, the WPVGA supports the appointment of migrant farm workers to the WI Migrant Labor Council with no more than three members of the Council being representatives of farm workers, to insure proper, practical input into migrant policy decisions.

#### Resolution #33:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated strict rules regarding farm worker safety in the Worker Protection Standards, and,

WHEREAS, these standards call for proper training of workers and notification procedures in the application of pesticides;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA fully supports the development of programs to train farm workers in the safe application of farm chemicals, and

FURTHER, that the WPVGA will work with government agencies, growers, and other organizations to comply with the EPA Worker Protection Standards.

### PROCESS VEGETABLE INDUSTRY

#### Resolution #34:

WHEREAS, processed vegetable contracting has a direct impact on Wisconsin potato producers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA be actively involved in resolving the industry problems that process vegetable growers may face that threaten their viability.

#### Resolution #35:

WHEREAS, individual producers of processed vegetable crops have insufficient market power to materially influence the prices paid for these crops, and

WHEREAS, organized groups of growers can have the market power to materially influence the terms and conditions under which processed vegetable crops are sold;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA aggressively seek cooperation of all processed vegetable growers, for the purpose of disseminating information.

### INSPECTION/PACA

#### Resolution #36:

WHEREAS, current P.A.C.A. regulations permit

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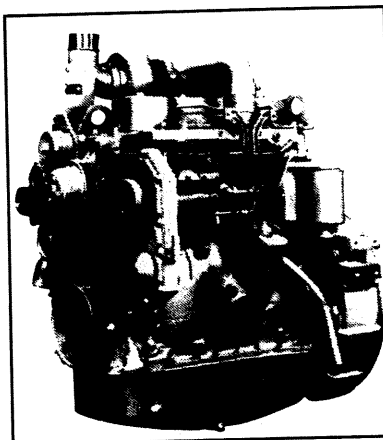
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# Kichefski Recognized For Snowden Development

Don Kichefski, former Agricultural Project Supervisor of the Rhinelander Agricultural Research Station, was instrumental in the development of the Snowden variety, which is now widely accepted as a top chipping potato.

In the article titled "Snowden

Makes Impact On Chip Industry," in the December, 1993 issue of the *Badger Common Tater*, Kichefski was not credited for making the varietal cross which resulted in the development of the Snowden. Kichefski, under the direction of

Dr. Stan Peloquin, in fact did make the cross and is also responsible for the Snowden's development.

Kichefski worked for 39 years at the Rhinelander Agricultural Research Station and was highly regarded for his dedicated service to the industry.

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a receiver to unload and take control of produce without accepting it; and

WHEREAS, receiving practices detrimental to potato and vegetable producers have developed as a result;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support efforts to amend the P.A.C.A. to correct this problem.

### Resolution #37:

WHEREAS, since the inception of the P.A.C.A. in 1930 many changes have taken place in the production, marketing and distribution systems of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable industry and,

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.A. regulations and administration have failed to keep abreast of these industry changes resulting in inequities amongst industry segments such as: acceptance within a reasonable time, prompt full payment, persons subject to the act, license fees, misbranding responsibility, filing of trust protection notice, ability of P.A.C.A. to invest reserve funds, changing role of terminal market brokers and buying brokers, and dissipation of assets and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress caused an Advisory Committee to make recommen-

dations on revisions to P.A.C.A. which concluded its mission and embodied its findings in a final report to the Secretary of USDA on May 1, 1990;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports the recommendations made by the P.A.C.A. Advisory Committee and,

FURTHER, that the WPVGA supports the additional recommendations adopted and put forth by the National Potato Council that were not addressed by the Advisory Committee, and

FURTHER, that the WPVGA take an active role in seeking the implementation of the suggested change.

### Resolution #38:

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding the satisfactory delivery, acceptance, and payment for processing potatoes and vegetables, where mandatory third party determination of a fulfillment of contracts is not provided, pose serious problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA work toward the establishment of uniform measurable standards for deliveries, condition on arrival, acceptance and payment of processing potatoes and vegetables.

### Resolution #39:

WHEREAS, the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 was adopted by Congress in its continuing effort to

reduce unnecessary regulation of the private sector by the federal government, and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the Act is designed to eliminate extortionate loading and unloading practices in the motor carrier industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support the adoption of an operating procedure in which the shipper should arrange for and pay for the loading of the motor vehicle, the carrier should supply appropriate transportation for the perishable commodities, and the receiver should arrange for and pay for the unloading of the motor vehicle.

## COMMUNICATION/COOPERATION

### Resolution #40:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA utilize information from the National Potato Board whenever possible, and to cooperate in NPB programs to inform and educate the consumer.

### Resolution #41:

WHEREAS, many problems common to the potato and vegetable producers are common to potato and vegetable processors, buyers, haulers and distributors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourage these people to more actively participate in Association activities, working in cooperation with potato and vegetable producers in solving the problems common to all of us.

### Resolution #42:

WHEREAS, agriculture represents such a small segment of the population and each commodity group by itself even a smaller segment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA join forces whenever possible with other Wisconsin agricultural groups in solving problems that are common to all concerned.

### Resolution #43:

WHEREAS, there are many problems in the potato and vegetable industries that cannot be solved by individual states and that cooperation is needed, not only to discuss problems, but also to pass on and to receive information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA participate with other state and national organizations in areas that are of common concern to Wisconsin.

### Resolution #44:


WHEREAS, local, state and federal legislative, administrative and judicial actions have far reaching impacts on our industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we encourage our members to take an active role in the support of candidates for public office, service on

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# Potato Board News

## MEET THE COMMODITY BOARD

The National Potato Promotion Board has completed its annual foray into video production. Entitled "Meet The Commodity Board," the newest member of The Board's video library gives viewers a thorough overview of Board programs and the decision making process.

With lush farm country as the backdrop, the video tackles this task by

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citizens committees and keep abreast and be active in legislative and administrative activities.

### Resolution #45:

WHEREAS, the potato and vegetable processing industry is vital and important to the economic well being of our growers and the State and,

WHEREAS, to assure the continued growth and vitality of the industry it is essential that working relationships and communication be maintained to address issues that affect the industry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA keep abreast of the issues and be designated to represent the grower interest in these issues, and,

FURTHER, that the WPVGA develop and maintain information and analysis of the issues and distribute it to the growers.

### TRUCKS

#### Resolution #46:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the WI Department of Transportation have implemented a Commercial Driver's License program to insure safe and proper operation of trucks;

WHEREAS, truck safety is a great concern within the WI Potato Industry,

WHEREAS, the current CDL requirements provide an exemption for farmers traveling less than 150 miles,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourage growers to comply with all safety requirements prescribed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the operation of trucks,

FURTHER, that all operators of all trucks used in the normal course of potato operation be properly licensed and competent drivers.

#### Resolution #47:

WHEREAS, sufficient energy at a reasonable cost is important to the well being of the entire nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support efforts to encourage governmental bodies to make funds available to qualified research facilities to research ways to improve the efficient use of energy in agriculture, and to develop methods to utilize agricultural by-products and surplus agricultural production as sources of energy.

#### Resolution #48:

WHEREAS, the WI Supreme Court ruled in *Okray v. WI* that potato bulk box trucks are

exempt from vehicle registration requirements under the definition of implement of husbandry,

AND WHEREAS, the definition of implement of husbandry includes a three part test that consists of:

1) the vehicle is designed for agricultural purposes;

2) the vehicle is used exclusively in agricultural operation; and

3) the vehicle is used principally off a highway, WHEREAS, the WI DOT is ambiguous and inconsistent in its interpretation of this definition in the use of potato bulk box trucks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA work towards a better definition of implement of husbandry in potato farming,

FURTHER, that the WPVGA work cooperatively with the WI DOT on solving problems of mutual concern in the area of truck regulation.

### FOOD SAFETY

#### Resolution #49:

WHEREAS, the integrity of America's food supply is paramount to agriculture, and,

WHEREAS, the integrity of America's food supply has been questioned in regard to pesticide use and residue, and,

WHEREAS, the methods of some of those questioning the integrity of America's food supply are based on emotionalism and limited scientific technique;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA recognize that residue levels in America's food supply do not necessarily pose a significant risk to human health,

FURTHER, that the WPVGA encourages public policy in the area of food safety be developed by EPA and the USDA through use of proper benefit-risk assessment and peer-review scientific study.

#### Resolution #50:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA utilize all the public relations tools at its disposal whenever possible to present the facts about our industry's products to the consumer.

### UW

#### Resolution #51:

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the UW-Extension have been essential to the development of Wisconsin Agriculture, and

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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WHEREAS, the current vacant faculty positions within these departments are not being staffed with all expectancy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin make every effort to fill these faculty vacancies to ensure continued research and development for Wisconsin agriculture.

**Resolution #52:**

WHEREAS, the WPVGA has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the University of Wis-

consin College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in the area of potato production research, and,

WHEREAS, this relationship has prospered because of the monetary commitment of potato growers to the University of Wisconsin CALS in the form of check-off funds, and,

WHEREAS, the current downsizing of the UW CALS may hinder this relationship and place limits on future research,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA, in conjunction with the UW Foundation, create a Potato Research Fund that would endow research in the horticulture, plant pathology, entomology, and soil science disciplines, and

FURTHER, that this fund be created by the generation of private contributions from growers and members of affiliated industries.

**NATIONAL FARM POLICY**

**Resolution #53:**

WHEREAS, government subsidy/diversion programs do not aid in the successful control of supply of potatoes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA oppose any and all domestic government subsidy/diversion programs proposed or requested on potatoes and that they vigorously work toward the defeat of any that are proposed or requested.

**Resolution #54:**

WHEREAS, problems exist in the fair trade of potatoes between other countries and the U.S. as to be detrimental to the orderly marketing of potatoes in this country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports efforts to have the U.S. government work to resolve these problems.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Resolution #55:**

WHEREAS, the WDATCP and the Golden Sands RC&D have established a pilot Wind Erosion Control Project;

WHEREAS, wind erosion is a critical issue in regards to soil conservation and the environment; WHEREAS, the pilot Wind Erosion Control Project is voluntary in participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA encourages all members to practice wind erosion control techniques and if possible participate in the pilot project.

**Resolution #56:**

WHEREAS, environmental activists and other special interest groups have launched a campaign to substantially modify the WDATCP Board's membership monies and pesticide regulatory responsibilities as a means of achieving agricultural pesticide bans, and,

WHEREAS, the WDATCP Board fully exercised its authority under Wisconsin Groundwater Protection Statutes in its recent action in bans and restrictions on the use of the herbicide atrazine;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA recognizes the integrity, equity and openness with which the WDATCP responsibility carries out its diverse missions and,

FURTHER, the WPVGA strongly opposes any efforts to disrupt the WDATCP's abilities to perform its functions, especially action taken for purely partisan or alternative agenda motives.

**Resolution #57:**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Right-to-Farm statute is vague and ineffective in protecting farmers from nuisance suits and governmental actions affecting farming operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA support a stronger statute to both protect our farmers and preserve Wisconsin's resources for the production of food and fiber.

**Resolution #58:**

WHEREAS, a healthy agricultural industry is the basis for a healthy economy;

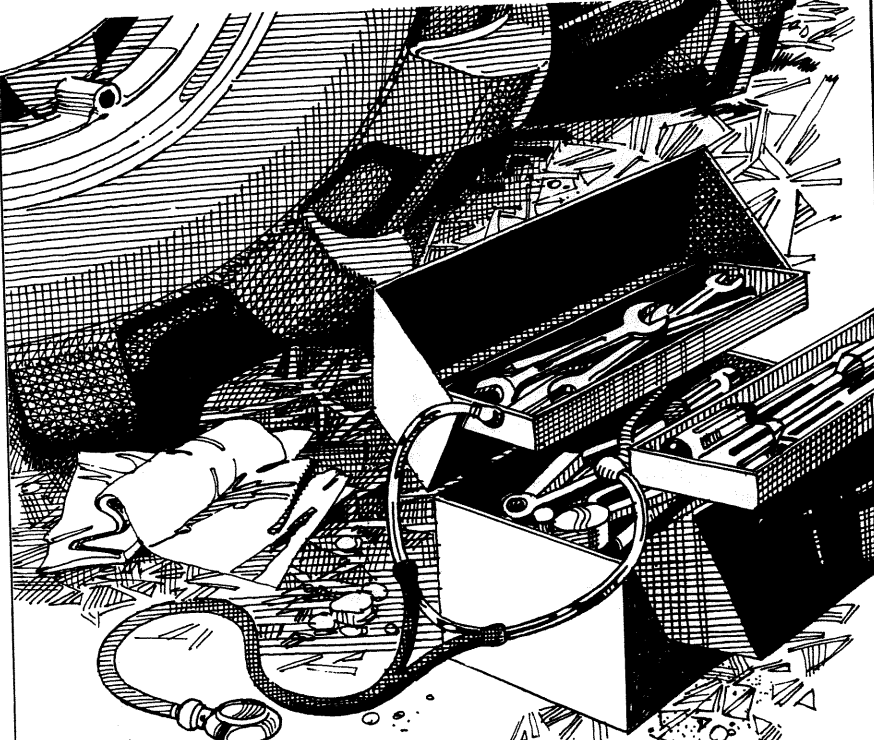
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPVGA supports the following areas of support to the agricultural industry to improve profitability;

1) Streamline credit delivery systems of all lenders to assure the availability of long-term fixed rate financing to improve the economic safety and soundness of agriculture.

2) Enhance ag credit methods and policies to enable farmers to effectively compete in world markets.

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Wisconsin Agri-Business Council Resolutions  
as adopted at the  
WA-BC Annual Meeting, January 6, 1994

**1.0 TAXES**

Resolution 1.1 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

**PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES**

*Taxes*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's agricultural property taxes are among the highest in the nation; and  
 WHEREAS, this unfair tax puts Wisconsin agriculture and its products at an economic disadvantage with other producing areas; and  
 WHEREAS, agricultural land in Wisconsin being valued at the highest use potential, rather than its value for producing agricultural products, carries an additional burden of property taxes; and  
 WHEREAS, the costs of various governmental services, schools in particular, have no relation to the assessed value of property or the ability to pay.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges the Wisconsin Legislature to revise this state's taxing policy to more equitably assess taxes as to the amount of services required and to redistribute the educational tax base to other methods of financing.  
 Be It Further Resolved, that sales tax on production inputs, including supplies, service, and electricity, for agriculture and business should not be considered as a replacement for the property tax, for these inputs are necessary to create positive growth in our state's economy.

Resolution 1.2 (Reaffirm 1993 resolution.)

**STATE MANDATES**

*Taxes*

WHEREAS, inadequately and/or unfunded State mandated programs and services which are imposed onto local schools and units of government result in higher costs; and  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council requests the Wisconsin Legislature to review all State laws and actions which require the imposition of higher property taxes.

Resolution 1.3 (Amend 1993 resolution.)

**BINDING ARBITRATION**

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WHEREAS, binding arbitration escalates increased teacher salaries; and  
 WHEREAS, these increases resulted in higher property taxes  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports a bargaining system which creates parity between taxpayers/school boards and organizations representing educators.

New Resolution 1.4

**GOVERNMENT MANDATES**

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WHEREAS, State and Federal legislatures and agencies are considering new and revised programs addressing a vast number of issues; and  
 WHEREAS, new mandates ranging from health care to worker and unemployment compensation, and from limiting accepted land use to unrealistic expectations in cropping and animal husbandry practices, and  
 WHEREAS, many "new" programs are in the form of strict regulation without any cost sharing or economic benefits to those being regulated.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges our staff and board to monitor pending actions and oppose those which put Wisconsin and U.S. agri-business at a disadvantage with competing states or nations.

## 2.0 ENVIRONMENT

Resolution 2.1 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

## AG ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS

*EW.*  
 WHEREAS, the entire state benefits from a profitable agriculture and an ample food and fiber supply; and  
 WHEREAS, some environmental costs place a great economic burden on the agricultural sector; and  
 WHEREAS, Wisconsin farmers cannot recover their costs in a market where prices are based on a national standard.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that Wisconsin environmental regulations relating to air and water quality, erosion, animal waste, and pesticide and fertilizer usage consider the competitive factor in relation to other states and nations; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that any added costs related to new Wisconsin environmental standards be born equitably by the end users of agricultural products to properly reflect the intended public benefit of such standards.

Resolution 2.2 (Reaffirm 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

## FERTILIZER &amp; PESTICIDE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the proper use and application fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural and forestry production and protection of all food and fiber crops is in the interest of the general public and the nation as a whole; and  
 WHEREAS, the Federal and State testing of products and training of users provide for ample public and environmental safeguards; and  
 WHEREAS, local units of government should not be expected to have broad technical, investigatory, and enforcement capabilities.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges that FIFRA and state regulations or restrictions of pesticide and fertilizer be based on federal standards and preempt local ordinances inconsistent with federal and/or state standards; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we support continued research to provide the science-based knowledge needed for the improvement of regulations which protect the public interest, without undue constraints on individual property rights; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we urge the appropriate governmental bodies to provide the necessary commitment of funds and resources to obtain and disseminate this knowledge.

Resolution 2.3 (Reaffirm and modify 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

## CLEAN SWEEP

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Recycling Law, 1989 WI Act 335, provided for demonstration grants for pesticide and container collection; and  
 WHEREAS, the county-wide collection programs conducted by the DATCP have been very successful with over 258,000lbs. of waste material collected; and  
 WHEREAS, these programs benefit the public and state as a whole.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council requests that the DATCP and the Wisconsin Legislature continue to expand the valuable "Clean Sweep" project to include all counties in Wisconsin and provide the necessary funding from General Purpose Revenue (tax) dollars for this extended program.

Resolution 2.4 (Reaffirm and modify 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

## AGRICULTURAL AG CHEMICAL SITE CLEANUPS

WHEREAS, recent studies show that 45 to 75% of Wisconsin's commercial mix/load sites may require some soil remediation; and  
 WHEREAS, over half of these sites may have pesticides in the groundwater which exceed the state enforcement standard; and  
 WHEREAS, the source of this problem often precedes governmental or industry concerns about potential contamination.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council applauds the establishment of a state fund and program under the control of the DATCP to help cleanup these sites; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that the state should establish a uniform base for consultant fees relating to mitigating these sites; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that General Purpose Revenue or segregated funds continue to match industry dollars for this fund to increase the number of sites which can be cleaned, thereby quickly reducing the number of sites which have the potential for groundwater contamination.

Resolution 2.5 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### SOIL CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, preservation of topsoil is of value to all citizens of this state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council encourages the U.S. Congress and the State Legislature to expand the numbers and types of educational and informational materials on soil erosion for farmers, and increase cost-sharing and other programs to promote voluntary participation; and

Be It Further Resolved, that when establishing pesticide regulations, consideration be made of the effects on soil conservation, erosion, and the profitability of Wisconsin agriculture.

Resolution 2.6 (Reaffirm 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### GROUNDWATER AND NON-POINT LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the protection of ground and surface waters are of primary importance to all phases of agri-businesses; and  
 WHEREAS, laws and regulations relating to groundwater and non-point pollution sources will impact on agri-business.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the staff of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council continue to monitor and be involved in the law and rule making process regarding groundwater and non-point pollution sources.

Resolution 2.7 (Reaffirm and modify 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### WETLANDS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has more acres devoted to specialty crops, (some of which are cultivated on wetlands) than any other state; and

WHEREAS, this agricultural diversity plays a positive role in Wisconsin's ecology and economy; and

WHEREAS, proposed wetlands laws are viewed by some as confiscatory in that they could be the biggest land grab in the history of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that any new legislation to regulate wetlands must recognize and allow environmentally sound agricultural practices to continue; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports wetlands water quality standards which provide objective criteria, recognize mitigation and allow for environmentally sound farming practices to continue; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we continue to oppose laws expanding DNR authority over agricultural practices in wetlands including authority for 404 type programs and any extension of shoreland zoning or other restrictions onto agricultural wetlands; and

Be It Further Resolved, that landowners should be fairly compensated for the value of land "taken" by governmental jurisdiction; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the federal laws eliminating all farm program benefits whenever any new field drainage occurs be made more realistic.

Resolution 2.8 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993 resolution.)

#### WISCONSIN PUBLIC INTERVENOR

WHEREAS, the office of Public Intervenor has expanded in staff and budget far beyond the apparent intent of the original state statute establishing this position; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Public Intervenors seem to be representing a very narrow viewpoint rather than "public rights"; and

WHEREAS, the intervention and direct lobbying by the Public Intervenor has been subject to a great deal of criticism by agricultural, forestry, business, and governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the right for intervention "on his own initiative" has caused some of the activities of the Public Intervenor to generate a political controversy.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges the state legislature specify that the Public Intervenor's advisory committee be broadened to include a balanced representation of agricultural and business needs.

### 3.0 EDUCATION/RESEARCH

Resolution 3.1 (Reaffirm 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### ANIMAL CARE

*Welfare*

WHEREAS, a number of state and national groups are stating that animals are being mistreated, in an attempt to sway public opinion in opposition to commercial livestock and poultry production; and  
 WHEREAS, animal research has proven to be vital to the medical field in improving the quality of life, and to livestock producers and consumers in developing more efficient ways to produce food.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports appropriate programs and accurate information aimed at schools and the general public to show how people, agriculture and animals benefit from today's farming methods and animal care.  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we carefully monitor legislation and/or administrative actions which affect our animal agriculture and that we respond effectively to those actions detrimental to this portion of our state's economy.

Resolution 3.2 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### ALTERNATIVE AG PRODUCT AND BY-PRODUCT RESEARCH

WHEREAS, this country faces a surplus of certain ag commodities; and  
 WHEREAS, development of additional efficient energy sources from agricultural products and by-products could both reduce our grain surplus and be a positive factor in our U.S. balance of trade; and  
 WHEREAS, new uses for ag products, such as biodegradable plastic, and further research into energy alternatives, such as ethanol, could reduce surpluses; provide jobs and income; and have a positive impact on the environment.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council support efforts to encourage the Wisconsin State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to make funds available to qualified research facilities to develop efficient methods for utilizing ag products, by-products and ag production.  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we support the development of efficient additional consumer and industry products from renewable resources.

Resolution 3.3 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the population of the world has more than doubled in the last fifty years; and  
 WHEREAS, world population growth adds the equivalent of the population of the State of Wisconsin to the world every 20 days; and  
 WHEREAS, the state and federal government, research and education facilities, and industry are important in the development of new agricultural technologies which will have a positive economic and environmental impact.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we support research and use of new biotechnological methods to feed, clothe and house the ever-growing population of this world, and urge additional governmental funds into research and education for the bio-tech industry; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we abhor the activities of those who use emotion and scare tactics to stop technological progress.

Resolution 3.4 (Reaffirm and modify 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

*Ag Education*

WHEREAS, 22% of Wisconsin's work force is dependent on agriculture and  
 WHEREAS, agriculture has a \$20 billion annual impact on Wisconsin's economy; and  
 WHEREAS, expanded programs relating to IPM, CIAS, and sustainable agriculture are needed to provide dissemination of unbiased information on farm environmental and economic decisions; and  
 WHEREAS, State and Federal budget actions necessitate some budget cuts.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that while we recognize the need for economy and efficiency in the UW-Extension system, we resolve that the University of Wisconsin system should emphasize the importance of agriculture in its research, extension, and educational budgets to allow more applied research and applied research personnel; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that a top UW budget priority must be filling the vacant faculty positions in these areas through the use of present personnel and/or private consultants, as they consider expanded regions to maximize efficiency.

New Resolution 3.4a**FORESTRY/SILVICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, 18% of Wisconsin's workforce is dependent on forestry and its products; and  
**WHEREAS**, forestry has a \$14 billion annual impact on this state's economy;  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports the concept of "multiple use" for our private, corporate and government forests to allow scientific management for sustained and increased yield as well as non-consumptive recreational activities.

Resolution 3.5 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

**PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, our Career Day Program and other educational/promotional efforts have been successful in increasing the enrollment, interest, and support of ag programs at the high school, vo-tech, and university levels; but  
**WHEREAS**, there is still a shortage of educated and trained individuals in ag-related fields.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports a joint effort by agricultural organizations, agri-business, and educational institutions to disseminate information regarding the career opportunities which are and will be available to properly trained individuals.

Resolution 3.6 (Reaffirm and rewritten 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

**AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is an industry based on scientific principles; and  
**WHEREAS**, The future strength of the agriculture industry is dependent upon an adequate number of well educated individuals to fill a vast array of employment positions; and  
**WHEREAS**, changes are needed to fortify the quality of, and introduce new efficiencies to Agriculture Education at the high school and the graduate levels.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council strongly urges the school districts of Wisconsin to classify appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent credits, counting towards graduation, and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we encourage the DPI, the VTAE and the University of Wisconsin Systems schools to accept appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent entrance credits, and that we support revision of Public Instruction - Law 4, with regards to courses for teacher certification, to establish dual certification (Agriculture & Science) of all Agricultural Education teachers graduating in Wisconsin with approximately 128 semester credits (or equivalent).

**4.0 FINANCE**

Resolution 4.1 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

**AG CREDIT POLICIES**

**WHEREAS**, a healthy agricultural industry is the basis for a healthy economy.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports the following areas of support to the agricultural industry to improve its profitability:

- 1) Streamline the credit delivery systems of all lenders to assure the availability of long-term fixed rate financing to improve the economic safety and soundness of agriculture;
- 2) Enhance ag credit methods and policies to enable farmers to effectively compete in world markets.

Resolution 4.2 (Reaffirm 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### LIEN TRANSACTIONS ON LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN

WHEREAS, difficult economic times in livestock and grain production have increased the need to protect the security interests of buyers and lenders; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the need to protect marketing agencies and dealer purchases from double payment exposure is also essential.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports the passage of legislation calling for the deletion of livestock and grain as agricultural commodities required to be entered into the statewide computerized lien system; and Be It Further Resolved, to provide security protection to buyers and lenders for loans on livestock and grain, the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports the continuation of the direct notification system that is currently providing protection both effectively and efficiently.

#### 5.0 MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution 5.1 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### DATCP'S & DNR SECRETARIAL POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Natural Resources have an excellent record of service; and

WHEREAS, both departments are viewed as exceptionally well-run compared with those in many other states; and

WHEREAS, elected secretaries could put the administration of these departments under a "populist" with little or no interest in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the secretaries directly by the governor could make the departments very partisan with more interest in re-electing the governor than in the state's agricultural industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports continuation of the present system whereby the policy board for the DATCP and DNR are appointed by the governor and the secretaries serve at the pleasure of these policy boards.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council actively opposes any legislation requiring the election of these positions.

Resolution 5.2 (Reaffirm 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### WILDLIFE DAMAGE

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's record wildlife populations are raising havoc in many areas of the state, with deer alone destroying over \$36 million worth of agricultural, horticultural and silvicultural crops per year; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's wildlife abatement (reduction) program is not working, allowing wildlife damage to put unfair financial burden on Wisconsin farmers in affected areas; and

WHEREAS, all the people of the state of Wisconsin and sportspersons in particular are the main beneficiaries of the large wildlife population; and

WHEREAS, the present Wildlife Abatement and Claims Program is insufficiently funded to pay a reasonable proportion of the damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges that legislation be enacted to allow farmers to reduce the wildlife population so that crop damage may be lowered to acceptable levels.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Wildlife Abatement and Claims Program be expanded to totally compensate the affected party for wildlife damage, and that the clause permitting land to be closed to public hunting in exchange for a higher payment deductible be reinstated.



Resolution 5.3 (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### TORT REFORM/LIABILITY INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the insurance liability issue is creating a crisis for all phases of the food and fiber industry.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports a uniform national standard for product liability; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that we support Wisconsin tort reform aimed at:

- 1) Replacing joint and several liability with an obligation to pay based on proportion of damages,
- 2) Elimination of punitive damages,
- 3) Prohibit double recovery,
- 4) A cap on awards for non-economic damages,
- 5) Court review of contingency fees.

Resolution 5.4 (Reaffirm 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### FOOD SAFETY

WHEREAS, state and federal food inspections and governmental approval of new products have made the U.S. food supply both the safest and most reasonably priced in the world; and  
 WHEREAS, food and agricultural products move freely in interstate commerce; and  
 WHEREAS, our food producers and processors are subject to the most stringent pesticide restrictions in the world.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports reasonable uniform labeling and nutrition information; supports equal quality standards and restrictions for food imported from other countries; and agrees with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture that federal legislation should establish a national system for setting the level of pesticide residues allowed on both processed and fresh food products.

Resolution 5.5 (Reaffirm 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### CRANBERRY CULTURE

WHEREAS, properly managed cranberry marshes are an asset to this state's environment; and  
 WHEREAS, cranberry cultivation has a positive effect on wetlands.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council opposes legislation seeking to repeal S.S. 94.26, the Wisconsin Cranberry Law, which allows the construction of dams and drains, and the diversion of water for cranberry culture.

Resolution 5.6 (Reaffirm 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### MIGRANT LABOR LAWS

WHEREAS, many Wisconsin fruit and vegetable growers contract with migrant farm workers to harvest their crops; and  
 WHEREAS, growers provide housing free of charge or at minimal cost to farm workers; and  
 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's laws governing the contracting, transporting, employing and housing of migrant farm workers is already one of the most extensive and demanding in the nation.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that WA-BC supports reasonable, affordable improvements in Wisconsin law that clearly benefits migrant farm worker health and safety, but opposes changes which would cause Wisconsin growers major expenses that are not reasonable, affordable or required in neighboring states.  
 Be It Further Resolved, that WA-BC supports the concept that migrant workers be allowed input into any changes, and that a migrant worker be appointed to the Wisconsin Migrant Labor Council.

Resolution 5.7 (Reaffirm 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, Legal Action of Wisconsin has gone beyond its governmental charge to represent low income people in civil court action; and  
 WHEREAS, Legal Action of Wisconsin is spending much of its efforts on advocacy and grassroots lobbying programs; and  
 WHEREAS, numerous other agencies and organizations do actively support better programs for the economically disadvantaged;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that tax support for Legal Action of Wisconsin be eliminated until such time as it limits its activities to legal services.

Resolution 5.8 (Reaffirm 1992 and 1993 reslution.)

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

WHEREAS, legislation was introduced to strip consumer protection duties from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and place them into the Department of Justice (DOJ) an agency headed by a partisan elected official; and

WHEREAS, this change would transfer authority for some 26 laws and 25 administrative rules to the DOJ; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would give the DOJ regulatory authority for: food advertising and labeling; commodity procurement and distribution; price discrimination; livestock sales; sales and labeling of feed, seed, fertilizer, and pesticides.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council opposes transfer of these functions from the DATCP.

Resolution 5.9 (Reaffirm 1993 resolution.)

#### RIGHT-TO-FARM

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Right-to-Farm statute is vague and ineffective in protecting farmers from nuisance suits and governmental actions affecting farming operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council supports a stronger statute to both protect our farmers and preserve Wisconsin's resources for the production of food and fiber.

Resolution 5.10 (Reaffirm and modify 1993 resolution.)

#### FARM SAFETY

WHEREAS, farming is a dangerous occupation; and

WHEREAS, several groups and agencies are studying the magnitude of this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council urges that resources be directed toward educational efforts for our farmers rather than additional legislative mandates or regulatory actions, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we applaud the actions of the Wisconsin Legislature which resulted in the reestablishment of the farm safety faculty position in the UW-Madison's Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Resolution (Reaffirm 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 resolution.)

#### APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the programs and efforts of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council have grown in scope, quantity, and quality; and  
WHEREAS, our educational, public relations and legislative programs are receiving national recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council, express our deep appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Foundation, and to the donors to the Foundation and the Council, for making our programs possible, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we commend the officers, directors and committees of the WA-BC for a job well done.



# Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association

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June 6, 1994

Representative John Ainsworth  
6th Assembly District  
Committee Member

Dear Representative Ainsworth,

The President of the WLBA forwarded your letter to me regarding WLBA concerns and resolutions. Enclosed you will find the resolutions that our group endorsed at our recent Annual Meeting.

I would be available at any point in time for input with regards to the Agriculture Committee. Our group represents the livestock industry in Wisconsin, which I'm sure you're aware, plays a large role in the agriculture economy of Wisconsin.

I would also like to ask your help on another matter. The State Ag Department allocates \$27,200 to the WLBA annually to host junior livestock events across the state. The education that youth receive through WLBA programs includes marketing, production, knowledge, and analysis of livestock, along with the development of personal values such as honesty, cooperation, responsibility, and hard work - all which help to build character in our young people. Our group services over 1,000 youth annually.

We have depended upon an additional \$22,800 to fund our junior activities. This money has, in the past, come from the Paramutual Fund, along with county fair appropriations. The county fair funds have been cut to approximately 50% of past revenues. We have asked that, if we could not receive our full appropriation, could we receive a portion similar to the county fair funds. We have been denied those extra funds. Could you please help us find a way to fund our activities? We are in the business of producing young people with the goals and values to be outstanding contributors to today's society.

Any help you could give us would be much appreciated by the WLBA, the adults who work hard to furnish these programs, and the youth who benefit from them.

Sincerely,

Marv Espenscheid, WLBA Executive Secretary

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION  
1994 RESOLUTIONS

94-1

ANIMAL CARE

WHEREAS, fewer people in the U.S. have an agricultural background and groups are stating that animals are being mistreated in an attempt to sway public opinion against commercial livestock production; and

WHEREAS, animal research has proven to be vital to the medical field in improving the quality of life, and to livestock producers and consumers in developing more efficient ways to produce food.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association supports appropriate programs and accurate information aimed at schools and the general public to show how people, agriculture, and animals benefit from today's farming methods and animal care.

94-2

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the population of the world has more than doubled in the last fifty years; and

WHEREAS, world population adds the equivalent of the population of the State of Wisconsin to the world every 20 days; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal government, research and educational facilities, and industry are important in the development of new agricultural technologies which will have a positive economic and environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we support research and use of new biotechnological methods to feed, clothe, and house the ever-growing population of this world, and urge additional government funds into research and education for the bio-tech industry.

94-3

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

WHEREAS, 22% of Wisconsin's work force is dependent in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, agriculture has a \$20 billion annual impact on Wisconsin's economy; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal budget actions necessitate some budget cuts.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that while we recognize the need for economy and efficiency in the UW-Extension system, we resolve that the University of Wisconsin system should emphasize the importance of agriculture in its research, extension, and educational budgets.

## PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, education/promotion efforts have been successful in increasing the enrollment, interest, and support at the high school, vo-tech, and university levels; but

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of educated and trained individuals in ag-related fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association supports a joint effort by agricultural organizations, agri-business, and educational institutions to disseminate information regarding the career opportunities which are and will be available to properly trained individuals.

## AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

WHEREAS, agriculture is an industry based on scientific principles; and

WHEREAS, the future strength of the agricultural industry is dependent on an adequate number of well educated individuals to fill a vast array of employment positions; and

WHEREAS, changes are needed to fortify the quality of, and introduce new efficiencies to Agriculture Education at the high school and graduate levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association strongly urges the school districts of Wisconsin to classify appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent credits, counting towards graduation, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we encourage the DPI, the VTAE, and the University of Wisconsin Systems schools to accept appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent entrance credits, and that we support revision of Public Instruction - Law 4, with regards to courses for teacher certification, to establish dual certification (Agriculture and Science) of all Agricultural Education teachers graduating from Wisconsin with approximately 128 semester credits (or equivalent).

## RIGHT-TO-FARM

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Right-to-Farm statute is vague and ineffective in protecting farmers from nuisance suits and governmental actions affecting farming operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association supports stronger legislation to both protect our farmers and preserve Wisconsin's resources for the production of food and fiber.

94-7

#### ENVIRONMENTAL

WHEREAS, the 90's will be considered the decade of the environment; and

WHEREAS, livestock producers of Wisconsin are for the most part good environment stewards.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association goes on record in favor of sound land and water management practices which do not unnecessarily impinge on the farmers' rights to earn a living; and

Be It Further Resolved, that if legislation impinges on those rights that the state bear the cost of such actions.

94-8

#### EXPORT/IMPORT REPORTING

WHEREAS, the import and export of livestock and livestock by-products will continue the need for volume and price information.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association request the Livestock and Grain Market News/ USDA/ AMS/ to accelerate import and export market information.

94-9

#### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

WHEREAS, the present property tax fails to distribute the tax burden on a just and equitable basis; and

WHEREAS, it places an unfair burden on farmers as it has little to do with the ability to pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that there be a REAL and IMMEDIATE need for greater farm property tax equity and the 1994 Wisconsin State Legislature have this as their top priority for this year's session, taking much of the school tax off farmers.

94-10

#### APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the youth educational programs of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association have grown in scope, quantity, and quality; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of these programs is vital to the development of young people in the field of livestock production and agriculture in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association expresses its deepest appreciation to the Board of Directors, committee members, program donors and sponsors, and livestock producers for making these youth programs possible.

Be It Further Resolved, the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association will seek full funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture for the continuation of youth livestock programs in Wisconsin.

94-11

LAMB AND WOOL CHECK-OFF

WHEREAS, There is a need to promote the lamb and wool industry in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association supports the development and implementation of a national research and promotion program funded by an equitable industry check-off on lamb and wool, domestically and imported.

94-12

MUZZLE BAN

WHEREAS, Animal rights activists are constantly looking for reasons to attack the livestock industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association requests a ban on the use of muzzles on sheep at all county fairs, state fairs, and sheep shows.

**WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993**

**INCOME:**

STATE APPROPRIATION CHECKS		\$50,000.00
General		
Savings Transfers	\$24,900.00	
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,010.00	
State Appropriation Checks	\$50,000.00	
Misc.	<u>\$ 22.00</u>	\$ 75,932.00
Spring Preview Show		\$ 5,981.85
Northwest Show		\$ 4,225.18
Central Show		\$ 3,256.84
Northeast Show		\$ 4,355.02
Southern Show		<u>\$ 10,329.60</u>
Total Income		\$104,080.49
Bank Balance January 1, 1993		<u>\$ 2,944.57</u>
		(\$107,025.06)

**EXPENSES:**

Salary		
Marvin Espenscheid	\$10,527.84	
Kimberly Heine	<u>\$ 1,385.28</u>	\$11,913.12
Motel		\$ 589.31
Meals		\$ 459.16
Mileage		\$ 3,349.50
Postage		\$ 1,491.47
Phone		\$ 383.46
Supplies and Printing		\$ 316.18
Insurance		\$ 4,405.00
Annual Meeting		
1993	\$ 2,098.36	
1994 Deposit	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	\$ 2,298.36
Taxes and Payroll Taxes		\$ 2,332.76
Dues and Membership		\$ 120.00
Quiz Bowl		\$ 757.50
Master Stockman		\$ 1,862.30
Misc.		<u>\$ 223.49</u> \$30,501.61
Spring Preview Show		\$ 6,249.77
Northwest Show		\$ 7,086.16
Central Show		\$ 4,819.42
Northeast Show		\$ 6,064.30
Southern Show		<u>\$12,993.09</u>



Total Expenses	\$67,714.35
Bank Balance December 31, 1993	<u>\$39,310.71</u>
	(\$107,025.06)

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**  
**JANUARY 1, 1993 - DECEMBER 31, 1993**

**INCOME:**

Interest	\$ 484.49
Total Income	\$ 484.49
Bank Balance January 1, 1993	<u>\$28,330.57</u>
	(\$28,815.06)

**EXPENSES:**

Transfers to General Account	<u>\$24,900.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$24,900.00
Bank Balance December 31, 1993	<u>\$ 3,915.06</u>
	(\$28,815.06)

AUDIT STATEMENT

On March 20, 1994, we the undersigned audited the books of the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association for the year 1993. We found all the deposits and expenses to be in order and correct.

Michael Lindow  
Michael Lindow - Director

George Mann  
George Mann - Vice President

Following are the individual financial reports for the separate Junior Shows. They reflect only income and expenses for the 1993 season. These income and expense figures may not be the same as reported in the General Report. Some income and expense were incurred in 1994, therefore they would not be reflected in the 1993 General Report.

## SPRING PREVIEW SHOW 1993

### INCOME:

Entries	\$2,183.00
Plaques	\$1,140.00
Barrow Sales	<u>\$2,618.85</u>
Total Income	\$5,941.85

### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$ 130.00
STAATS MFG CO.	\$ 962.35
Burt Awards, Inc.	\$ 948.00
Al Wollenzien-carcass judge	\$ 45.00
Todd Cherney-swine judge	\$ 87.50
Mike Siemens-beef judge	\$ 100.00
Tim Erickson-beef judge	\$ 123.00
Matt Glewen-sheep judge	\$ 111.00
Tony Weber-sheep judge	\$ 100.50
Barrow Resale	\$2,618.92
Columbia County Fairgrounds	\$ 545.00
Country Plumber, Inc.	\$ 130.00
Jack Hillestad-sound system	\$ 265.00
Diamond Starwood Shavings	\$ 36.00
Ewesful Gifts-lead judges' gifts	\$ 22.50
Nasco-supplies	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$6,249.77

## NORTHWEST SHOW 1993

### INCOME:

Enteries	\$1,028.00
Plagues	\$ 925.00
Steer Withdrawl	\$ 70.00
Sale Proceeds	<u>\$2,122.18</u>
Total Income	\$4,145.18

### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$ 24.50
Nasco	\$ 25.00
STAATS MFG CO-ribbons	\$ 443.22
The Country Today-advertising	\$ 75.60
Lucille Helwig-buyers pop	\$ 106.20
Osseo-Fairchild FFA-clean up	\$ 125.00
Jan Hildebrandt-film/supplies	\$ 66.40
Northwest Exhibitors-premiums, M S, Quiz. & Judg	\$3,670.00
Dean Henderson-carcass judge	\$ 110.50
George Olson-swine judge	\$ 131.00
Jerry Gosda-sheep judge	\$ 129.50
Tim Erickson-beef judge	\$ 120.84
Eau Claire-grounds, phone, printing, labor	\$ 896.02
Goss Sanitation-washtank pump	\$ 150.00
Awards by G & D	\$ 827.60
Donald Brott-manure cleanup	\$ 60.00
Brian Freise-film	\$ 7.34
Farm Supply Coop-shavings	\$ 67.00
Marvin Espenscheid-supplies	<u>\$ 39.10</u>
Total Expenses	\$7,074.82

## CENTRAL SHOW 1993

### INCOME:

Enteries	\$ 561.00
Plaques	\$ 990.00
Sale Proceeds	\$1,635.84
Sale Withdrawl	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,196.84

### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$ 42.40
Nasco	\$ 25.00
STAATS MFG CO.-ribbons	\$ 443.22
The Country Today-advertising	\$ 75.60
Adams County Agriculture Society-fairgrounds	\$ 241.00
The Trophy Place	\$ 800.00
Tim Erickson-swine judge	\$ 77.50
Matt Glewen-sheep judge	\$ 126.00
Mike Siemens-beef judge	\$ 100.00
Dennis Beuge-carcass judge	\$ 82.75
Carcass Awards	\$ 150.00
Awards by G and D	\$ 15.95
Jeff Breuer-shavings	\$ 27.00
Central Exhibitors-premiums, M S, Quiz, & Judg	\$ <u>2,613.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,819.42

## NORTHEAST SHOW 1993

### INCOME:

Enteries	\$ 1,619.50
Plaques	\$ 660.00
Sale Proceeds	\$ 1,973.52
Sale Withdraw	\$ <u>82.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 4,335.02

### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$ 156.50
Nasco	\$ 89.73
STAATS MFG CO-ribbons	\$ 444.72
Country Today-advertising	\$ 76.76
Burt Awards,Inc.	\$ 547.62
Audio Tek USA-sound system	\$ 550.00
Al Seidl-scale	\$ 15.00
Bob Johnson-sheep judge	\$ 100.00
Duane Wachholz-beef judge	\$ 150.00
Donald Lang-swine judge	\$ 150.00
Susan Quam-carcass judge	\$ 150.00
Rudy Van Fleet-carcass judge	\$ 146.75
Luxemburg-Casco FFA Alumni-scale	\$ 25.00
Clem Rukamf-labor	\$ 294.00
Francis Van Rite-labor	\$ 292.60
Norman Thompson-labor & lime	\$ 326.00
Reimer Maintenance-trucking & bobcat	\$ 575.00
Bayport FFA Alumni-loadout	\$ 350.00
Jim Marcks-postage & minutes	\$ 100.00
Mary Mleziva-scale & mileage	\$ 40.76
Additional Premiums paid out	\$ 445.00
Dennis Millar-security	\$ 200.00
National Pork Board-additional checkoff	\$ 213.86
Brown County Park Department-deposit/rent	\$ 567.00
Wisconsin Beef Council	\$ <u>58.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 6,064.30

## SOUTHERN SHOW 1993

### INCOME:

Enteries	\$ 1,066.00
Plagues	\$ 790.00
Show Donations	\$ 2,421.05
Meat Auction	\$ 82.35
Champion Auction	\$ 1,032.60
Barrow Resale	<u>\$ 4,877.60</u>

Total Income \$10,329.60

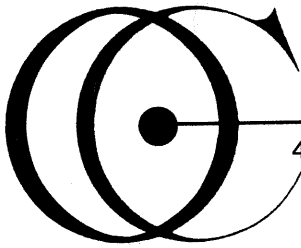
### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$ 74.50
Nasco	\$ 29.09
STAATS MFG CO-ribbons	\$ 443.26
Resale Barrows	\$ 4,877.59
Southern Exhibitors-premiums, M S, Quiz. & Judg	\$ 3,743.00
Lafayette County-scale	\$ 10.00
Tony Weber-sheep judge	\$ 137.50
Tom Schomberg-swine judge	\$ 80.00
Mike Siemens-beef judge	\$ 100.00
Ronald Russell-carcass judge	\$ 100.00
Steve Olson-scale	\$ 25.00
Advertising	\$ 76.75
Walrack's Excavating-cleanup	\$ 325.00
Champion Exhibitors	\$ 926.81
Burt Awards, Inc.	\$ 843.49
National Pork Board-checkoff	\$ 2.48
Iowa County Fair Assoc-bathroom cleanup	\$ 60.00
Point IGA-banquet	<u>\$ 999.85</u>

Total Expenses \$12,854.32

## SHOW COMPARISON

	1990	1991	1992	1993
<b>Spring Preview Show</b>				
Income	\$ 8,093.09	\$ 6,549.08	\$ 6,366.88	\$ 5,941.85
Expenses	\$ 9,683.65	\$ 7,716.61	\$ 6,705.47	\$ 6,249.77
Profit or (Loss)	(\$ 1,590.56)	(\$ 1,167.53)	(\$ 338.59)	(\$ 307.92)
<b>Northwest Show</b>				
Income	\$ 3,797.18	\$ 3,633.25	\$ 3,776.96	\$ 4,145.18
Expense	\$ 6,381.22	\$ 5,794.90	\$ 6,286.58	\$ 7,074.82
Profit or (Loss)	(\$ 2,584.04)	(\$ 2,161.65)	(\$ 2,509.62)	(\$ 2,929.64)
<b>Central Show</b>				
Income	\$ 2,388.79	\$ 1,784.00	\$ 1,649.50	\$ 3,196.84
Expenses	\$ 2,562.50	\$ 2,237.81	\$ 2,953.39	\$ 4,819.42
Profit or (Loss)	(\$ 173.71)	(\$ 453.81)	(\$ 1,303.89)	(\$ 1,622.58)
<b>Northeast Show</b>				
Income	\$11,904.15	\$13,412.83	\$13,774.48	\$ 4,335.02
Expenses	\$12,520.36	\$14,429.40	\$15,468.85	\$ 6,064.30
Profit or (Loss)	(\$ 616.21)	(\$ 1,016.57)	(\$ 1,694.37)	(\$ 1,729.28)
<b>Southern Show</b>				
Income	\$16,747.90	\$10,481.38	\$13,196.46	\$10,329.60
Expenses	\$17,273.38	\$12,433.91	\$15,422.92	\$12,854.32
Profit or (Loss)	(\$ 525.48)	(\$ 1,952.53)	(\$ 2,226.46)	(\$ 2,524.72)



# OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

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August 5, 1994

TO: Representatives John Ainsworth and Al Ott

FROM: David Muench, Community Resource Development Agent

SUBJECT: Response to request for examples of personal Extension community development activity and suggestions.

Dear Representatives Ainsworth and Ott,

Enclosed are some reports of Extension's work in the community. While the few examples do not constitute everything I do with communities, they may provide some information for which you are looking.

The projects in which I am involved allow the local community to make their own decisions. I try to give them the capacity to do that and, when appropriate, use the resources of the university to provide further education and assistance to help them with solving their problems and meeting their goals.

As for me, I have long been frustrated by the lack of information from the Department of Revenue, namely community sales and sales tax information. I find myself not being as effective as I could be if I had access to some good and recent data. Please see if you can get them to allow their resources to be made available for select and confidential use through my Extension administration or their charges.

I also see the struggles of rural communities as they try to attract residents into their communities, where adequate services and waste water treatment are available. Instead, due to the lack of land use controls, homes are being built in the adjacent countryside, where they cause conflicts with existing farm operations and increase the costs of providing services. Our planning directors would like to see stronger laws regarding land use coming from the state, because county boards will not dictate who should not be allowed to develop their property.

John, you know about the concerns raised at my soil contamination meeting in Shiocton on AB-462. Banks and community officials would like to see that fully funded soon. There are many properties waiting for cleanup, and in small communities, these properties may constitute some valuable business areas, which are in short supply.

Thank you for your interest in Extension CRD work. Sorry this is so late, but there is too much to do and too little time to do it.

Enclosures

DTM/2:Assembly

*Rec'd 8/8/94*

*David Muench*



# **NICHOLS TOWN MEETING**

***Issues Identification Session***

***April 21, 1994***

David Muench  
Community Resource Development  
UW-Extension  
Outagamie County

# SUMMARY

## Method

On April 21, 1994, approximately 25 Nichols residents gathered at the Community Center to provide input at the "Nichols Town Meeting." At the meeting, participants were first asked to write their impression of Nichols' strengths on a 5" x 8" index card. They were then asked to do the same for ways to improve Nichols. After each activity, the cards were collected, sorted into categories, and taped to a wall. Strengths were posted separate from improvements, but each had its own categories. The "strengths" were divided into four categories: services and facilities, business, community and people, and government. "Ways to Improve Nichols" were divided into seven categories: community, government, housing, people, services and facilities, youth, and business and industry. After all were taped to walls, participants were asked to prioritize each category, writing a "1" on the card with the issue which they felt was most important; a "2" on the issue card which they felt was second in importance; and "3" by the third. The cards were collected and all issues receiving a priority number were given a weighted value. The "1"s received five points, "2"s received three points, and "3"s received one point. Each issue was recorded by category in order of points received.

## Results

### Strengths

The residents of Nichols rated municipal services, such as water and sewer, garbage collection, and fire protection very high. Also rating high were such things as small, friendly, family oriented community; low taxes, and good streets. They also feel good about business in the community. They specifically mentioned their industry and having a good business base that meets their needs, such as a store, bank, co-op, post office, and bars. They also gave good marks to the village board.

### Ways to Improve Nichols

Ways to improve Nichols seem to center around community appearance, housing, youth and community activities, and the old school. Utilizing the old school building was an obvious response, but surprisingly it was the top rated response as well. Comments such as "need school back" also received support, but there is probably little that can be done there. Tied for the top was a comment that the community needs to show appreciation for people who try to make a difference. Similarly, there was a statement as to the need for people to take charge and do something, as well as one calling for more community activity.

Improving the appearance of Nichols was another topic which rated high. This included some general clean-up and miscellaneous repairs around town and that bars should try to keep bottles and glass off streets.

Housing was shown to be an important issue in Nichols. When combining the comments develop housing and residential development, housing turned out to be the fourth highest priority.

The youth category seems to be more important than the numbers might indicate. There was a great deal of support for many areas of youth. In addition, 30 points were given, accidentally or not, to the category sign "Youth," which might have been added to some of the issues under it.

# NICHOLS STRENGTHS

## *Services & Facilities*

GOOD STREETS	25
TRANSPORTATION - ROADS, RAIL	06
SCOUT HOUSE	06
SEWER & WATER	00
CURB & GUTTER	00
COMMUNITY CENTER	14
PARK/BALL DIAMOND	07
PROUD OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT	18
MUNICIPAL SERVICES - WATER & SEWER, GARBAGE, FIRE PROTECTION	65
SCOUTS REGULARLY CLEAN UP LITTER ALL ACROSS TOWN	28

## *Business*

POST OFFICE	12
JOB OPPORTUNITIES	12
VERY GOOD BUSINESS BASE THAT MEETS NEEDS -STORE, BANK, CO-OP, MILL, POST OFFICE, BARS	40
BUSINESS PARTICIPATION	17
INDUSTRY	35
DAVE'S DEWDROP IN	00

# NICHOLS STRENGTHS

## *Community & People*

LAND CHEAP/HOUSING CHEAP	17
SMALL & FRIENDLY	51
NICEST PEOPLE IN WORLD/GREAT NEIGHBORS/FRIENDLY PEOPLE & ATMOSPHERE/SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE	05
TOGETHERNESS	05
SAFE	04
QUALITY OF LIFE	06
FAMILY ORIENTATED	37
MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN WHAT HAPPENS	07
MOST EVERYONE IS HELPFUL WHEN SOMEONE IS IN NEED	14

## *Government*

GREAT VILLAGE BOARD	32
LOW TAXES	62
MODERATE TAXES	00

## COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Score</u>
Municipal services: Water and sewer, garbage collection, fire protection	65 + 18
Low taxes	62
Small and friendly	51
Good business base that meets needs (store, bank, co-op, post office, bars)	40
Family oriented community	37
Industry	35
Great village board	32
Good streets	25

# WAYS TO IMPROVE NICHOLS

## *Housing*

APARTMENTS	00
MORE RENTAL UNITS	15
DEVELOP HOUSING	18
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT	32
DEVELOP HOUSING/RENTAL UNITS FOR RETIRED PEOPLE, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME	22

## *Community*

NO PROMOTION OF OUR COMMUNITY	31
GOOD BASEBALL TEAM (PRACTICE MORE)	04
NEED MORE POLICE OR CONTROL AT BAR CLOSE	14
PART-TIME POLICE PROTECTION	00
NEED OUR SCHOOL BACK	37
NEED MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	33

## *Business & Industry*

NEED MORE INDUSTRY/JOBS	28
BARS SHOULD TRY HARDER TO KEEP BOTTLES AND GLASS OFF STREETS	39
DAY CARE NURSERY SCHOOL FACILITY	10
MORE RETAIL BUSINESS	12
LONGER BANK HOURS	00
UTILIZE OLD SCHOOL	52

# WAYS TO IMPROVE NICHOLS

## *Government*

NO ACTIVITY NOTICES	05
MAIN STREET NEEDS CURB & GUTTER	00
IMPROVE STREETS	15
NEED MAIN STREET FIXED	00
NEVER KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING UNTIL IT'S DONE	10
NEED <u>NEW</u> POST OFFICE	25
LONGER POST OFFICE HOURS	05
POST A SPEED LIMIT IN TRAILER COURT & ENFORCE TOO MANY KIDS IN COURT PLAYING	25
NO ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS	22
INCREASED TAX BASE	00
DIFFERENT RULES FOR HOUSE BUILDING	03
GROWTH	31
ANIMAL CONTROL	28

## *People*

LITTLE APPRECIATION FOR PEOPLE WHO TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE	52
GOSSIP/EVERYONE ELSE KNOWS YOUR BUSINESS	12
NEED PEOPLE TO TAKE CHARGE & DO SOMETHING	44
WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR "LADIES FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY"	10

# WAYS TO IMPROVE NICHOLS

## *Youth*

NOT ENOUGH ADULT INTEREST IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES	38
NOT ENOUGH PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH	20
NEED MORE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	09
NEED A GOOD PARK FOR THE KIDS BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO MUCH FOR THEM DO	17
LESS JUVENILE CRIME/MORE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH	07
A RECREATION HALL FOR YOUTH	03

## *Services & Facilities*

MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	32
CLEAN THE COMMUNITY	24
NEED NEW FIRE TRUCK	01
SOME GENERAL CLEAN UP AND MISC. REPAIRS AROUND TOWN	51



## WAYS TO IMPROVE NICHOLS

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Score</u>
Utilize old school	52
Show appreciation for people who try to make a difference	52
Some general clean-up and misc. repairs around town	51
Develop housing/residential development	50
Need people to take charge and do something	44
Bars should try to keep bottles and glass off streets	39
Increase adult interest in youth activities	38
Develop rental housing/rental units for retired people, low and moderate income	37
Need school back	37
Need more community activities	32

## Darboy Networking/Intergovernmental Cooperation Project

David Muench, UW-Extension, Outagamie County

Mark Kohrell, UW-Extension, Calumet County

July, 1992 - June, 1993

The Darboy area is a rapidly growing community in the Fox Cities corridor. Rural subdivisions are becoming the norm within the 12 year old Darboy Sanitary and Water District. Since 1985 Darboy has grown at the rate of 150-200 homes each year which translates into 500-700 new residents per year. The new residents are primarily young families with children.

Planning for growth in the Darboy area is complicated by the fact that it lies in two municipalities, the Towns of Buchanan and Harrison, and two counties, Outagamie and Calumet. Communications between the two towns and two counties have been virtually nonexistent. The towns would learn of each others subdivisions, site plans and zoning decisions via area newspapers. Both Town and County governments felt it was time to begin opening the lines of communication and contact the Calumet and Outagamie Community Resource Development Agents for assistance.

After initial phone conversations with local government officials the Community Resource Development Agents developed the following objectives to help open the lines of communications between the Towns of Harrison and Buchanan and Outagamie and Calumet Counties:

- Establish a regular forum in which local government officials can discuss and identify mutual issues, concerns and opportunities,
- Assist town and county officials to develop and implement action plans to solve their mutual issues an concerns and create and develop mutual opportunities.
- Provide educational support to the group on topics related to governmental organization and cooperation and growth management,
- Encourage the group of local government officials to do long-range planning for the Darboy area.
- Increase the level of cooperation between the two towns and counties.
- Create and establish the leadership necessary to continue the mutual cooperation and planning efforts between the two towns and counties into the future.

August, 1992 was the first meeting of area local governmental officials, regional planners, local developers and citizens to discuss mutual issues concerns and opportunities. Since that time the group (18 people) has met bi-monthly and recently sponsored a community meeting for Darboy residents. The following is a brief list of activities and accomplishments since August, 1992.

-August, 1992: Darboy information and planning meeting in which the County Planners and Community Resource Agents presented to the group information on the growth in the Fox Cities and Darboy area. Each town official then shared with the group past, present and future information on parks, subdivisions, commercial development and zoning issues. The group also discussed the need to find ways of cooperating together on mutual issues and concerns.

-November, 1992: Professor Steve Hinz, UW Oshkosh, presented and discussed with the group the state statues (66:30) that allow local and county governments to enter into inter-governmental agreements. Additionally, Professor Hinz shared with the group his experience with other communities and the various intergovernmental agreements they have. The group discussed the need to prioritize mutual issues, concerns and opportunities.

-January, 1993: Determining Future Needs for Darboy, the resource agents shared with the group typical governmental services a community of 5000 to 6000 provides. A nominal group process was used to identify issues, concerns and opportunities. Twenty five issues, concerns, opportunities were identified and prioritized. The top four were, 1) comprehensive planning, 2) joint parks and recreation programs, 3) erosion and storm water control, 4) full-time emergency services.

-March, 1993: Action plans were developed and agreed upon for the first two priority issues, concerns and opportunities. Officials from each Town and County volunteered to begin working on the action strategies.

-May, 1993: Action plans were developed and agreed upon for the second two priorities issues, concerns and opportunities. Additionally, the group discussed the need for citizen input regarding what they perceive to be the critical issues, concerns and opportunities for Darboy.

-June, 1993: One hundred and sixty residents attended the Darboy community meeting facilitated by the Community Resource Development Agents. The residents identified and prioritized their issues and concerns regarding "Darboy the Community". Additionally, the residents were informed and quizzed on who were their town and county supervisors, where to go for services and other community related items.

-July, 1993: The Community Resource Development Agents have directed their efforts to accomplishing their last objective by assisting the group in developing the mechanics by which the mutual cooperation and planning efforts between the two towns and counties will continue. A task force made up of the Chairpersons and two residents each from Buchanan and Harrison has been established to discuss issues and make recommendations. The chairpersons will then take the issue back to their respective boards for possible action.

The D.A.R.B.O.Y. group was left on their own after the final meeting with assignments and the framework for regular communication in place. The group will meet in four months to see how things are going. In the meantime, a feature article will appear in the local newspaper announcing the outcome of the process and what it intends to accomplish.

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**DARBOY COMMUNITY MEETING RESULTS**  
**Residents' Top Rated Concerns**  
**June 21, 1993**

1. Minimal property tax increases (153)
2. Need more/better planning (140)
2. Lack of nice parks (140)
3. Darboy needs a newsletter for better communication (108)
4. United or own government, incorporate (99)
5. Stop and go lights at main intersection (95)
6. Need an elementary school (88)
7. Need better storm water drainage and control (86)
8. More shopping/business (78)
9. Better police protection (77)

# Harrison, Buchanan committee will coordinate Darboy issues

## ■ Intergovernmental group is pleased with its direction

By Linda DeVries  
Post-Crescent correspondent

**DARBOY** — Darboy's intergovernmental planning group took time to review the past and look to the future at Buchanan's Town Hall Wednesday.

The public meeting sponsored by the group last month at the Darboy Club was the topic of much discussion. The meeting was attended by approximately 160 residents from the Darboy area, many of whom expected to receive information about the future of their community rather than participating in an idea-generating exercise.

"If we had known there would be so many people there, we would have planned to divide up into smaller groups," said Dave Muench of the University of Wisconsin-Extension office in Outagamie County. "The purpose was to solicit citizen perceptions on the needs of Darboy, but apparently many thought it would be a discussion of incorporation."

Muench then apologized to town and county officials who had been invited to speak to the gathering last month: "I just forgot, and I'm sorry." He felt that some disappointment could have been avoided had the officials given their speeches.

The intergovernmental planning group is made up of officials from the towns of Buchanan and Harrison, representatives of the Darboy Sanitary District, Outagamie and Calumet County planners, and personnel from both U-W Extension offices and East Central Regional Planning Commission.

Members of the group shared responses they had received from people attending the meeting. Al-

though problems of misinformation and misperceptions were mentioned, the majority felt the meeting had been worthwhile.

Muench said, "We received valuable input that evening. It is important to find out what people want, then make a strong attempt to accommodate them and meet their needs."

Top-rated concerns identified by the residents were compared with issues town officials had prioritized in January. The need for planning was a top priority for both groups, as were parks and recreation and storm-water control. Residents expressed the desire for a community newsletter, and officials agreed to look into it.

A unified government body was a high priority of the residents and is in fact already being formed. Town Chairman of Harrison Allison Blackmer and Chairman Joe Wittmann of the Town of Buchanan reported the establishment of a joint advisory committee to address issues related to Darboy. Serving on the committee will be both town chairmen and two citizens appointed from each town.

Wittmann said that joint advisory committee decisions will go back to the town boards for approval.

Wednesday's agenda included

updates by task groups on their progress since the May meeting. The two towns' zoning policies were compared; park committees from both towns met jointly; and emergency services are working in cooperation. Storm-water control issues are still being studied.

Mark Kohrell of the U-W Extension office in Calumet County was pleased with the committees' work.

Muench and Kohrell agreed that their objectives for the larger Darboy planning group had been accomplished: to establish a regular forum for identifying and prioritizing issues that face the Darboy community and to help set up a network for increased cooperation between the two towns and counties.

"When I think back to our first meeting last August," Muench said, "I recall the Town of Harrison officials seated on one side of the room, Town of Buchanan on the other and sanitary district commissioners in another spot. Look how different it is today. Everyone is sitting together."

Cliff Uitenbroek of the Town of Harrison said, "It's time for the town boards to carry the ball."

The group will reconvene Oct. 26 to discuss any new information that has been gathered and progress made by the task groups.

# Wisconsin Sheep Breeders COOPERATIVE

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April 21, 1994

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TO: Wisconsin State Representatives

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FROM: Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative  
Richard J. Roembke, Secretary-Treasurer

At the annual meeting of Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative held on March 26, 1994, in conjunction with the 16th Annual Wisconsin Sheep Industry Conference and Trade Show with over 900 people in attendance, the following resolutions were passed:

### **Resolution #1**

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative is concerned about our producer's cost of producing lamb, wool, and milk. Wisconsin's high property tax places our producers at a competitive disadvantage to other producers in the United States and the world.

We are encouraged by the Wisconsin legislature's recent attempts to substantially reduce the property tax burden, but we are mindful of their past inability to agree on a feasible solution.

We therefore insist that our elected officials institute a process to substantially reduce farm property taxes.

### **Resolution #2**

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative recognizes the need for clean water, air, and the preservation of plants and animals. However many producers are and will be impacted financially by the current and proposed federal and state mandates to address these concerns.

We support the just compensation for affected producers and the respect of their individual property rights.

### **Resolution #3**

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative opposes A.B. 1148 or any other legislation that would allow DNR wardens to issue citations for environmental violations on private lands.

### **Resolution #4**

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative and the Wisconsin sheep industry has enjoyed a good partnership with the University of Wisconsin Colleges of Agriculture.

We are disappointed with the Dean's low priority placing of the Meat and Animal Science Department.

We urge that the University allocate sufficient financial and staff resources to allow Dr. Dave Thomas the ability to meet the industry needs.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

RJR/sr



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May 12, 1994

Representative Al Ott  
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Dear Representative Ott:

As requested by Dan McCoy, I have enclosed a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council (WA-BC) at its annual meeting on January 6, 1994.

As the newly appointed President of the Wisconsin Agri-Business Council, I would like to pledge our office as a resource when you consider issues related to agribusiness.

I look forward to meeting with you and developing a productive working relationship.

Sincerely,

Daryll J. Lund  
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1994 Resolutions

94-1 Pork Industry Product Development Committee  
Presented by the Legislative Committee

Whereas, the pork industry has done excellent work with the "Pork. Other White Meat" R campaign and other pork promotion efforts such as America's Cut TM, Chef's Prime TM and Chef's Prime Filet TM; and

Whereas, the development of new pork items such as microwaveable products is essential to the growth of the pork industry;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the WPPA request that the NPPC's delegate body direct funding and authority to a "Pork Industry Product Development Committee" which is accountable for developing consumer friendly pork items.

**PASSED**

94-2 Agricultural Science and Technology Education  
Presented by the Legislative Committee and supported  
by members of the Sauk County Pork Producers and  
Wisconsin Agri-Business Council.

Whereas, agriculture is an industry based on scientific principles; and

Whereas, the future strength of the agriculture industry is dependent upon an adequate number of well educated individuals to fill a vast array of employment positions; and

Whereas, changes are needed to fortify the quality of, and introduce new efficiencies to Agriculture Education at the high school and the graduate levels;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Pork Producers Association strongly urges the school districts of Wisconsin to classify appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent credits, counting towards graduation; and

Be it further resolved, that WPPA encourage the DPI, the VTAE and the University of Wisconsin Systems to accept appropriate Agriculture courses as Science equivalent entrance credits, and that we support revision of Public Instruction - Law 4, with regards to courses for teacher certification, to establish dual certification (Agriculture & Science) of all Agriculture Education majors graduating in

Wisconsin with approximately a 128 credit major.

**PASSED**