

Resolutions for the 2018 Annual Meeting

Resolution #1

Limestone Transportation Program Year Round Accessibility

Whereas Nova Scotian soils are naturally acidic; and

Whereas the application of lime is known to raise pH of soils; and

Whereas lime is available year-round, can be stockpiled and can be applied almost any time of the year (weather permitting); and

Whereas the limestone transportation subsidy through the Business and Risk Management Programs has been in existence for several years so a general pattern has been established for the budgeted amount of funds required to finance the program; and

Whereas the Limestone Transportation Program is fully funded provincially and does not require federal approvals so it can be delivered with more flexibility;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Federation lobby the Department of Agriculture to modify the Limestone Transportation Program so producers can access it at any time of the year without the existing rigid application and claiming deadlines.

- Adopted at an Annual Meeting of the Inverness/Victoria Federation of Agriculture held on November 7, 2018

Resolution #2

Inclusion of Gypsum under Provincial Subsidy Program

Whereas limestone transportation is covered under the Limestone Assistance Provincial Programs; and

Whereas many soils used for growing vegetable and other crops have adequate pH but are low in calcium and sulphur; and

Whereas gypsum is used as an excellent source to build soil calcium and sulphur levels;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the NSFA lobby the Minister of Agriculture and NSDA Programs to include assistance for trucking Gypsum under the Provincial subsidy program similar to that of trucking assistance of lime.

- Adopted at an Annual Meeting of the Kings County Federation on November 15, 2018

Resolution #3

Add Wildlife Controls to the CAP Program

Whereas wildlife damage to many crops can have a significantly negative economic impact; and

Whereas there are many good control systems such as netting, fencing, and various deterrent devices that require an initial capital investment; and

Whereas these wildlife controls would increase, yield and quality and profitability across a broad range of crops and commodities;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that wildlife controls be added to the CAP program.

- Adopted at an Annual Meeting of the Kings County Federation on November 15, 2018