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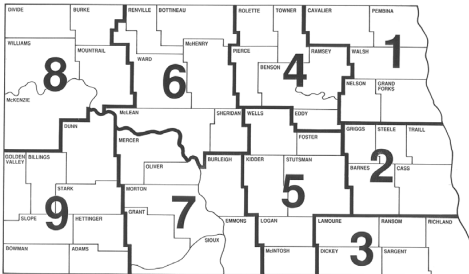
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Farm Bureau Beliefs

- America's unparalleled progress is based on freedom and dignity of the individual, sustained by basic moral and religious concepts.
- Economic progress, cultural advancement, ethical and religious principles flourish best where people are free, responsible individuals.
- Individual freedom and opportunity must not be sacrificed in a quest for guaranteed "security."
- We believe in government by legislative and constitutional law, impartially administered, without special privilege.
- We believe in the representative form of government—a republic—as provided in our Constitution, in limitations on government power, in maintenance of equal opportunity, in the right of each individual to freedom of worship and in freedom of speech, press and peaceful assembly.
- We believe that the basic principles of Americanism—with emphasis upon freedom, dignity and the responsibility of the individual, and our private competitive enterprise system—should be taught in the schools.
- Individuals have a moral responsibility to help preserve freedom for future generations by participating in public affairs and by helping to elect candidates who share their fundamental beliefs and principles.
- People have the right and the responsibility to speak for themselves individually or through organizations of their choice without coercion or government intervention.
- Property rights are among the human rights essential to the preservation of individual freedom.
- We believe in the right of every person to choose an occupation; to be rewarded according to his/her contribution to society; to save, invest or spend; and to convey his/ her property to heirs. Each person has the responsibility to meet financial obligations incurred.
- We believe that legislation and regulations favorable to all sectors of agriculture should be aggressively developed in cooperation with allied groups possessing common goals.
- We support the right of private organizations to require membership as a prerequisite for member services.

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If any policy conflicts with another policy, the most recently adopted policy takes precedence.

Purpose

NDFB is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization dedicated to improving opportunities and prosperity for all North Dakotans by advocating for our state's largest, renewable, economic sector: agriculture.

Vision

Our vision is to create lasting economic opportunity and the framework for an unsurpassed quality of life for all North Dakotans. We will do this by being the most influential champions for practices, ideas, policies, issues and initiatives that benefit our state's economic backbone: agriculture. Our intent is to help ensure unencumbered support for farmers, ranchers, entrepreneurs and the self-reliant people who have built our state, and those who continue to build upon that legacy.

Preamble

The precepts set out by our constitutional government recognize that the greatest potential for self-expression is realized when we follow the free enterprise system. Through the use of the democratic process to legislate our concerns on local, state and national levels, we strive to preserve our American heritage, thereby strengthening our home, our schools and our churches.

Section 0100 - General Agriculture

Agricultural Credit and Finance Policy 101.00

We support the Beginning Farm Loan Program.---ID#: 1894/17 101.01

We encourage the development of more beginner and young farmer/rancher loan programs at low interest rates.--- ID#: 2331/19 101.02

Agricultural Marketing 102.00

We support the continued education of the public on the benefits of agriculture technologies.---ID#: 2000/18 102.01

We shall work with other agricultural organizations and commodity groups to promote the American consumers' right to an informed purchasing choice, i.e. where and how their food is grown compared to other countries, and to promote the benefit of American grown produce.---ID#: 6/17 102.02

Agricultural Research and Extension 103.00

We support funding for agricultural research in the university system.---ID#: 1321/18 103.01

We oppose a nutrient management program that mandates farmers and ranchers participation. We support education for nutrient management practices. We also oppose outside interests such as industry suppliers having input on such a program. However, any programs should be based in sound science with input from farmers and ranchers.---ID#: 2279/19 103.02

We believe any funding derived from the state designated for the Agriculture Experiment Station and/or to NDSU Extension, is to be determined by the State Board of Agricultural and Research Extension (SBARE).--- ID#: 2314/19 103.03

We support research and development of feeding livestock and animal feeding facilities that may lead to more feeding and marketing of livestock and livestock products in North Dakota and promote the use of our feed grains and by-products.---ID#: 1699/18	103.04
We support the USDA-ARS Northern Crops Science Lab, USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory, NDSU Extension Service, NDSU Research Centers, Northern Crops Institute and USDA-ARS Human Nutrition Laboratory.---ID#: 1098/19	103.05
We support continued research on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in production agriculture and support legislation to allow farmers to fly UAVs for agricultural uses on their own farms. In research or application, the UAVs should not compromise the business security, intellectual or private property rights of farmers and ranchers or other business owners.---ID#: 2071/19	103.06
North Dakota should take a proactive stance in the research, development, commercialization and marketing of modern farming practices and technologies.---ID#: 2119/17	103.07
We encourage groups requesting state funding for agricultural research to apply through the State Board of Agricultural and Research Extension (SBARE) or the North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC).---ID#: 2173/17	103.08
Commodity Groups	104.00
We support all agricultural commodity groups in their efforts to promote agricultural commodities through research and market development.---ID#: 2318/19	104.01
All commodity checkoffs should be voluntary and refundable. ---ID#: 2093/16	104.02
Whenever any commodity group asks for a voluntary increase of its check-off, it must be on an opt-in, not an opt- out, basis.---ID#: 1861/17	104.03

We believe North Dakota Farm Bureau should be recognized by the North Dakota Legislature and the governor of North Dakota to be allowed a minimum of two voting seats on the North Dakota State Beef Commission.---ID#: 1866/17 104.04

Crop Insurance

We support a private crop insurance option, independent of the federal government.---ID#: 2136/17 105.00
105.01

Government Program

We encourage farmers to explore their options in order to farm without government programs.---ID#: 2123/17 106.00
106.01

Grain Bonding and Bankruptcy

We support legislation that protects unsecured debtors in prepay agreements and contracts against financial loss.---ID#: 1710/19 107.00
107.01

We support law that directs bankruptcy courts to recognize legal scale tickets, warehouse receipts, and receipts for fertilizer, chemicals and other inputs held by farmers as legal documents indicating that they are the legal owners of such property held in a bankrupt elevator or warehouse.---ID#: 1790/19 107.02

Miscellaneous 108.00

We shall support the definition of sustainable agriculture as currently defined by the state of North Dakota.---ID#: 1823/17 108.01

Section 0200 - Animal Agriculture 201.00

Animal Welfare 201.01

We support the humane treatment of animals, but will oppose and work to change any law elevating animals to the level of humans.---ID#: 2058/19

We oppose anti-agriculture activists or environmental groups, such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which are detrimental to agriculture and private ownership of land and animals in North Dakota. We oppose the promotion of their agendas in schools and the use of state-funded media for this purpose.---ID#: 1938/17	201.02
We support the responsible use of antibiotics and the science-based use of them in metaphylaxis.---ID#: 2325/19	201.03
We support licensed North Dakota veterinarians prescribing medicines for livestock to ranchers or farmers who have a veterinary client patient relationship.---ID#: 2108/19	201.04
Certified veterinarians, specialized in large animal health, should be utilized to determine animal neglect, abuse or cruelty prior to charges or seizure of production livestock.---ID#: 2139/17	201.05
We believe that when animals are sick or at risk of becoming sick they should be cared for in adherence with evidence-based standards of veterinary medicine to decrease suffering and production loss.---ID#: 1810/17	201.06
We oppose the Humane Society of the United States involvement in the training of law enforcement personnel in regard to animal cruelty regulations.---ID#: 2149/17	201.07
We support NDFB working to strengthen animal owner's private property rights under North Dakota's existing animal cruelty and abuse legislation. ---ID#: 2248/18	201.08
Brands and Brand Inspection	202.00
We believe any animal identification program should be voluntary and market-driven. We oppose any and all attempts to make it a mandatory, government-run program. In the National Animal Identification program, we support the state brand system as a means of identification, operated by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. Any new method of livestock identification should only be considered if it is proven equally practical and cost effective as current methods and is a legally recognized form of proof of ownership in all states having livestock brand laws.---ID#: 1878/17	202.01

General Animal Ag	203.00
We believe animals should not be seized without approval from the State Veterinarian or until the owners have been afforded due process in the court of law.---ID#: 2185/18	203.01
We believe livestock should take precedence over wildlife for the purpose of water access, haying and/or grazing on CRP acres.---ID#: 2282/19	203.02
We believe, in years of drought, excessive water, and/or hay shortages, livestock shall take precedence over wildlife for the purpose of early haying and/or grazing on CRP acres.---ID#: 1630/18	203.03
We support labeling of U.S. beef through the channels of free enterprise and entrepreneurship rather than a government mandated Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) program.---ID#: 1838/17	203.04
We believe agriculture zoning should not be held to a higher standard than zoning for industrial or municipal uses.---ID#: 786/17	203.05
We support the odor setbacks that established statewide guidelines, which were set forth by the 2005 Legislative Session.---ID#: 922/18	203.06
We urge the governor and the Emergency Commission to provide funding to the Board of Animal Health for testing and depopulating tuberculosis or brucellosis-infected herds of both domestic and non-traditional livestock.---ID#: 944/18	203.07
We support the State Board of Animal Health Administrative Rule regarding the interstate movement of livestock.---ID#: 1579/18	203.08
We support the reinstatement of federal funding for meat inspectors in horse processing facilities. If this is not attained, we urge the North Dakota Department of Agriculture to work closely with other states to find a way to fund our inspectors.---ID#: 1645/18	203.09
We support the North Dakota Board of Animal Health and the Johnes Advisory Committee in its continuation of the volunteer Johnes testing program.---ID#: 623/19	203.10

We support efforts to expand all of the livestock industry in North Dakota.---ID#: 1388/19	203.11
We support the right to harvest or slaughter, with out limitation, any commodity and/or livestock for personal consumption or private sale.---ID#: 1895/17	203.12
We support the horse racing industry and any wagering that is associated with it, whether it be live racing in North Dakota or through electronic means.---ID#: 2227/18	203.13
Section 0300 - Transportation	
Highways, Funding and Maintenance	
301.00	301.00
As a result of any non-agricultural construction, if heavily-used township or county roads are damaged, the townships or counties should be fully compensated for the damages to the roads.---ID#: 2333/19	301.01
We support state funding for repairs and maintenance of county and township roads.---ID#: 2166/17	301.02
We believe that when hard surfaced roads are resurfaced or top-lifted, the shoulder should also be raised.---ID#: 1545/17	301.03
North Dakota counties shall not mow ditches before July 15 with exceptions for road construction.---ID#: 2148/17	301.04
We support a state cost share program to allow for improvements when township/county roads, ditches, or bridges require improvements.---ID#: 2217/18	301.05
Railroads	
302.00	302.00
We support efforts by the North Dakota Public Service Commission to work for equity in commodity freight rates.---ID#: 2247/18	302.01

Transportation Miscellaneous	303.00
We encourage safe and courteous practices by farmers transporting machinery and promote public awareness of farm machinery being transported on North Dakota roads. We support lawful movement of all types of farm machinery at night on all roads in North Dakota.---ID#: 2120/17	303.01
We stand in opposition to any political subdivisions creating an airport authority board to bypass county commission and township authority in creating a new airport that is not in current city limits.---ID#: 2151/17	303.02
We support the creation and implementation of tools and technologies that allow our products to be transported efficiently to market.---ID#: 2117/17	303.03
We support the use of a unified rural road labeling system.---ID#: 2135/17	303.04
Road signs should be staggered to allow passage of wide equipment.---ID#: 2176/17	303.05
Section 0400 - Government	
Courts and the Legal System	401.00
The judicial branch should be prohibited from considering international law or religious law when deciding cases.---ID#: 1550/17	401.01
Economic Development	402.00
We support legislative action prohibiting the filing of any initiated measure mandating the automatic distribution of any state revenue funds, such as Oil Extraction Tax, without direct action by the North Dakota Legislature.--- ID#: 2072/19	402.01
Government Operations	403.00
We support funding for 4-H fees.---ID#: 2278/19	403.01
We support North Dakota regulating its own oil energy industry.---ID#: 2280/19	403.02

We support the increased availability of proper training of rural emergency services in agricultural emergencies.---ID#: 2193/18	403.03
We oppose federal or state mandates to cities, counties, townships or school districts or any local jurisdiction without funding such mandates.---ID#: 62/17	403.04
We support a 60 day time frame for governmental responses to any application, permit or filing.---ID#: 2137/17	403.05
Insurance	404.00
We believe commercial applicators should be required to have at least one million dollars in liability insurance.---ID#: 2283/19	404.01
We support all North Dakota licensed insurance companies, including Nodak Insurance, in providing insurance alternatives for all agricultural practices including, but not limited to, direct market agriculture.---ID#: 2296/19	404.02
<i>Health Insurance</i>	
We oppose mandates on health insurance.---ID#: 1689/18	404.03
We encourage increased private competition in the North Dakota health insurance market.---ID#: 1351/19	404.04
North Dakota Laws	405.00
We believe the current speed limits on two and four-lane highways in North Dakota adequately meet the needs of its residents.---ID#: 2304/19	405.01
We oppose any effort that would support the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in North Dakota. It is illegal under federal law and should not be allowed for usage in North Dakota.---ID#: 2307/19	405.02
We believe the penalties for driving while under the influence of marijuana should be equal to those for driving under the influence of alcohol.---ID#: 2270/19	405.03

We support the elimination of the corporate farming laws in North Dakota and urge NDFB to pursue this.---ID#: 2020/18	405.04
NDFB should not support changes to the North Dakota corporate farming laws that give advantage to or discriminate against any specific commodity or species. ---ID#: 2090/19	405.05
We oppose special restrictions for land owners, such as restricting pesticides and requiring changes in land use, for the production of more bees.---ID#: 2106/19	405.06
We support the law known as the Territorial Integrity Act.---ID#: 1965/18	405.07
We believe we should have the ability to refer extraterritorial zoning.---ID#: 1997/18	405.08
We oppose frivolous complaints against modern farming and ranching practices.---ID#: 2175/17	405.09
We believe no enforcement action can be pursued by the enforcement officers of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and Department of Health based on anonymous complaints.---ID#: 1677/18	405.10
Claims submitted to the State Department of Agriculture that are deemed frivolous and are withdrawn should result in the expenses incurred with the claim being paid by the submitting person or group.---ID#: 1966/18	405.11
We support a "Lemon Law" for agricultural equipment sold in the state of North Dakota.---ID#: 1970/18	405.12
We support the creation of a law that would protect land used primarily for production agriculture to retain its agricultural designation even when annexed by a city or municipality. Special assessments should be deferred until the land is developed.---ID#: 1913/17	405.13
We support a farm-friendly driver's license program with a minimum age at 14.5.---ID#: 1467/17	405.14

We support the current Class D driver's license law for transporting farm to market.---ID#: 2091/19	405.15
We believe zoning authority should be controlled at the township level when the townships choose to do so.--- ID#: 1090/19	405.16
We shall work with townships and counties to develop farmer-friendly, responsible zoning ordinances for animal agriculture and oppose extra-territorial zoning. ---ID#: 2218/18	405.17
We support increased penalties from malicious criminal behavior relating to the destruction of personal and public property including crops and livestock.---ID#: 1769/19	405.18
We oppose Agenda 21 and any sustainable development programs with an agenda to change social justice to equal, to replace free enterprise with public/private partnerships, and puts nature above man, which would include agriculture, to control all activity in our communities, state and nation.---ID#: 1836/17	405.19
We support state laws that require legal identification to vote.---ID#: 2125/17	405.20
North Dakota government entities should not have eminent domain authority outside their geographical boundaries.---ID#: 2133/17	405.21
NDFB believes measures should be taken to properly assess and maintain the value of any agriculture property in question during animal seizure proceedings. ---ID#: 2255/18	405.22
NDFB supports the rule of law being enforced during protests and civil unrest.---ID#: 2258/18	405.23
NDFB supports the end of civil forfeiture in North Dakota.---ID#: 2192/18	405.24
State Government	406.00
We support the inclusion of traditionally raised meat and dairy products in state run meal programs.---ID#: 2315/19	406.01

We believe the North Dakota Game and Fish Department should only present pertinent, timely peer reviewed sound science research to support their claims.---ID#: 2327/19	406.02
We support improving the 911 system for all residents.---ID#: 2288/19	406.03
We oppose using non-governmental organizations or groups such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, or others to provide technical support for implementation of farm bill programs.---ID#: 2082/19	406.04
Any rule enacted through the administrative rules and/or means process must remain within the intent of the underlying law.---ID#: 2118/17	406.05
We support a requirement that any and all changes to the initiative, referral, recall and repeal process shall originate via petition of the people rather than the legislature. ---ID#: 2245/18	406.06
We strongly feel that our North Dakota democratic process shall not be impeded and that our ballot initiative process should not become more restrictive.---ID#: 2230/18	406.07
NDFB does not support state agencies conceiving, authoring or fostering legislation. ---ID#: 2222/18	406.08
The legislative session in North Dakota should be strictly biennial.---ID#: 2057/19	406.09
Section 0500 - Tax and Fiscal Policy	
Economic Development	501.00
We favor long-term tax law changes, like reduction in corporate income tax, to encourage new businesses to move to North Dakota, rather than offering short-term incentives.---ID#: 1307/18	501.01
Farmstead Exemptions	502.00
We support raising the limit of non-farm income for the purposes of property tax exemption.---ID#: 1815/17	502.01

We believe farm residences and buildings should remain tax-exempt.---ID#: 18/17	502.02
Fiscal Policy	503.00
We encourage state legislators to limit the growth of spending.---ID#: 1976/18	503.01
We support responsible state budgeting, beginning with a zero base budget for state agencies.---ID#: 2124/17	503.02
Fuel Tax	504.00
We believe fuel taxes should be dedicated to roads and bridges.---ID#: 2281/19	504.01
We support the concept of increased fuel taxes as the preferred alternative to an increased registration tax for the purpose of road maintenance.---ID#: 2221/18	504.02
Property Taxation	505.00
We believe a portion of energy tax dollars collected should remain in impacted counties where they are generated to adequately offset losses of property taxes and expenditures caused by development and growth.---ID#: 2294/19	505.01
NDFB is in favor of property tax relief, and supports property tax reform.---ID#: 1327/19	505.02
We favor valuation of agricultural land, for tax purposes, be based on the productivity formula.---ID#: 1907/17	505.03
We believe the productivity formula should be the standard for the assessment of agriculture property. All applicable modifiers should be applied including land use when calculating Ag land property tax.---ID#: 2196/18	505.04
NDFB shall pursue property tax reform, including the following elements:	505.05
1. Baseline budgeting with approval for budget increases approved by the voters on a biennial basis.	
2. Establishment of a fund through which a property tax credit shall be paid to the political subdivisions of the state against a reduction in the taxable valuation of property.	
3. Consolidation of tax levies.---ID#: 2178/17	

Sales Tax	506.00
We support the retention of agricultural sales tax exemptions.---ID#: 1027/19	506.01
Tax Policy	507.00
We believe all mill levy increases must be approved by a vote of the affected taxpayers.---ID#: 2154/17	507.01
Section 0600 - Education	
Agricultural Education	601.00
NDFB favors development and implementation of curricula teaching accurate information of modern production agriculture.---ID#: 2317/19	601.01
We support continued state funding, and NDFB's participation, for agriculture in the classroom programs and other educational programs that promote agriculture within schools at all levels.---ID#: 2002/18	601.02
We support further promotion of agriculture careers through our school guidance programs, such as interest interviews with students.---ID#: 1809/17	601.03
Although the North Dakota Century Code 15.1-21-01.3(e) requires instruction in North Dakota studies, including agriculture, NDFB supports legislation that would require agriculture education included within the fourth and eighth grade North Dakota studies curriculum.---ID#: 2035/19	601.04
Education Administration	602.00
We believe school transportation policies should be established by local school districts, not state mandated.--- ID#: 102/17	602.01
We oppose requiring teachers to have a major in every core class they teach.---ID#: 629/19	602.02
We support local and state jurisdiction over our educational curriculum to best meet the development and vocational needs of our students.---ID#: 2229/18	602.03

Education Funding	603.00
We propose smaller schools receive higher funding per pupil than the bigger schools.---ID#: 1950/18	603.01
Higher Education	604.00
We support programs which expand opportunities for more licensed veterinarians in North Dakota.---ID#: 2159/17	604.01
We encourage NDSU to develop a doctorate of veterinary medicine program.---ID#: 2313/19	604.02
We support reciprocity for higher education institutions.---ID#: 2266/19	604.03
We support the advancement of agriculture studies including but not limited to agriculture education teacher programs in all higher education institutions to protect the integrity of North Dakota's agricultural heritage.---ID#: 2267/19	604.04
We support expanding the farm business management education program.---ID#: 1862/17	604.05
We encourage the installation of more agriculture education teacher programs at North Dakota's four year universities.---ID#: 2061/19	604.06
NDFB encourages the State of North Dakota and/ or the Board of Higher Education to provide greater incentives through various programs to provide more funding for veterinary school loans to North Dakota students and tuition reimbursement upon returning to the state to practice in food animal and large animal clinics.---ID#: 2201/18	604.07
School Lunches (State Lunch Programs)	605.00
We support the free and reduced lunch programs and the North Dakota Farm to School program in North Dakota schools.---ID#: 2284/19	605.01

We support local determination of school lunch menus and portion sizes.---ID#: 1852/17	605.02
We oppose the promotion of any "meat free" day.---ID#: 2134/17	605.03
We support increasing the quality of the food and calories and not just limiting the calories as a part of fighting obesity through the national school lunch program.---ID#: 2038/19	605.04
Section 0700 - Natural and Environmental Resources	
Ag Chemicals	701.00
We support the informative education of the public as to the benefits and safety of the application and use of pesticides and fertilizers.---ID#: 1879/17	701.01
Easements	702.00
We support the issuing of private easements across state and federally owned lands in North Dakota. We support the multi-use management of state and federally owned lands by grazing and haying.---ID#: 2268/19	702.01
We support an annual easement payment instead of a one-time payment. Payments should reflect current land values.---ID#: 1489/17	702.02
All new conservation and preservation easements should be in effect only as long as the signer of the easement owns the land. NDFB stands opposed to perpetual easements.---ID#: 1693/18	702.03
Wildlife and conservation easements should not be perpetual, but should be returned to the landowner when the land is sold and title is transferred.---ID#: 1747/19	702.04

Environmental Quality	703.00
We believe the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality should be required to answer permitting requests within 60 days.---ID#: 2328/19	703.01
The EPA shall serve only in an advisory capacity here in North Dakota.---ID#: 1593/18	703.02
We oppose the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from our power plants and other sources.---ID#: 1727/19	703.03
We object to the Environmental Protection Agency's involvement in agriculture and support defunding it.---ID#: 2122/17	703.04
Pollution regulations, which mandate changes in farming practices, should be based on scientific research that proves a given farming practice, in a particular geography, is in fact causing the pollution and is not caused by other sources and that the proposed regulations will actually reduce pollution.---ID#: 2127/17	703.05
We believe the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and the North Dakota State Water Commission shall not impose regulations that are over burdensome and not based on science.---ID#: 2188/18	703.06
Hunting and Trapping	704.00
We believe hunters should not be able to retrieve downed game on private property without the landowner/operators permission.---ID#: 2275/19	704.01
We recognize our nations long history of supporting both a person's right to private property and a person's right to hunt, therefore we support a statewide database that will allow landowners to designate their private property as either open or closed to hunting.---ID#: 2311/19	704.02
We support a loss of hunting privileges and/or stiffer financial penalties for people who trespass on private land and fail to observe "No Hunting" and/or "No Trespassing" signs.---ID#: 2332/19	704.03

We support North Dakota property owners' rights to continue to control all types of hunting, including high-fence hunting, on their property. Property owners or lessees shall decide who hunts their land, and if they prefer, to charge a fee to the hunter for that privilege. We further believe that hunting and recreational rights are land uses, not property title, and therefore, cannot be severed from the surface title of the land.---ID#: 159/17	704.04
North Dakota Farm Bureau supports all lands as considered posted unless signed otherwise.---ID#: 1763/19	704.05
We support the creation of a spring Canada goose season concurrent with the existing spring snow goose season to help alleviate crop depredation.---ID#: 1847/17	704.06
Miscellaneous	705.00
We oppose any tax revenue and any mitigation money from wind, coal, oil, and gas development as well as impacted cities, counties, school districts and other taxing districts going to non-governmental conservation groups.---ID#: 1723/19	705.01
Predator Control	706.00
We support use of artificial light for enhanced predator control. ---ID#: 2100/19	706.01
We support creating legislation that would require the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to pay agricultural producers for wildlife depredation of livestock, crops and stored feed. The producer should be paid for losses at market price or contract price.---ID#: 1813/17	706.02

We believe farmers should be allowed to take the necessary steps, including elimination, to keep wildlife from destroying tangible property. Steps should include allowing transferable depredation tags for antlerless deer be made available to landowners in addition to regular hunting season licenses.---ID#: 1267/18	706.03
In the event that a producer is found to have destructive wildlife on their property, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department shall be required to make every effort to disperse the wildlife by any means necessary.---ID#: 1654/18	706.04
We ask the state Game and Fish Department and USDA Wildlife Services Division to provide adequate funding for the predator control division of the Wildlife Services Department for the control of coyotes, beavers, wolves, mountain lions, and other problem animals and birds is a must for ranchers, farmers and others.---ID#: 2211/18	706.05
Public and Government Owned Lands	707.00
We oppose all regulations imposing viewsheds restricting development on private property.---ID#: 2306/19	707.01
We believe all agricultural land repossessed by government agencies should be put up for sale to private individuals and that no government entity should be allowed to obtain it or be granted easements or acquire an existing mineral rights.---ID#: 2320/19	707.02
We oppose using state conservation funds to purchase land.---ID#: 2167/17	707.03
We believe that when land is flooded by navigable lakes, and when the water recedes, the ownership should be returned to the people based on the property lines at the time of flooding.---ID#: 2025/18	707.04

We support a no net gain of government or conservation group-owned land, county by county and state by state.-- ID#: 1871/17	707.05
We believe all state school lands should be sold back in its entirety with no encumbrances to an active agricultural producer.---ID#: 1698/18	707.06
We believe that government-owned lands should be managed with input from the local private sector.---ID#: 981/19	707.07
We oppose the gifting of public lands to any organization; however, we support the sale of federal and state land back to the private sector.---ID#: 1051/19	707.08
We believe the 12,000 acres of land around Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Elkhorn Ranch site should not be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.---ID#: 1359/19	707.09
We oppose the allocation of any additional state funds being given to groups/organizations for the purpose of conservation projects, conservation easements and/or land acquisitions.---ID#: 1886/17	707.10
Soil Conservation	708.00
NRCS should continually update soil profile mapping.---ID#: 2286/19	708.01
If CRP is released for emergency haying, the Farm Service Agency should be the lead agency and work primarily with agricultural organizations in determining starting dates and rules for haying CRP.---ID#: 190/19	708.02
Waste Materials Disposal	709.00
We support a no net gain policy on nuclear waste storage.---ID#: 2121/17	709.01
We believe salt water pipelines should be monitored by flow monitor systems to prevent salt water spills.---ID#: 2052/19	709.02

Water Control Boards	710.00
We oppose the Red River Basin Commission having any taxing authority.---ID#: 184/18	710.01
Water Policy	711.00
We support the agricultural use of drain tile both as a conservation tool and as a flood mitigation tool. We oppose regulatory policy of damming or blocking drain tile without just compensation.---ID#: 1549/17	711.01
We believe that before any temporary water permits are issued by the State Water Commission, the landowners and tenants affected must receive written notification of request to submit comments before the temporary permit is to be ruled upon.---ID#: 2293/19	711.02
We encourage state, counties, and townships to help and not hinder field tiling, since it helps reduce erosion and runoff water, thus improving the overall quality of watersheds.---ID#: 2334/19	711.03
We support a requirement that all drains must be maintained by landowners and conservation groups so that landowners are not negatively affected.---ID#: 2003/18	711.04
We support compensation to property owners flooded by state water.---ID#: 2005/18	711.05
Heritage Fund monies should be used to annually compensate, at fair market cash rent values, those who lose their land to waters of the state.---ID#: 1929/17	711.06
We oppose any attempt to diminish agriculture and livestock's priority ranking for the waters of the state under the jurisdiction of the State Water Commission.---ID#: 993/19	711.07

We call on the state of North Dakota to reclaim our waters where federal wildlife refuges have illegally restricted access to our waters, such as is occurring at Lake Alice and Lake Audubon wildlife refuges, among others. Though the federal government may own the land under the lake, the lake itself belongs to the people of North Dakota and the federal government has no right to restrict its use.---ID#: 1905/17	711.08
We support landowners/operators ability to run drain tile through Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) unless specified in contract.---ID#: 2129/17	711.09
Water Projects	712.00
We oppose funding for any diversion proposal that includes a dam and reservoir on the Red River south of Fargo.---ID#: 1784/19	712.01
Weed Control	713.00
We support the concept of local control of noxious weeds through county weed boards, city and township officials and recommend noxious weed laws to be enforced and support stiffer penalties for those who make no effort to control noxious weeds in a timely manner on land they own or control, including but not limited to parks, railroads, city, state and federal lands, all roadways and wildlife refuges. If local officials are unable or unwilling to enforce said laws, the North Dakota Ag Commissioner shall be charged to enforce said laws.---ID#: 2321/19	713.01
We encourage the state of North Dakota, through the office of the Ag Commissioner and NDSU Extension to raise awareness and education of noxious weeds on all lands including state, federal and tribal lands.---ID#: 2323/19	713.02
We believe Palmer amaranth should be placed on the noxious weed list.---ID#: 2324/19	713.03
We support the compliance of noxious weed control by all entities that manage or own property and support giving weed boards the authority to control noxious weeds. Any fines collected should go to the weed board for further monitoring and control as provided by state statute.---ID#: 1548/17	713.04

We believe government agencies should control noxious weeds on land under their control.---ID#: 2084/19	713.05
Wetlands	714.00
We support legislation stating wetlands less than 1 acre cannot be classified as permanent and are not subject to any form of government regulation.---ID#: 2310/19	714.01
We support an acre for an acre wetland mitigation process.---ID#: 1952/18	714.02
We propose all farmable land be exempt from wetlands designation and be eligible for drainage.---ID#: 1131/17	714.03
The state of North Dakota should create a wet land bank on state land for wet land mitigation affordable to agricultural land. ---ID#: 2191/18	714.04
Wildlife Management	715.00
We oppose the federal "wild and scenic" designation for any rivers and their tributaries in North Dakota and oppose wilderness land designation in the state.---ID#: 2085/19	715.01
<i>Endangered Species</i>	
We oppose legislation to restrict farming and ranching in favor of threatened and/or endangered species.---ID#: 1998/18	715.02
Section 0800 - Property Rights	
Mineral Rights	801.00
Surface acres should be leased by energy and mineral companies through negotiations for activities in all forms of energy and mineral development. Options for easements should not be signed until PSC citing process is complete.---ID#: 2015/18	801.01

Private Property	802.00
We support the protection of private property rights against government takings by any agency, department or organization.---ID#: 1383/19	802.01
We oppose the taking of any private property by any government entity without compensation and due process.--- ID#: 2289/19	802.02
We oppose any county taking more than the constituted right of way without fair and just compensation.---ID#: 2141/17	802.03
We believe one of the duties of government is to protect private property, especially from unauthorized surveillance invasion and interference by government itself. To further this objective, NDFB supports limiting the regulation of private property and protecting private property and identifying the costs of regulation of private property.---ID#: 2032/18	802.04
We believe all private property should be considered "Posted - No Trespassing" even if signs or other notices are not in existence, unless otherwise designated. Trespassing laws shall be enforced and all penalties stiffened.--- ID#: 160/17	802.05
We believe property owners should not be legally responsible for any natural or man-made obstacle or situation that may cause personal injury or property damage to persons using their property.---ID#: 1151/17	802.06
No activity related to right of way purchases, such as surveying on purposed right of way easements, may be performed without landowner's prior written permission. A penalty of \$25,000 and 30 days in jail will be recommended per occurrence.---ID#: 2156/17	802.07
Drones and drone operators must follow the trespassing laws whether posted or not.---ID#: 2242/18	802.08

We oppose local water boards from having quick take eminent domain authority.---ID#: 2190/18 802.09

In cases of right of way easements, the governing entity (PSC or others) should require submission of a preliminary route plan prior to any attempted land acquisition. ---ID#: 2250/18 802.10

Section 0900 - Energy

Oil and Natural Resource Revenue 901.00

Surface owners should see the productivity of their land restored after mineral development. Energy development sites should not be considered reclaimed and the bond should not be released until the productivity of the land is restored. Soil maps should be used to determine productivity before development. ---ID#: 2104/19 901.01

We believe 60 percent of income from oil tax revenue should be distributed to counties most adversely affected by oil exploration and production, to be targeted for road maintenance, infrastructure and education.---ID#: 2146/17 901.02

Oil, Gas and Coal Production 902.00

We support in principle the legislation proposal regarding the infrastructure plan for non-oil producing counties.---ID#: 2297/19 902.01

We support new construction of all pipelines in and out of state such as Keystone pipeline and other construction projects that would help transport liquids and or gas in or out of the state.---ID#: 1973/18 902.02

Renewable Energy **903.00**

We believe the state and federal government should have safeguards in place to protect electric power systems and our electronic networks in the event of a solar storm or an attack resulting in an electromagnetic pulse (EMP).---ID#: 2292/19 903.01

Utilities **904.00**

We believe anyone using removable markers, to mark underground lines, be required to remove the markers one week after the work is completed. Markers should be biodegradable.---ID#: 2163/17 904.01

The North Dakota One Call threshold depth before you dig should be 24 inches.---ID#: 2170/17 904.02

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