



2026 Policies

The Mission of North Dakota Farm Bureau is to enhance the livelihood of all North Dakota individuals, families and communities by advocating for agriculture, our state's largest, most important economic sector. Our goal is to create a better future consistent with our purpose, our vision, and supported by our core principles of individual freedoms and initiatives, self-reliance, independence and hard work.

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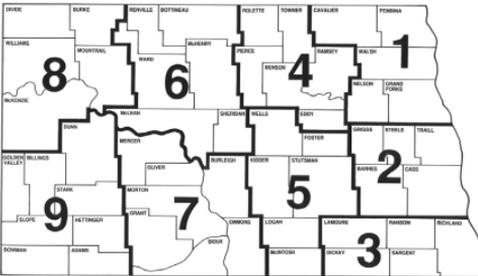
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Farm Bureau Beliefs

- 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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Notes

Throughout this policy book, you'll notice a small number at the end of each policy statement. The number following the ID number denotes the year the Farm Bureau policy was adopted by the voting delegates. The policies adopted in 2024 will be automatically deleted from NDFB policy at the next annual meeting unless voting delegate action commands otherwise. The number 26 designates policy adopted at the past NDFB Annual Meeting in Fargo.

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

Purpose

Farm Bureau is an independent, statewide, 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

The vision of North Dakota Farm Bureau is to be the most influential and respected organization in the state of North Dakota.

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 100 - General Agriculture

Agricultural Credit and Finance Policy 101.00

We encourage the development of more beginning and young farmer/rancher loan programs at low interest rates.---ID#: 2331/25 101.01

We support increasing the maximum loan amounts on low interest and interest rate buydowns through the USDA and BND loan programs for young and beginning farmer(s)/rancher(s).---ID#: 2710/25 101.02

Agricultural Marketing 102.00

We believe that all on-farm value-added processing of agricultural products should be recognized as legitimate forms of agricultural diversification.---ID#: 2766/26 102.01

We support all forms of agritourism in North Dakota.---ID#: 2737/25 102.02

We support all agritourism without interference of all forms of government.---ID#: 2780/26 102.03

We shall work with other agricultural organizations and commodity groups to promote the American consumers' right to an informed purchasing choice and to promote the benefit of American grown produce.---ID#: 2398/26 102.04

We support the continued education of the public on the benefits of agriculture technologies.---ID#: 2000/24 102.05

We support labeling of U.S. commodities through the channels of free enterprise and entrepreneurship rather than a government mandated program.---ID#: 2399/26 102.06

Agricultural Research and Extension 103.00

When conducting Extension research, NDSU should partner with local agribusiness to develop useful projects that improve crop and livestock productivity and address local agricultural challenges and opportunities.---ID#: 2726/25 103.01

We support research and development of livestock feeding 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#: 1699/24 103.02

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 business security, intellectual or private property rights of farmers and ranchers or other business owners.---ID#: 2071/25 103.03

We oppose a nutrient management program that mandates farmers' and ranchers' participation. We support education for nutrient management practices. Outside interests, such as industry suppliers, should make recommendations only and not control such programs. However, any programs should be based on sound science with input from farmers and ranchers.---ID#: 2756/25 103.04

We support fact-based science in use with agriculture technology that is known to be safe and accurate.---ID#: 2635/24 103.05

Funding

We support funding for agricultural research in the university system.---ID#: 1321/24 103.06

We believe that 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#: 2314/25 103.07

We support the State Board of Agricultural and Research Extension (SBARE) prioritizing the funding for the Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension. We encourage all groups affected by the Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension to participate in the SBARE process.---ID#: 2337/26 103.08

We support funding for 4-H fees.---ID#: 2278/25 103.09

Commodity Groups 104.00

NDFB supports the election of commission members of all the checkoff councils within the state of North Dakota.---ID#: 2732/25 104.01

We support all agricultural commodity groups in their efforts to promote agricultural commodities through research and market development.---ID#: 2318/25 104.02

Crop Insurance 105.00

We support a private crop insurance option, independent of the federal government.---ID#: 2136/26 105.01

Grain Bonding and Bankruptcy 106.00

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#: 1790/25 106.01

Grain Regulation **107.00**

We support state regulation and verification of the accuracy of protein, falling numbers, Deoxynivalenol (DON), and other grain quality testers used in the commercial purchase of commodities.---ID#: 2351/26 107.01

Labor **108.00**

We support simplifying the ag labor visa process and lengthening the visa terms.---ID#: 2770/26 108.01

We support H2A spousal visas to allow spousal visa holders to work in rural communities to fill labor shortages.---ID#: 2711/25 108.02

We believe employers should hire only legal employees.---ID#: 2372/26 108.03

Section 200 - Animal Agriculture

Animal Welfare **201.00**

We believe livestock producers should have more freedom in making decisions regarding their livestock. We recommend the North Dakota Legislative Assembly review the current North Dakota Century Code to address this concern. We continue to defend individuals right to make choices in their businesses.---ID#: 2683/24 201.01

We support NDFB working to strengthen animal owner's private property rights under North Dakota's existing animal cruelty and abuse legislation.---ID#: 2248/24 201.02

We oppose the Humane World of Animals or other anti-agricultural organizations' involvement in the training of law enforcement personnel in regard to animal cruelty regulations.---ID#: 2149/26 201.03

We support the humane treatment of animals but will oppose and work to change any law elevating animals to the level of humans.---ID#: 2058/25 201.04

We oppose any promotion by anti-agricultural activists or environmental groups in our schools and the use of state-funded media for their purpose.---ID#: 2565/26 201.05

Animal Seizure and Disputes

We believe two or more North Dakota licensed veterinarians specialized in large animal health from two different veterinarian clinics one of which shall be chosen by the owner of the livestock, should be consulted to determine animal neglect, abuse or cruelty prior to charges or seizure of livestock.---ID#: 2388/26 201.06

We believe animals should not be seized without approval from the State Veterinarian on behalf of the Board of Animal Health and until the owners have been afforded due process in the court of law.---ID#: 2185/24 201.07

We believe that livestock disputes between all parties should attempt to resolve the issue through the use of North Dakota Mediation Services of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture before involving authorities.---ID#: 2673/24 201.08

Livestock Health

We support the responsible use of antibiotics and the science-based use of them.---ID#: 2325/25 201.09

In the absence of adequate federal funding, 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#: 2446/24 201.10

We support licensed North Dakota veterinarians prescribing medicines for livestock to ranchers or farmers who have a veterinary client patient relationship.---ID#: 2108/25 201.11

We support the North Dakota Board of Animal Health and the Johnes Advisory Committee in its continuation of the volunteer Johnes testing program.---ID#: 623/25 201.12

Brand Inspection and Animal Identification 202.00

We support voluntary use of high frequency electronic tags for livestock traceability.---ID#: 2801/26 202.01

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.---ID#: 1878/26 202.02

We support the current North Dakota state brand program operated by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and its use as a legally recognized form of identification and livestock proof of ownership.---ID#: 2415/26 202.03

General Animal Ag 203.00

Animal Feeding Operations

We support moving the Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) permitting process from the Department of Environment Quality to the Department of Agriculture.--ID#: 2476/24 203.01

We believe the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality should not be allowed to require local government approval prior to issuing any permits for livestock facilities.---ID#: 2586/26 203.02

We believe local units of government choosing to adopt ordinances which are more restrictive than the state model ordinances for animal feeding operations should not be allowed to take advantage of the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF).---ID#: 2585/26 203.03

Animal Sports

We recognize the traditions of the western way of life by supporting rodeo events, the rodeo industry, ranch rodeos and mounted shooting events in North Dakota. We oppose the banning of these activities within North Dakota.---ID#: 2747/25 203.04

We support the privately funded horse racing industry and any wagering that is associated with it, whether it be live racing in North Dakota or through electronic means.---ID#: 2499/25 203.05

Federal Livestock Programs

We favor the works to create equity in the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) by adjusting the normal mortality rate requirements for all qualifying LIP benefits.---ID#: 2640/24 203.06

We support working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the ability to obtain a Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) contract once a contract is obtained and the down payment has been paid.---ID#: 2641/24 203.07

Meat Products

We support the prohibition of the production and sale of lab-grown meat in North Dakota.---ID#: 2717/25 203.08

We believe food products sold as meat must come from live animals. Any synthetic products manufactured in a lab must be so labeled.---ID#: 2599/26 203.09

Processing Facilities

We support private development of local processing plants in an effort to promote food chain stability.---ID#: 2663/24 203.10

We support the development of animal rendering plants and/or businesses.---ID#: 2597/26 203.11

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#: 1645/24 203.12

We support the diversification of livestock classes and the increased capacity within the meat packing industry.---ID#: 2460/24 203.13

Section 300 - Transportation

Driver's License 301.00

We support current farm exemptions for commercial driver's license.---ID#: 2545/26 301.01

We support the current Class D driver's license law for transporting farm to market.---ID#: 2091/25 301.02

We support a farm-friendly driver's license program with a minimum age at 15.---ID#: 1467/26 301.03

Highways, Funding and Maintenance 302.00

Funding

We believe the funding mechanism for county and township infrastructure should be strengthened.---ID#: 2425/24 302.01

We believe the funding mechanism for county and township infrastructure should be strengthened by prioritizing Strategic Investment and Improvements (SIIF) funding.---ID#: 2631/24 302.02

We support a state cost share program to allow for improvements when township/ county roads, ditches, or bridges require improvements.---ID#: 2217/24 302.03

We support state funding for repairs, maintenance and improvements of county and township roads.---ID#: 2166/26 302.04

Maintenance

As a result of any 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#: 2333/25 302.05

We believe that when hard surfaced roads are resurfaced or top-lifted, the shoulder should also be raised.---ID#: 1545/26 302.06

We believe contracts for Department of Transportation overpass rebuilds should have shorter time limits where no frontage roads are on both sides.---ID#: 2735/25 302.07

Load Limit 303.00

We support any non-licensed agricultural equipment to be exempt from load restrictions.---ID#: 2736/25 303.01

We support enhancing North Dakota's load limit laws to promote consistent interstate commerce, enhance competition, and improve access to more competitive markets.---ID#: 2768/26 303.02

We believe weight specifications on all state and federal highways should be raised to accommodate modern equipment.---ID#: 2681/24 303.03

Roadside Markers and Infrastructure 304.00

We believe roadside markers should be only used where needed for safety measures and at the greatest distance possible between, as well as using flexible material when prudent to do so.---ID#: 2577/26 304.01

Road signs and road markers should be staggered and a minimum of 15 feet from the white line at the edge of the road to allow passage of wide equipment.---ID#: 2610/26 304.02

We support the use of a unified rural road labeling system.---ID#: 2135/26 304.03

We oppose the installation of barrier fences in the median of the divided highways in North Dakota and support the removal of said fences.---ID#: 2656/24 304.04

Section 400 - Government

Agriculture Zoning

We believe agriculture zoning should not be held to a higher standard than zoning for industrial or municipal uses.---ID#: 786/26 **401.00** 401.01

We support township and county rights to determine zoning controls outside of city limits and oppose current extra-territorial regulations.---ID#: 2791/26 401.02

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#: 1913/26 401.03

We shall work with townships and counties to develop farmer-friendly, responsible zoning ordinances, for crop and animal agriculture, and oppose extra-territorial zoning.---ID#: 2695/24 401.04

We believe zoning authority should be controlled at the township level when the townships have the technical expertise to do so.---ID#: 2760/25 401.05

We encourage zoning authorities to use the state model zoning ordinance as their primary guideline.---ID#: 2492/25 401.06

We believe townships and counties should not have livestock regulations which are more stringent than the state model ordinances.---ID#: 2584/26 401.07

We believe that townships should not have the ability to zone for Animal Feeding Operations (AFO).---ID#: 2477/24 401.08

Economic Development 402.00

We support capitalism and free enterprise.---ID#: 2453/25 402.01

We believe state government programs which are designed to encourage business growth, should be equally available to production agriculture ventures.---ID#: 2588/26 402.02

We support increasing the domestic utilization of agricultural products produced by the state's farmers and ranchers.---ID#: 2543/26 402.03

We support making available state programs and money only to U.S. citizens.---ID#: 2773/26 402.04

Elections 403.00

We oppose the use of electronic touch screen ballot.---ID#: 2548/26 403.01

We oppose ranked-choice voting, preferential voting, or ranked-choice balloting.---ID#: 2581/26 403.02

We support state laws that require legal photo identification to vote.---ID#: 2613/26 403.03

We believe it should be the responsibility of individual voters to request an absentee ballot.---ID#: 2547/26 403.04

We believe that political subdivisions like water districts, consortiums, and associations should allow for an election process that allows for any participating member an equal and fair opportunity to be placed on the ballot and elected by a vote of its membership at a legally advertised meeting of said entity.---ID#: 2740/25 403.05

Government Operations

We support the increased availability and funding for proper training of rural emergency services as well as the equipment needed for agricultural emergencies.---ID#: 2667/24 **404.00**
404.01

Pursuant to the Supreme Court ruling reigning in agencies tending to make laws, we support legislative review of current and proposed state agency rules and best practices to make sure they line up with state statute.---ID#: 2714/25 404.02

We oppose federal or state mandates to cities, counties, townships or school districts or any local jurisdiction without funding such mandates.---ID#: 62/26 404.03

Human Health

We support mental health initiatives for rural North Dakota farmers and ranchers in crisis.---ID#: 2778/26 404.04

We believe healthcare decisions, including vaccinations, are personal decisions between the individual and their healthcare provider and should not be state or federally mandated.---ID#: 2515/25 404.05

We oppose any and all health mandates that would prevent people from engaging in commerce, enjoying any public benefit, or exercising any right.---ID#: 2486/25 404.06

We oppose mandatory mask and/or vaccine mandates at the local, state, and federal levels.---ID#: 2645/24 404.07

Insurance 405.00

We support programs that highlight farm safety as a priority for North Dakotans.---ID#: 2777/26 405.01

We support increased competition in the insurance industry for commercial grain elevator structures.---ID#: 2725/25 405.02

We oppose mandates on health insurance.---ID#: 1689/24 405.03

We encourage increased private competition in the North Dakota health insurance market.---ID#: 1351/25 405.04

North Dakota Laws 406.00

We support increased enforcement and penalties for malicious criminal behavior relating to the destruction of personal and public property including crops and livestock.---ID#: 1769/25 406.01

We support the rule of law being enforced during protests and civil unrest.---ID#: 2258/24 406.02

While we promote an individual's freedom to sell their property to whomever they are inclined, we are against an entity/agent of a nation on the U.S. State Department foreign adversary list from purchasing land in North Dakota.---ID#: 2680/24 406.03

We oppose Environmental Social Governance (ESG) scoring systems.---ID#: 2650/24 406.04

We believe references to agricultural fencing should be updated and organized into one chapter of the North Dakota Century Code.---ID#: 2798/26 406.05

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#: 2307/25 406.06

We oppose any red flag gun laws.---ID#: 2360/26 406.07

We support the end of civil forfeiture in North Dakota.---ID#: 2192/24 406.08

Claims

Claims submitted to the North Dakota 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#: 1966/24 406.09

We believe no investigative action can be pursued by the enforcement officers of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and Department of Health based on anonymous complaints. However, we support the investigation of confidential complaints.---ID#: 2472/24 406.10

Corporate Farming

We support the elimination of the corporate farming laws in North Dakota.---ID#: 2473/24 406.11

Farm-To-Consumer

We urge our legislators to reduce regulations to allow for as much local products as possible.---ID#: 2437/24 406.12

We oppose any changes which reduce allowable items to the cottage food laws in North Dakota.---ID#: 2385/26 406.13

We support the right to harvest or slaughter, without limitation, any commodity and/or livestock for personal consumption or private sale.---ID#: 1895/26 406.14

We support producers selling individual cuts of meat so long as it is processed at a custom exempt facility.---ID#: 2461/24 406.15

State Government 407.00

For projects not zoned for agriculture, we support the option of local setbacks that are greater than current state regulations.---ID#: 2810/26 407.01

We support improving the 911 system for all residents.---ID#: 2288/25	407.02
We believe any change to North Dakota's constitution should require a 2/3 majority vote approved by the voters in a general election.---ID#: 2421/24	407.03
We do not support term limits for North Dakota elected officials.---ID#: 2574/26	407.04
The legislative session in North Dakota should be strictly biennial.---ID#: 2057/25	407.05
The government should have no role in renaming historic places to fit modern insensitivities.---ID#: 2620/26	407.06
<i>Agencies and Departments</i>	
We believe the North Dakota Game and Fish Department should only present pertinent, timely peer reviewed sound science research to support their claims.---ID#: 2327/25	407.07
We believe the director of North Dakota Game and Fish Department should be an elected official and not appointed.---ID#: 2601/26	407.08
We believe that the North Dakota Game and Fish Department should notify the landowner within 24 hours of a registered eagle nest on the property.---ID#: 2716/25	407.09
We support that all North Dakota state agencies have a deadline to respond to issues.---ID#: 2664/24	407.10
We do not support state agencies conceiving, authoring or fostering legislation.---ID#: 2222/24	407.11

Districts

We believe county commissioner's positions should be based on geographical area.---
ID#: 2779/26 407.12

We believe the North Dakota Legislative Districts should consider geographical area as well as population to more equally represent the rural areas.---ID#: 2338/26 407.13

We support the implementation of districts within North Dakota counties with county commissioners being elected and representing the district they reside in.---
ID#: 2462/24 407.14

Section 500 - Tax and Fiscal Policy

Fiscal Policy 501.00

We oppose any budget proposal dealing with the Grand Farm project which takes them away from their original mission or goals.---ID#: 2750/25 501.01

We encourage elected officials to decrease spending.---ID#: 2696/24 501.02

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#: 1886/26 501.03

Fuel Tax 502.00

We believe that fuel taxes should be dedicated to roads and bridges.---ID#: 2281/25 502.01

Oil and Natural Resource Revenue 503.00

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#: 2294/25 503.01

Property Taxation	504.00
<i>Farmstead Exemptions</i>	
We believe that facilities owned or used by farmers for the storage of agriculture products such as warehouses should be subject to the same agriculture exemption as on farm storage structures used for the same purpose.---ID#: 2416/24	504.01
We believe farm residences, farm buildings and farm structures should remain tax-exempt.---ID#: 2411/26	504.02
We support the agricultural property tax exemption on agricultural production structures within plotted lands in unincorporated municipalities.---ID#: 2692/24	504.03
We support raising the limit of non-farm income for the purposes of property tax exemption.---ID#: 1815/26	504.04
<i>Productivity Formula</i>	
We favor valuation of agricultural land, for tax purposes, be based on the current productivity formula.---ID#: 2393/26	504.05
We believe the productivity formula should be the standard for the assessment of agricultural property. All applicable modifiers should be applied including land use when calculating ag land property tax.---ID#: 2196/24	504.06
<i>Relief and Reform</i>	
We support the elimination of property tax so home owners can truly own their property, and that the state should use the school lands trust fund and the budget for what property tax is currently funding.---ID#: 2653/24	504.07

We recommend legislative and political subdivisions provide property tax relief through reform for property owners and government budgeting process reform while maintaining local essential services.---ID#: 2753/25 504.08

Sales Tax 505.00

We support all agricultural sales tax exemptions.---ID#: 2754/25 505.01

Tax Policy 506.00

We are opposed to the taxing of unrealized capital gains.---ID#: 2733/25 506.01

We believe all federal and state land shall be taxed at the same rate as surrounding land.---ID#: 2465/24 506.02

We believe all federal or state land used for production, for livestock or crop production, should be taxed at the same rate as surrounding land.---ID#: 2408/26 506.03

Section 600 - Education

Agricultural Education 601.00

We support the promotion of agricultural careers in our schools.---ID#: 2566/26 601.01

We favor the promotion of career and technical student organizations in all North Dakota secondary schools.---ID#: 2621/26 601.02

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#: 2035/25 601.03

We believe a student who participates in an agricultural activity or program that promotes character, develops and teaches leadership skills and public speaking such as 4-H, should be credited as present by the school in which the student is enrolled in the same manner as an educational field trip. Local school boards should adopt a policy to implement or support this resolution.---ID#: 2520/25 601.04

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#: 2002/24 601.05

We support the continued education of the public on the benefits of advancements and the use of technology in all avenues of agriculture, including developing and supporting educational opportunities for sharing those benefits.---ID#: 2666/24 601.06

We favor the development and implementation of curricula teaching accurate information about modern production agriculture.---ID#: 2317/25 601.07

Education Administration and Curriculum 602.00

We support local and state jurisdiction over our educational curriculum to best meet the development and vocational needs of our students.---ID#: 2229/24 602.01

We strongly encourage the state Legislature to evaluate all state universities to examine their effectiveness and value.---ID#: 2721/25 602.02

We oppose requiring teachers to have a major in every core class they teach.---ID#: 2561/26 602.03

We support the requirement of high school students to take at least one career and technical education (CTE) course between grades 9-12.---ID#: 2675/24 602.04

We believe financial literacy should be a required part of North Dakota education curriculum.---ID#: 2709/25 602.05

Social and DEI

We oppose Planned Parenthood using federal or state funds for continuing education classes.---ID#: 2617/26 602.06

We oppose the inclusion of critical race theory in the curriculum within the North Dakota education system. ---ID#: 2488/25 602.07

We oppose any tax payer funded school from teaching our children gender modification. We recommend removing all state and federal funding from schools that do not abide by this requirement.---ID#: 2648/24 602.08

We support public education in the basic three R's of reading, writing and arithmetic. Social engineering is not the function of public schools. We support the elimination of all practice and wording of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in curriculum and policy within the North Dakota education system.---ID#: 2713/25 602.09

Education Funding 603.00

We believe the North Dakota School Land Trust Fund should be made available to local school districts to reduce the cost of building educational infrastructure in North Dakota schools. ---ID#: 2339/26 603.01

We support an educational reimbursement program to give parents and students school choice.---ID#: 2655/24 603.02

We propose smaller schools receive higher funding per pupil than the bigger schools.---ID#: 1950/24 603.03

Higher Education 604.00

We support stronger and equitable reciprocity in our higher education institutions.---ID#: 2722/25 604.01

We encourage the installation of more agricultural education teacher programs and support the advancement of all multi-disciplined agricultural studies at all North Dakota four year universities to protect the integrity of North Dakota's agricultural heritage.---ID#: 2723/25 604.02

We believe land-grant colleges must provide an agricultural education to all college majors through general education.---ID#: 2742/25 604.03

We encourage colleges and universities to provide retail meat-cutting courses.---ID#: 2452/24 604.04

We support funding for Precision Agriculture and related programs at colleges and universities.---ID#: 2639/24 604.05

We support expanding the farm business management education program.---ID#: 1862/26 604.06

School Lunches (State Lunch Programs) 605.00

We recommend placing more local foods on school menus.---ID#: 2572/26 605.01

We support the inclusion of traditionally raised meat and dairy products in state run meal programs.---ID#: 2315/25 605.02

We oppose the use of meat and/or dairy substitutes within government-funded programs.---ID#: 2567/26 605.03

We support the free and reduced lunch programs and the North Dakota Farm to School program in North Dakota schools.---ID#: 2284/25 605.04

Veterinarian Education 606.00

We support the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) for veterinary students.---ID#: 2526/25 606.01

We support the continuation and development of veterinary medicine programs at North Dakota universities.---ID#: 2598/26 606.02

We encourage the development of practical veterinarian educational opportunities for producers.---ID#: 2606/26 606.03

We support programs to provide more funding for veterinary school loans and financial aide programs to North Dakota students and tuition reimbursement upon returning to the state to practice in food animal and large animal clinics.---ID#: 2699/24 606.04

Section 700 - Natural and Environmental Resources

Ag Chemicals 701.00

We oppose tariffs and regulations that would limit supply or increase prices in the generic pesticide market.---ID#: 2734/25 701.01

We support the continued labeling and development of pesticides, GMO traits and other agricultural advancements.---ID#: 2345/26 701.02

We support the funding of Project Safe Send.---ID#: 2661/24 701.03

We support the informative education of the public as to the benefits and safety of the application and use of pesticides and fertilizers.---ID#: 1879/26 701.04

Conservation Reserve Program 702.00

Haying and Grazing

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#: 1630/24 702.01

If CRP is released for emergency haying or grazing, the local Farm Service Agency should be the lead agency and work primarily with agricultural organizations in determining starting dates and rules for haying or grazing CRP.---ID#: 190/25 702.02

We believe the state Farm Service Agency (FSA) director should be able to release CRP for hay or grazing at the discretion of the FSA county committee.---ID#: 2758/25 702.03

We believe that livestock should take precedence over wildlife for the purpose of water access, haying and/or grazing on CRP acres.---ID#: 2282/25 702.04

Payments

We believe payment rates for CRP should be below the county average rental rate.---ID#: 2727/25 702.05

We believe CRP should be signed up as intended for highly erodible acres. We also believe payment rates should be more in line with actual production value.---ID#: 2625/24 702.06

Endangered Species	703.00
We oppose legislation to restrict farming and ranching in favor of threatened and/or endangered species.---ID#: 1998/24	703.01
Environmental Quality	704.00
We oppose the spread of misinformation in regard to livestock being the main source of greenhouse gases.---ID#: 2406/26	704.01
We oppose the federal regulation of emissions from our power plants and other sources. We recommend they be regulated by the N.D. Dept. of Environmental Quality with the cooperation of local government.---ID#: 2493/25	704.02
We believe carbon is an essential ingredient for plant growth and development to sustain food and oxygen for the world. We do not support using taxpayers or private dollars to remove this important ingredient from our atmosphere.---ID#: 2647/24	704.03
We object to the Environmental Protection Agency's involvement in agriculture and support defunding it.---ID#: 2122/26	704.04
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#: 2127/26	704.05

Hunting and Trapping	705.00
We believe that there should be no lottery or restrictions for gratis tags.---ID#: 2772/26	705.01
We support expanding and prioritizing gratis hunting licenses for landowners or lessees on their private property.---ID#: 2794/26	705.02
We believe there should be an option made available for minors actively engaged in farming or ranching to qualify for a gratis license.---ID#: 2704/24	705.03
We support feeding of big game animals as a method of take on private property to control Cervidae populations.---ID#: 2595/26	705.04
We support a loss of hunting privileges and/or stiffer financial penalties for people who trespass on private land.---ID#: 2530/25	705.05
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#: 159/26	705.06
Mitigation	706.00
We support a method whereby extortion mitigation money would go to the landowners affected and not the wildlife groups---ID#: 2355/26	706.01

Predator Control	707.00
We believe farmers and ranchers 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 being made available to landowners in addition to regular hunting season licenses.---ID#: 2703/24	707.01
We support the use of thermal and night vision in the control of predators all year round.---ID#: 2660/24	707.02
We support the use of mechanical vehicles such as snowmobiles and side by sides, etc. for the control of predators.---ID#: 2350/26	707.03
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 predators and other problematic animals for ranchers, farmers, and others.---ID#: 2464/24	707.04
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#: 1654/24	707.05
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#: 1813/26	707.06

Public and Government Owned Lands 708.00

General Management

Burn bans should be observed by all government agencies on lands they control.---ID#: 2490/25 708.01

We believe that government agencies should control noxious weeds on land under their control.---ID#: 2084/25 708.02

Ownership and Designation

We oppose government state and federal agencies actively bidding and participating in land purchases for the purpose of conservation parks, recreation and green space.---ID#: 2420/24 708.03

We oppose using state conservation funds to purchase land.---ID#: 2167/26 708.04

We support a no net gain of government or conservation group-owned land, county by county and state by state.---ID#: 1871/26 708.05

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#: 2085/25 708.06

We oppose any Wilderness or Wildland Projects, such as 30x30 that turns land into preserves or parks, or national monuments that erode the tax base in an area.---ID#: 2505/25 708.07

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#: 1359/25 708.08

Transfer of Public Lands

We oppose the gifting of public lands to any organization.---ID#: 2502/25 708.09

We support the sale of federal and state land back to the private sector.---ID#: 2503/25 708.10

We believe that all agricultural land repossessed by government agencies should be put up for sale to private individuals and that no government entity or wildlife groups, such as Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, etc., should be allowed to obtain it or be granted easements or acquire existing surface and mineral rights.---ID#: 2511/25 708.11

We oppose non-governmental organizations (NGOs) purchasing land in North Dakota specifically to transfer it to state entities.---ID#: 2783/26 708.12

Water Policy 709.00

We oppose any changes in the Clean Water Act referring to expanding the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).---ID#: 2568/26 709.01

We believe before a permit is granted for the pumping of surface water for commercial use, the granting entity should require the grantee to notify adjacent landowners.---ID#: 2701/24 709.02

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#: 993/25 709.03

Drain Tile and Irrigation

We support the use of water management practices, such as irrigation and drain tile, to improve production agriculture land.---ID#: 2799/26 709.04

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#: 2334/25 709.05

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#: 1549/26 709.06

Flooding

We support compensation to property owners flooded by state water.---ID#: 2005/24 709.07

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#: 2025/24 709.08

Wetlands

We support legislation stating wetlands less than one acre cannot be classified as permanent and are not subject to any form of government regulation.---ID#: 2310/25 709.09

Weather and Atmospheric Conditions 710.00

We oppose weather modification.---ID#: 2459/24 710.01

We oppose state funding for the weather modification program.---ID#: 2357/26 710.02

We believe naturally occurring precipitation is a private property right.---ID#: 2494/25 710.03

Weed Control **711.00**

We support the concept of local control of noxious weeds through county weed boards, city and township officials and recommend noxious weed laws 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#: 2321/25 711.01

We believe the North Dakota Highway Department or county weed board should do timely spraying of noxious weeds along highway right-of-ways.---ID#: 2700/24 711.02

Section 800 - Property Rights **801.00**

Easements

We support the development of a land owner's bill of rights regarding the process of easement procurement by entities wishing to purchase or lease land for roads, bridges, powerlines, pipelines and other projects that require an easement through privately owned property in North Dakota.---ID#: 2609/26 801.01

Landowners must be informed of their right to legal or financial counsel as well as the easement entities' ability to change terms of the easement when approached with a proposed easement. Signed proof of this information should be part of the easement.---ID#: 2519/25 801.02

No entity may purchase or attempt to purchase easements of private property until the agency approving the project has been formally notified of the project. Notice of proposed project should be published in all current methods of public information, such as official county newspapers.---ID#: 2518/25 801.03

We believe entities interested in acquiring easements should notify all stakeholders, prior to attempting acquisition, with the tentative route, legal property description and a list of affected landowners. This should take place 60 to 90 days prior to easement acquisition activities.---ID#: 2684/24 801.04

North Dakota Game and Fish Department may not enter into any agreement with landowners that extends more than 5 years without approval from the North Dakota Legislature. Any agreement with a landowner is void if property affected is sold or transferred to another party.---ID#: 2391/26 801.05

We believe all new conservation and preservation easements should be in effect only as long as the grantor and/or signer of the easement owns the land. NDFB stands opposed to perpetual easements.---ID#: 2698/24 801.06

We support initiatives to allow the repurchasing and/or exchanging of long-term wetland and grassland easements.---ID#: 2763/26 801.07

Eminent Domain 802.00

North Dakota government entities should not have eminent domain authority outside their geographical boundaries, including extra territorial jurisdiction.---ID#: 2551/26 802.01

We support changes to the quick take eminent domain process to allow property owners to have negotiation rights in regard to price and any special circumstances that the property owner needs to be considered.---ID#: 2348/26 802.02

We oppose all quick take eminent domain authority.---ID#: 2643/24 802.03

We oppose the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines.---ID#: 2761/26 802.04

Posted Land 803.00

We support all lands as considered posted unless signed otherwise.---ID#: 1763/25 803.01

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#: 160/26 803.02

We support all electronic posted lands be automatically renewed unless the landowner elects to change the status. ---ID#: 2590/26 803.03

Drones and drone operators must follow the trespassing laws whether posted or not.---ID#: 2242/24 803.04

Private Property 804.00

We support the protection of private property rights against government confiscation of said property, by any agency, department or organization without just compensation and due process.---ID#: 2749/25 804.01

We oppose all regulations imposing viewsheds restricting development on private property.---ID#: 2306/25 804.02

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, regardless of permission.---ID#: 2381/26	804.03
We believe that no government entity and/or any organization, may use any type of tax-payer and/or any other type of funding or asset to coerce, bribe, mislead, etc., a private property owner to enter into any kind of contract, lease, eminent domain, etc., that will inadvertently deprive a private property owner of their full rights and/or use or entitlements of their property, especially unknowingly.---ID#: 2608/26	804.04
We oppose adverse possession and urge our legislature to change it.---ID#: 2596/26	804.05
We support the county's right to establish and enforce their own trespass laws.---ID#: 2600/26	804.06
We actively oppose squatter's rights and urge the legislators to strengthen the North Dakota Century Code.---ID#: 2731/25	804.07
We oppose adverse possession.---ID#: 2475/24	804.08
<i>Access</i>	
We believe game wardens must have a warrant to access private property.---ID#: 2744/25	804.09
We oppose the access of private property for surveying without permission and/or compensation.---ID#: 2745/25	804.10

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#: 2032/24 804.11

Open Fields Doctrine

We advocate for the abolishment of the open fields doctrine. All property is to be treated equally.---ID#: 2730/25 804.12

We advocate for the abolishment of the open fields doctrine that agricultural business and agricultural property are held under.---ID#: 2474/24 804.13

Pore Space and Amalgamation

We support the repeal of NDCC 38-22 referring to amalgamation authority over non-consenting landowners.---ID#: 2619/26 804.14

We support the protection of private property rights against government takings, including the protection of pore space that has been owned by the surface estate in North Dakota since 1877. We oppose any attempts by the government to remove a landowners' rights to bring claims for trespass, nuisance or other torts and we oppose any attempts by government to take away a landowner's right to compensation for use of pore space under NDCC.ch. 38-11.1.---ID#: 2378/26 804.15

Right of Way Easements 805.00

We oppose any county taking more than the constituted right of way without fair and just compensation.---ID#: 2141/26 805.01

No activity related to right of way purchases, such as surveying on proposed and existing 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#: 2156/26 805.02

In cases of right-of-way easements, the governing entity (Public Service Commission or others) should require submission of a preliminary route plan prior to any attempted land acquisition. ---ID#: 2250/24 805.03

Section 900 - Energy

Oil, Gas and Coal Production 901.00

We support North Dakota regulating its own energy industry.---ID#: 2280/25 901.01

We oppose any restriction on fossil fuel energy and use in the agricultural sector. ---ID#: 2628/24 901.02

We support the private production and development of renewable fuels and in-state refineries in North Dakota.---ID#: 2796/26 901.03

We support the generation of electricity produced by coal fired plants.---ID#: 2469/24 901.04

We support baseline energy, such as coal, nuclear, and natural gas to mitigate power outages and improve reliability of the electrical grid.---ID#: 2542/26 901.05

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#: 2292/25 901.06

We support limiting energy and coal leases to ten years and then re-negotiating leases for more active energy development.---ID#: 2481/25 901.07

We support legislation for the capture, expansion and distribution of natural gas throughout the state of North Dakota.---ID#: 2433/24 901.08

We support new construction of 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#: 2672/24 901.09

Carbon Dioxide

We oppose using any tax payer dollars for the sequestering of carbon dioxide.---ID#: 2480/25 901.10

We oppose the non-use injection of carbon dioxide (CO2) for sequestration.---ID#: 2550/26 901.11

We support the requirement that any company sequestering CO2 be required to negotiate pore space agreements out to 25 miles.---ID#: 2746/25 901.12

Reclamation 902.00

We believe surface owners should see the productivity of their land restored after mineral development. Whereas land shall not be bond released until productivity is restored to prior energy development based upon soil maps and county yield data.---ID#: 2718/25 902.01

Utilities 903.00

We believe anyone using removable markers, to mark underground lines, should be required to remove the markers one week after the work is completed.---ID#: 2402/26 903.01

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