



## **SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS DEBATED AND APPROVED IN THE PLENARY SESSION APRIL 2017**

During the Annual General Meeting, 24 resolutions were adopted, including 13 in the plenary session. They are part of the Board's action plan for the current year and are summarized below.

### **1. PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

#### **Request that MAPAQ AND THE FADQ**

IMPLEMENT investment and support programs to revitalize beef-cattle production in Quebec (technical and financial support to farming operations, etc.);

REACTIVATE the Programme d'amélioration de la productivité des entreprises bovines (Program to improve the productivity of cattle operations);

IMPLEMENT programs tailored to those who wish to take up cattle farming on a part-time or full-time basis;

ENHANCE income security programs by taking immediate action on all the recommendations of the Groupe de travail sur la sécurité du revenu (Working Group on Income Security). The goal of these recommendations is to increase the flexibility of the programs by greater consideration of the special characteristics of each commodity sector and provide increased protection against market risks (bi-annual, quarterly and even weekly income stabilization insurance in some sectors, collective forward contracts, etc.).

### **2. ABOLITION OF ASRA ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM (CONTRIBUTION TIERS)**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

#### **Request that the QUEBEC GOVERNMENT (MAPAQ, CABINET, FADQ)**

ABOLISH ASRA contribution tiers in all cattle production sectors and, in the interim, revise the volumes based on the new ASRA models and suspend application of this system immediately for the sectors whose cost of production survey takes into account the farms that exceed three times the size of the ASRA model.

### **3. RETROACTIVE REFUND OF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the QUEBEC GOVERNMENT AND THE FADQ**

REINTRODUCE promotion and research contributions in the stabilized income calculations;

TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION to refund two-thirds of the amounts paid out by producers for research and promotion contributions since 2010.

### **4. INCREASE TO AND COVERAGE OF FARM OPERATOR'S WAGE**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the QUEBEC GOVERNMENT AND THE FADQ**

UPDATE the calculation of the specialized worker's wage;

MAKE the necessary changes to the ASRA Program to ensure adequate coverage of the operator's work, especially in models where the premiums paid by producers exceed the operator's wage and ultimately ensure a true return on the equity of farm businesses.

### **5. CHANGE IN THE CALCULATION PERIOD OF ASRA COMPENSATION**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the QUEBEC GOVERNMENT AND THE FADQ**

PROVIDE income coverage calculated on a shorter time period and adapted to the specific characteristics of each commodity sector (quarterly, monthly or weekly, depending on the insured product, rather than on an annual basis).

### **6. ANIMAL WELFARE: MAPAQ INSPECTION**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that MAPAQ**

DEVELOP a continuous training program for its representatives who will be responsible for applying the future law and regulations;

ENSURE that the inspectors who will issue notices of non-compliance or infractions possess the required skills and qualifications;

PROVIDE financial support to farmers who are obligated to make investments to comply with the future law;

ENSURE that its inspectors respect biosecurity measures on farms;

DEVELOP, in conjunction with the PBQ, an assessment framework for farm visits.

**Request that the UPA**

STRONGLY DEFEND this position to MAPAQ.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS: SIMPLIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the MDDELCC**

SIMPLIFY the administrative burden of agricultural producers;

ALLOW producers to submit a phosphorous balance sheet every five years in cases where raising and cropping practices do not change from year to year;

ADOPT the change made to the Règlement sur le prélèvement des eaux (Water Taking and Transfer Regulation) and exempt agriculture from impact studies

**Request that the UPA**

STRONGLY DEFEND this position to the MDDELCC.

**8. ASAQ – PISAQ PROGRAM**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the UPA**

ENSURE that each cattle producer continues to benefit from the expertise of a veterinarian at reasonable cost throughout Quebec;

PARTICIPATE in the transition of the current program to a new one in which health visits will be offered to all producers in all commodity sectors;

ENSURE that veterinary expertise is developed and maintained in each cattle production sector;

WORK to develop a structure in the PISAQ that will facilitate the sale of veterinary drugs at lower prices that are based on the quantities required by certain production sectors;

ENSURE that MAPAQ adjusts the budgets for the ASAQ - PISAQ program accordingly.

#### **9. REGISTER OF CATTLE MOVEMENTS**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that QUEBEC CATTLE PRODUCERS**

WORK to have this tool adapted, disseminated and made available to other interested production sectors.

#### **10. ORIGIN OF BEEF FOR "BŒUF QUÉBEC"**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the FED CATTLE (CMMBA) and FEEDER CALF (CMMVE) MARKETING COMMITTEES**

WORK with the partners of the «Bœuf Québec» project to ensure that all feeder calves sold to produce beef and marketed under the name «Bœuf Québec» are born and fattened in Quebec.

#### **11. FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR ASPIRING FARMERS 40 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that MAPAQ**

IMPLEMENT a financial program to help aspiring farmers who are 40 years of age and older to enter cattle production.

#### **12. PREVALENCE OF SALMONELLA DUBLIN AND OTHER LEADING STRAINS OF SALMONELLA FOUND IN CATTLE HERDS**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that MAPAQ**

REVIEW the scientific literature on the prevalence of cases of contamination by Salmonella Dublin and other leading strains of salmonella found in cattle herds in North America and disseminate the results;

IMPLEMENT training sessions on biosecurity and farm biosecurity programs to control the spread of Salmonella Dublin and other leading strains of salmonella.

### **13. STANDARDS, REGULATIONS AND ACCESS OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS TO CANADIAN MARKETS**

**BY A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, it was unanimously resolved that the General Meeting of the Producteurs de bovins du Québec:**

**Request that the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

CLEARLY DEFINE the standards that imported products must meet to enter the Canadian market, and make them known to importers;

ENSURE the implementation of all legislative and regulatory measures as well as the monitoring system needed to enforce compliance with the standards, and assign the necessary resources for this purpose;

ENABLE PRODUCERS to participate in the economic benefits derived from imported products on an equitable basis with the other agri-food partners;

