

**KENTUCKY SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION
41st ANNUAL MEETING**

RESOLUTIONS

**Holiday Inn University Plaza
January 22, 2010**

General Resolutions

- The Kentucky Soybean Association recommends the promotion of Kentucky soybeans and soybean products as its primary purpose.
- We welcome soybean policy recommendation from any farm group or soybean producer. Recommendations will be considered during the Annual Meeting.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association endorses and supports the National Checkoff administered by the United Soybean Board.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association urges soybean producers NOT to petition for a soybean referendum.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association does not support the formation of a new national soybean policy organization outside of the American Soybean Association.
- To encourage continuing trust and transparency, the Kentucky Soybean Association engages in independent audits and strongly urges the American Soybean Association, the United Soybean Board and the United States Soybean Export Council to do the same.

Farm Safety

- The Kentucky Soybean Association stresses ON FARM SAFETY especially around equipment, chemicals and livestock.

Government

- As domestic fertilizer manufacturers decrease in number and foreign manufacturing increases, we support the elimination of the import tariff for fertilizer in order to reduce U.S. crop production costs.
- Because of current conditions and the increasing demand for feed, fuel and food; the Kentucky Soybean Association opposes any state or federal programs that encourage land to be removed from crop and livestock production.
- We, as soybean producers, oppose embargoes and government manipulation of soybean markets except in the case of a national emergency or declaration of war.

- The Kentucky Soybean Association or the Board of Directors will not endorse any political candidate.
- We recommend that the Natural Resources Conservation Service should be the designated expert in matters of wetland determinations, examination, appeals, and enforcement. Establishing and enforcing policies on the environment should be addressed by Total Quality Management (TQM). Local committees should be empowered to evaluate conflicts and administer decisions at the lowest levels.
- We suggest that the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices have more authority on decisions at the local level.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association opposes any River Authority or Corp of Engineers raising lock walls or controlling flood levels without consultation with the respective local agriculture communities.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports and encourages "Trade Promotion Authority" to be extended or renewed for trade negotiation.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports NAFTA and urges passage of pending free trade agreements.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association would like Kentucky Agriculture Resource Development Authority (KARDA) to include in their funding request to the General Assembly some programs that would educate Kentucky's consumers on the health benefits of consuming soy food products.
- We support state and federal legislatures strengthening eminent domain laws to protect private property from personal or commercial economic gain.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports the permanent elimination of all inheritance tax, for the preservation of the family farm.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports the relaxation of the weight limits on all Kentucky highways to the market from the farm.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports continued funding for lock and dam modernization.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association opposes any climate change legislation that negatively impacts agriculture.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association opposes any legislation that would restrict, prohibit, or limit the modern production of livestock.

- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports the formation of a Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Board similar to Ohio's.

Energy

- We suggest that results of on-going renewable fuel standards be published more widely and more frequently.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association strongly encourages the reinstatement of the federal biodiesel tax credit and encourages Congress to make the tax credit permanent.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association encourages the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the Renewable Fuels Standards II.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association strongly supports renewable fuel use throughout the Commonwealth through the following five incentives which are our guidelines for legislation.
 - a. Kentucky State Government leads by example: all state agencies will use minimum of 2% biodiesel blend in both stationary and transportation applications. The State Emergency Energy Plan should include the use of Biodiesel as an option in response to an energy supply disruption.
 - b. Support the production of existing biodiesel plants and the construction of any future biodiesel plants in the Commonwealth.
 - c. Require all school buses utilize B20 blend.
 - d. Preference to state contractors that use biodiesel for state projects.
 - e. Establish biodiesel on state fuel contract.

Cooperation

- We recommend that the Kentucky Soybean Association continue to work with all state farm organizations where areas of mutual benefit exist.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association wishes to thank **NK Brand Seeds, Southern Cross, Ag Venture, Golden Harvest, Asgrow, Great Lakes Hybrids, Dekalb, Garst, LG Seeds, Mycogen Seeds, Seed Consultants, Inc., Beck's Hybrids, Stine and Dyna-Gro Seed** for their support of our membership program.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association wishes to thank **Bayer Crop Science, Crop Production Services (Dyna-Gro Brand Seed), DuPont Crop Protection, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, FMC, Monsanto, Pioneer Hi-Bred International and Syngenta Crop Protection** for their gold level support of the Soybean Yield Contest.
- We encourage all seed companies to adopt 140,000 seeds per unit to enable economic comparison.

Soy Foods

- The Kentucky Soybean Association strongly supports the development of food soybean production and processing in Kentucky. The Kentucky Soybean Association is committed to supporting and assisting producers in developing this market.

Soybean Rust

- The Kentucky Soybean Association urges the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to work toward obtaining reciprocating agreements with other states for air applications of fungicides.
- We recommend the state and federal government continue their efforts to assist in the detection and management of Soybean Rust within the U.S and continue Section 18 for pesticides.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports the work of Soybean Rust sentinel plots throughout the south and urges permanent funding for these plots.

Crop Insurance

- The Kentucky Soybean Association should work, where appropriate, to get a later planting date for crop insurance purposes.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association recommends a specific designation for double crop soybeans for insurance purposes.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association encourages that all crops be insurable in all Kentucky counties.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association strongly urges Risk Management Agency (RMA) to reinstate Group Risk Plan (GRP) and Gross Revenue Insurance Plan (GRIP) policies in Kentucky.

Soybean Policy

- The Kentucky Soybean Association is opposed to a uniform national loan rate.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association is opposed to all set-a-sides in the present or future Farm Bill.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association strongly supports the continued use of 50% Phase I Tobacco Settlement Funds for agricultural development.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports the Grain Indemnity Fund.

Education and Research

- We support the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom, Inc.
- Conventional research and development of soybean varieties is important to agriculture to provide the biodiversity and widest availability of varieties. Conventional plant breeding must be maintained.
- We request that more Federal and State funds be made available to the University of Kentucky and regional Universities for soybean production and utilization research.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports research and development of new uses for soybean products.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports producer nominated varieties in the University of Kentucky soybean variety tests each year especially Non-GMO as there is still a viable market in certain areas.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association continues to provide dissemination of Best Management Practices (BMP) through technology transfer at institution and individual levels.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports Kentucky's best and brightest-the Kentucky 4-H and FFA.

Domestic Market Promotion

- The Kentucky Soybean Association encourages all rural electrical cooperatives to use soybean oil in all replacement transformers throughout the state.
- The Kentucky Soybean Association supports animal agriculture and will defend livestock producers in the event of attacks based on emotion, rather than sound scientific evidence, by private groups or policy by local, state, and federal governments.
- We support the Kentucky Livestock Coalition and Kentucky Farm Bureau Animal Care Task Force.

Environmental Stewardship

- We believe in environmental stewardship in agriculture. We are opposed to environmental regulations, which jeopardize livestock and crop production in Kentucky. Stewardship can best be achieved by economic incentives, education, and voluntary best management practices. We encourage cooperation with other agricultural organizations in preventing the implementation of burdensome and ineffective regulatory practices.

- Urban areas and small property owners must be included in all legislation, regulation or rules governing pollution.
- We encourage chemical companies to provide pesticides in returnable containers or other environmentally friendly and/or user-friendly packaging.

Competition Policy

- Competition is essential for production agriculture. The Kentucky Soybean Association opposes any monopolistic activities of grain, crop input, or grain transport companies to manipulate any portion of input or commodity markets.