



2023 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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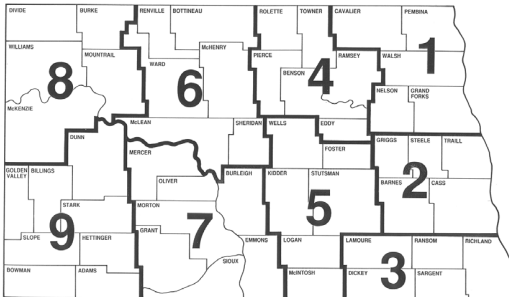
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Farm Bureau Beliefs

- 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 2021 will be automatically deleted from NDFB policy at the next annual meeting unless voting delegate action commands otherwise. The number 23 denotes policy adopted at the past NDFB Annual Meeting in Bismarck.

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

Purpose

Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvements, economic opportunity and social advancement and, thereby to promote the national well-being. Farm Bureau is local, county, state, national and international in scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-secret in charter. Farm Bureau is the voice of agricultural producers at all levels.

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#: 2331/22 101.01

Agricultural Marketing 102.00

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#: 2398/23 102.01

We support the continued education of the public on the benefits of agriculture technologies.---ID#: 2000/21 102.02

Agricultural Research and Extension 103.00

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#: 2337/23 103.01

We support a proactive stance in the research, development, commercialization and marketing for hemp production.---ID#: 2382/23 103.02

We support funding for 4-H fees.---ID#: 2278/22 103.03

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#: 2279/22 103.04

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#: 2314/22	103.05
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#: 1098/22	103.06
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#: 2071/22	103.07
We support funding for agricultural research in the university system.---ID#: 1321/21	103.08
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#: 1699/21	103.09
Commodity Groups	104.00
We support all agricultural commodity groups in their efforts to promote agricultural commodities through research and market development.---ID#: 2318/22	104.01
All commodity checkoffs should be voluntary and refundable.---ID#: 2093/22	104.02
Crop Insurance	105.00
We support a private crop insurance option, independent of the federal government.---ID#: 2136/23	105.01

Grain Bonding and Bankruptcy	106.00
We support legislation that protects unsecured debtors in prepay agreements and contracts against financial loss.---ID#: 1710/22	106.01
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#: 1790/22	106.02
Grain Regulation	107.00
We support state regulation and verification of accuracy of protein, falling numbers, Deoxynivalenol (DON), and other grain quality testers used in the commercial purchase of commodities.---ID#: 2351/23	107.01
Labor	108.00
We believe employers should hire only legal employees.---ID#: 2372/23	108.01
Section 200 - Animal Agriculture	
Animal Welfare	201.00
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#: 2388/23	201.01
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#: 2565/23	201.02
We oppose the Humane Society of the United States involvement in the training of law enforcement personnel in regard to animal cruelty regulations.---ID#: 2149/23	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#: 2058/22 201.04
- In animal disputes, all parties should attempt to resolve the issue before involving the authorities.---ID#: 2450/21 201.05
- We believe no action should be pursued by law enforcement on animal welfare complaints based on anonymous reports.---ID#: 2451/21 201.06
- 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#: 2185/21 201.07
- We support NDFB working to strengthen animal owner's private property rights under North Dakota's existing animal cruelty and abuse legislation.---ID#: 2248/21 201.08
- Livestock Health*
- We support the responsible use of antibiotics and the science-based use of them.---ID#: 2325/22 201.09
- We support licensed North Dakota veterinarians prescribing medicines for livestock to ranchers or farmers who have a veterinary client patient relationship. ---ID#: 2108/22 201.10
- We support the North Dakota Board of Animal Health and the Johnes Advisory Committee in its continuation of the volunteer Johnes testing program.---ID#: 623/22 201.11
- 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#: 2446/21 201.12

Brand Inspection and Animal Identification 202.00

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#: 2415/23 202.01

We support use of high frequency electronic tags for federally mandated livestock traceability.---ID#: 2611/23 202.02

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#: 1878/23 202.03

General Animal Ag 203.00

We support labeling of U.S. commodities through the channels of free enterprise and entrepreneurship rather than a government mandated program.---ID#: 2399/23 203.01

We believe food products sold as meat must come from live animals. Any synthetic products manufactured in a lab must be so labeled.---ID#: 2599/23 203.02

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#: 2499/22 203.03

Animal Feeding Operation

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#: 2585/23 203.04

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#: 2586/23 203.05

We believe local units of government should not be allowed to require approval by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality prior to approving any building permits.---ID#: 2587/23 203.06

We support moving the Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) permitting process from the Department of Environment Quality to the Department of Agriculture.---ID#: 2476/21 203.07

Processing Facilities

We support the development of animal rendering plants and/or businesses.---ID#: 2597/23 203.08

We support private development of local and state processing plants and believe it will create income for our producers.---ID#: 2436/21 203.09

We support the diversification of livestock classes and the increased capacity within the meat packing industry.---ID#: 2460/21 203.10

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#: 1645/21 203.11

Section 300 - Transportation

Driver's License 301.00

The North Dakota Department of Transportation should provide efficient license services to rural areas.---ID#: 2607/23 301.01

We support current farm exemptions for commercial driver's license.---ID#: 2545/23 301.02

We support a farm-friendly driver's license program with a minimum age at 15.---ID#: 1467/23 301.03

We support the current Class D driver's license law for transporting farm to market.---ID#: 2091/22 301.04

Highways, Funding and Maintenance 302.00

We believe the current speed limits on two and four-lane highways in North Dakota adequately meet the needs of its residents.---ID#: 2304/22 302.01

Funding

We support state funding for repairs maintenance and improvements of county and township roads.---ID#: 2166/23 302.02

We believe the funding mechanism for county and township infrastructure should be strengthened.---ID#: 2425/21 302.03

We support a state cost share program to allow for improvements when township/county roads, ditches, or bridges require improvements.---ID#: 2217/21 302.04

Maintenance

We believe that when hard surfaced roads are resurfaced or top-lifted, the shoulder should also be raised.---ID#: 1545/23 302.05

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#: 2333/22 302.06

Roadside Markers 303.00

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#: 2577/23 303.01

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#: 2610/23 303.02

We support the immediate removal of all delineator posts on two lane highways that don't mark known hazards such as sharp curves or steep ditches.---ID#: 2618/23 303.03

Transportation Miscellaneous 304.00

We urge more legislative oversight for the North Dakota Department of Transportation to limit their ill-advised projects.---ID#: 2604/23 304.01

We support the use of a unified rural road labeling system.---ID#: 2135/23 304.02

Section 400 - Government

Agriculture Zoning 401.00

We believe townships and counties should not have livestock regulations which are more stringent than the state model ordinances.---ID#: 2584/23 401.01

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#: 1913/23 401.02

We believe agriculture zoning should not be held to a higher standard than zoning for industrial or municipal uses.---ID#: 786/23 401.03

We encourage zoning authorities to use the state model zoning ordinance as their primary guideline.---ID#: 2492/22 401.04

We believe zoning authority should be controlled at the township level when the townships choose to do so.---ID#: 1090/22 401.05

We believe that townships should not have the ability to zone for Animal Feeding Operations (AFO).---ID#: 2477/21 401.06

We shall work with townships and counties to develop farmer-friendly, responsible zoning ordinances for animal agriculture and oppose extra-territorial zoning.---ID#: 2218/21	401.07
Economic Development	402.00
We support the diversification of our economy within the state of North Dakota including, but not limited to, energy, technology, and agriculture.---ID#: 2539/23	402.01
We support increasing the domestic utilization of agricultural products produced by the state's farmers and ranchers.---ID#: 2543/23	402.02
We favor allowing county and state fair boards to decide if they should pursue gaming and pari-mutuel betting within their facilities for the benefit of agriculture.---ID#: 2563/23	402.03
We believe state government programs which are designed to encourage business growth, should be equally available to production agriculture ventures.---ID#: 2588/23	402.04
We support capitalism and free enterprise.---ID#: 2453/21	402.05
Elections	403.00
We oppose the use of electronic touch screen ballot.---ID#: 2548/23	403.01
We oppose ranked-choice voting, preferential voting, or ranked-choice balloting.---ID#: 2581/23	403.02
We support state laws that require legal photo identification to vote.---ID#: 2613/23	403.03
We believe it should be the responsibility of individual voters to request an absentee ballot.---ID#: 2547/23	403.04
We believe voter integrity would be best served in North Dakota by having a simple and open protocol to verify votes counted by electronic means.---ID#: 2554/23	403.05

We believe an elected official must pass a test on the state and national constitution before being allowed to take office.---ID#: 2454/21 403.06

Government Operations 404.00

We believe the public should have an opportunity to have an open question and answer period when any government entity is developing rules and regulations.---ID#: 2593/23 404.01

We oppose federal or state mandates to cities, counties, townships or school districts or any local jurisdiction without funding such mandates.---ID#: 62/23 404.02

We support the increased availability of proper training of rural emergency services in agricultural emergencies.---ID#: 2193/21 404.03

Human Health

We oppose all vaccination passports.---ID#: 2532/22 404.04

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#: 2515/22 404.05

We oppose any and all health mandates that would prevent people from engaging in commerce, enjoying any public benefit, or exercising any right.---ID#: 2486/22 404.06

Under the state of emergency declaration, all executive orders by the Governor of North Dakota must be approved by a majority vote of both chambers of the legislature after 20 days and no more than 90 days after the order is executed. The lack of approval of both chambers of the legislature voids the executive order.---ID#: 2467/21 404.07

We oppose mandatory mask mandates at the local, state and federal levels.---ID#: 2424/21 404.08

Insurance	405.00
We believe that commercial applicators should be required to have at least one million dollars in liability insurance.---ID#: 2283/22	405.01
We support all North Dakota licensed insurance companies, including Nodak Insurance, providing insurance alternatives for all agricultural practices including, but not limited to, direct market agriculture.---ID#: 2296/22	405.02
We encourage increased private competition in the North Dakota health insurance market.---ID#: 1351/22	405.03
We oppose mandates on health insurance.---ID#: 1689/21	405.04
North Dakota Laws	406.00
We oppose any red flag gun laws.---ID#: 2360/23	406.01
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#: 2307/22	406.02
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#: 2270/22	406.03
We support increased enforcement and penalties for malicious criminal behavior relating to the destruction of personal and public property including crops and livestock.---ID#: 1769/22	406.04
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#: 2472/21	406.05

We oppose adverse possession.---ID#: 2475/21	406.06
We recommend the passing of a “stand your ground” bill that will allow residents to protect themselves without requiring that they attempt to flee from the assailant or criminal first.---ID#: 2428/21	406.07
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#: 1966/21	406.08
We support the rule of law being enforced during protests and civil unrest.---ID#: 2258/21	406.09
We support the end of civil forfeiture in North Dakota.---ID#: 2192/21	406.10
<i>Corporate Farming</i>	
We oppose changes to the North Dakota corporate farming laws that give advantage to or discriminate against any specific commodity or species.---ID#: 2090/22	406.11
We support the elimination of the corporate farming laws in North Dakota.---ID#: 2473/21	406.12
<i>Direct Marketing</i>	
We oppose any changes which reduce allowable items to the cottage food laws in North Dakota.---ID#: 2385/23	406.13
We support the right to harvest or slaughter, without limitation, any commodity and/or livestock for personal consumption or private sale.---ID#: 1895/23	406.14
We urge our legislators to reduce regulations to allow for as much local products as possible.---ID#: 2437/21	406.15

We support producers selling individual cuts of meat so long as it is processed at a custom exempt facility.---ID#: 2461/21 406.16

State Government 407.00

We believe the North Dakota Legislative Districts should consider geographical area as well as population to more equally represent the rural areas.---ID#: 2338/23 407.01

We do not support term limits for North Dakota elected officials.---ID#: 2574/23 407.02

The government should have no role in renaming historic places to fit modern sensitivities.---ID#: 2620/23 407.03

We support improving the 911 system for all residents.---ID#: 2288/22 407.04

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, conservation programs, and/or any easements required by local, county and state entities for any project(s).---ID#: 2509/22 407.05

The legislative session in North Dakota should be strictly biennial.---ID#: 2057/22 407.06

We support the implementation of districts within North Dakota counties with county commissioners being elected and representing the district they reside in.---ID#: 2462/21 407.07

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#: 2421/21 407.08

Agencies and Departments

We believe the director of North Dakota Game and Fish Department should be an elected official and not appointed.---ID#: 2601/23 407.09

We believe the North Dakota Game and Fish Department should only present pertinent, timely peer reviewed sound science research to support their claims.---ID#: 2327/22 407.10

We support that the North Dakota Attorney General have a deadline to respond to issues.---ID#: 2426/21 407.11

We support the North Dakota Department of Agriculture to create a position of in-house legal counsel.---ID#: 2427/21 407.12

We do not support state agencies conceiving, authoring or fostering legislation.---ID#: 2222/21 407.13

Initiated Measures

We support a requirement that any and all changes to the initiative, referral, recall and repeal process for statutory measures shall require a simple majority vote of the people.---ID#: 2245/21 407.14

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#: 2230/21 407.15

Section 500 - Tax and Fiscal Policy

Farmstead Exemptions 501.00

We believe farm residences, farm buildings and farm structures should remain tax-exempt.---ID#: 2411/23 501.01

We support raising the limit of non-farm income for the purposes of property tax exemption.---ID#: 1815/23 501.02

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#: 2416/21 501.03

Fiscal Policy	502.00
We oppose state funding for the weather modification program.---ID#: 2357/23	502.01
We encourage all locally elected boards, especially county commissions, to have truly balanced budgets, and not base their proposed budgets on county evaluations.---ID#: 2578/23	502.02
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#: 1886/23	502.03
We support responsible state budgeting, beginning with a zero base budget for state agencies.---ID#: 2124/23	502.04
We oppose using any tax payer dollars for the sequestering of carbon dioxide.---ID#: 2480/22	502.05
We oppose the use of taxpayer money to repurpose the BNSF railroad bridge as a recreational area and/or walking path.---ID#: 2485/22	502.06
We oppose weather modification.---ID#: 2459/21	502.07
We encourage state legislators to decrease spending.---ID#: 1976/21	502.08
Fuel Tax	503.00
We believe that fuel taxes should be dedicated to roads and bridges.---ID#: 2281/22	503.01
Oil and Natural Resource Revenue	504.00
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#: 2294/22	504.01

Property Taxation	505.00
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#: 2408/23	505.01
We favor valuation of agricultural land, for tax purposes, be based on the current productivity formula.---ID#: 2393/23	505.02
We are in favor of property tax relief, and support property tax reform.---ID#: 1327/22	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#: 2196/21	505.04
Sales Tax	506.00
We support the retention of agricultural sales tax exemptions.---ID#: 1027/22	506.01
Tax Policy	507.00
We encourage local government, especially county commissioners and school districts, to reflect all state tax relief and how it is to be allocated within the budgeting process.---ID#: 2622/23	507.01
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#: 2072/22	507.02
We believe all federal and state land shall be taxed at the same rate as surrounding land.---ID#: 2465/21	507.03
Section 600 - Education	
Agricultural Education	601.00
We support the promotion of agricultural careers in our schools.---ID#: 2566/23	601.01

We favor the promotion of career and technical student organizations in all North Dakota secondary schools.---ID#: 2621/23	601.02
We favor development and implementation of curricula teaching accurate information of modern production agriculture.---ID#: 2317/22	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#: 2520/22	601.04
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#: 2035/22	601.05
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#: 2002/21	601.06
Education Administration and Curriculum	602.00
We oppose requiring teachers to have a major in every core class they teach.---ID#: 2561/23	602.01
We oppose Planned Parenthood using federal or state funds for continuing education classes.---ID#: 2617/23	602.02
We strongly encourage the state Legislature to evaluate all state university research facilities to examine their effectiveness and value.---ID#: 2528/22	602.03

We oppose the inclusion of critical race theory in the curriculum within the North Dakota education system.---ID#: 2488/22	602.04
We support local and state jurisdiction over our educational curriculum to best meet the development and vocational needs of our students.---ID#: 2229/21	602.05
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#: 2339/23	603.01
We propose smaller schools receive higher funding per pupil than the bigger schools.---ID#: 1950/21	603.02
Higher Education	604.00
We support expanding the farm business management education program.---ID#: 1862/23	604.01
We believe NDSU, North Dakota's land grant university, should provide a comprehensive, multi-disciplined agricultural education. We encourage NDSU's ability to continue a multi-discipline agricultural education program.---ID#: 2319/22	604.02
We support reciprocity in our higher education institutions.---ID#: 2266/22	604.03
We encourage the installation of more agricultural education teacher programs and support the advancement of all agricultural studies at all North Dakota four year universities to protect the integrity of North Dakota's agricultural heritage.---ID#: 2507/22	604.04
We encourage colleges and universities to provide retail meat cutting courses.---ID#: 2452/21	604.05

School Lunches (State Lunch Programs) 605.00

We oppose the use of meat and/or dairy substitutes within government-funded programs. 605.01
---ID#: 2567/23

We recommend placing more local produce on school menus.---ID#: 2572/23 605.02

We support local determination of school lunch menus and portion sizes.---ID#: 1852/23 605.03

We oppose the promotion of any "meat free" day.---ID#: 2134/23 605.04

We support the inclusion of traditionally raised meat and dairy products in state run meal programs.---ID#: 2315/22 605.05

We support the free and reduced lunch programs and the North Dakota Farm to School program in North Dakota schools.---ID#: 2284/22 605.06

Veterinarian Education 606.00

We support the continuation and development of veterinary medicine programs at North Dakota universities.---ID#: 2598/23 606.01

We encourage the development of practical veterinarian educational opportunities for producers. ---ID#: 2606/23 606.02

We support the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) for veterinary students.---ID#: 2526/22 606.03

We encourage 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#: 2201/21 606.04

Section 700 - Natural and Environmental Resources

Ag Chemicals	701.00
We support the continued labeling and development of pesticides, GMO traits and other agricultural advancements.---ID#: 2345/23	701.01
We support the informative education of the public as to the benefits and safety of the application and use of pesticides and fertilizers.---ID#: 1879/23	701.02
Conservation Reserve Program	702.00
We support an earlier release date of CRP for haying and grazing in years of emergency.---ID#: 2478/22	702.01
We believe that livestock should take precedence over wildlife for the purpose of water access, haying and/or grazing on CRP acres.---ID#: 2282/22	702.02
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#: 190/22	702.03
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#:1630/21	702.04
Endangered Species	703.00
We oppose legislation to restrict farming and ranching in favor of threatened and/or endangered species.---ID#: 1998/21	703.01
Environmental Quality	704.00
We oppose the spread of misinformation in regard to livestock being the main source of greenhouse gasses.---ID#: 2406/23	704.01
We object to the Environmental Protection Agency's involvement in agriculture and support defunding it.---ID#: 2122/23	704.02

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#: 2127/23 704.03

We oppose the federal regulation of greenhouse 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#: 2493/22 704.04

Hunting and Trapping 705.00

Any future “No Hunting or Trespassing” laws should not have special exclusions or privileges for hunters.---ID#: 2392/23 705.01

We support an expansion of youth and senior hunting programs.---ID#: 2544/23 705.02

We support baiting of big game animals as a method of take on private property to control Cervidae populations.---ID#: 2595/23 705.03

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#: 159/23 705.04

We support a loss of hunting privileges and/or stiffer financial penalties for people who trespass on private land.---ID#: 2530/22 705.05

Mitigation 706.00

We support a method whereby extortion mitigation money would go to the landowners affected and not the wildlife groups---ID#: 2355/23 706.01

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#: 1723/22 706.02

Predator Control 707.00

We support the use of mechanical vehicles such as snowmobiles and side by sides, etc. for the control of predators.---ID#: 2350/23 707.01

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#: 1813/23 707.02

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#: 2464/21 707.03

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 being made available to landowners in addition to regular hunting season licenses.---ID#: 1267/21 707.04

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#: 1654/21 707.05

Public and Government Owned Lands 708.00

We oppose using state conservation funds to purchase land.---ID#: 2167/23 708.01

We support a no net gain of government or conservation group-owned land, county by county and state by state.---ID#: 1871/23 708.02

We oppose any Wilderness or Wildland Projects, such as 30x30 that turns land into preserves or parks that erode the tax base in an area.---ID#: 2505/22 708.03

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#: 1359/22 708.04

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#: 2085/22 708.05

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#: 2420/21 708.06

General Management

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#: 2268/22 708.07

Burn bans should be observed by all government agencies on lands they control.---ID#: 2490/22 708.08

We believe that government-owned lands should be managed with input from the local private sector.---ID#: 981/22 708.09

Transfer of Public Lands 709.00

We believe agricultural lands acquired for temporary needs by government or private industry be sold back to farmers and ranchers for agricultural use as early as possible.---ID#: 2497/22 709.01

We oppose the gifting of public lands to any organization.---ID#: 2502/22	709.02
We support the sale of federal and state land back to the private sector.---ID#: 2503/22	709.03
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#: 2511/22	709.04
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#: 2025/21	709.05
Water Policy	710.00
We oppose any changes in the Clean Water Act referring to expanding the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).---ID#: 2568/23	710.01
We oppose the Global Diversity Framework that focuses on freshwater biodiversity not included in the 30x30 initiative of 2022.---ID#: 2570/23	710.02
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#: 993/22	710.03
We support compensation to property owners flooded by state water.---ID#: 2005/21	710.04
<i>Drain Tile</i>	
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#: 1549/23	710.05

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#: 2334/22 710.06

Water Projects 711.00

North Dakota State Water Commission shall work closely with local governments to ease regulations in regard to water usage for road construction.---ID#: 2466/21 711.01

Weed Control 712.00

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#: 2321/22 712.01

We believe that government agencies should control noxious weeds on land under their control.---ID#: 2084/22 712.02

We believe the North Dakota Highway Department shall do timely spraying of noxious weeds along highway right of ways in the spring.---ID#: 2439/21 712.03

Wetlands 713.00

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#: 2310/22 713.01

Section 800 - Property Rights

Easements	801.00
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#: 2391/23	801.01
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#: 2609/23	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#: 2518/22	801.03
Landowners must be informed of their right to legal or financial counsel when approached with a proposed easement. Signed proof of this information should be part of the easement.---ID#: 2519/22	801.04
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#: 1747/22	801.05
We believe 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#: 1693/21	801.06

Eminent Domain	802.00
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#: 2348/23	802.01
North Dakota government entities should not have eminent domain authority outside their geographical boundaries, including extra territorial jurisdiction.---ID#: 2551/23	802.02
We oppose local water boards having quick take eminent domain authority.---ID#: 2190/21	802.03
Posted Land	803.00
We support all electronic posted lands be automatically renewed unless the landowner elects to change the status.---ID#: 2590/23	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#: 160/23	803.02
We support all lands as considered posted unless signed otherwise.---ID#: 1763/22	803.03
Drones and drone operators must follow the trespassing laws whether posted or not.---ID#: 2242/21	803.04
Private Property	804.00
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#: 2378/23	804.01

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#: 2381/23	804.02
We oppose adverse possession and urge our legislature to change it.---ID#: 2596/23	804.03
We support the county's right to establish and enforce their own trespass laws.---ID#: 2600/23	804.04
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#: 2608/23	804.05
We support the repeal of NDCC 38-22 referring to amalgamation authority over non-consenting landowners.---ID#: 2619/23	804.06
We oppose all regulations imposing viewsheds restricting development on private property.---ID#: 2306/22	804.07
We believe naturally occurring precipitation is a private property right.---ID#: 2494/22	804.08
We support the protection of private property rights against government confiscation of said property, by any agency, department or organization without compensation and due process.---ID#: 2508/22	804.09
We advocate for the abolishment of the open fields doctrine that agricultural business and agricultural property is held under.---ID#: 2474/21	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#: 2032/21 804.11

Right of Way Easements 805.00

We oppose any county taking more than the constituted right of way without fair and just compensation.---ID#: 2141/23 805.01

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#: 2156/23 805.02

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#: 2250/21 805.03

Section 900 - Energy

Oil, Gas and Coal Production 901.00

We support baseline energy, such as coal, nuclear, and natural gas to mitigate power outages and improve reliability of the electrical grid.---ID#: 2542/23 901.01

We oppose the nonuse injection of carbon dioxide (CO2) for sequestration.---ID#: 2550/23 901.02

We support North Dakota oil production and in-state refineries.---ID#: 2546/23 901.03

We support North Dakota regulating its own energy industry.---ID#: 2280/22 901.04

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#: 2292/22	901.05
We support limiting energy and coal leases to ten years and then re-negotiating leases for more active energy development.---ID#: 2481/22	901.06
North Dakota agriculture is dependent on energy from all sources including coal. We will support these industries.---ID#: 2491/22	901.07
We support legislation for the capture, expansion and distribution of natural gas throughout the state of North Dakota.---ID#: 2433/21	901.08
We support the generation of electricity produced by coal fired plants.---ID#: 2469/21	901.09
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#: 1973/21	901.10
Reclamation	902.00
The State of North Dakota should develop reclamation plans for historic salted lands damaged by energy development prior to 1990.---ID#: 2380/23	902.01
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#: 2104/22	902.02
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#: 2402/23	903.01

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