

1 **Year 2009 Adopted Resolutions**  
2 **of the**  
3 **Nebraska Soybean Association**  
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6 The Nebraska Soybean Producers Association annually adopts resolutions which establish guidelines  
7 within which the organization can operate. The Board of Directors has the responsibility to set and  
8 implement specific policy.  
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10 **The Nebraska Soybean Association.....**

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12 **I. UTILIZATION AND USES**  
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14 **1.1.01** The NSA is firmly opposed to mandatory labeling and or segregation of biotech products.  
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16 **1.1.02** NSA recognizes the importance of alternative products and new uses to eliminate surplus  
17 commodities by producing superior products; therefore, we recommend use in Nebraska of products  
18 made from our Agricultural commodities.  
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20 **1.1.03** We encourage the enhancement of soybean composition to meet the changing needs of the  
21 market.  
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23 **1.1.04** NSA supports a grading and marketing system that recognizes the quality and value of soybeans  
24 and supports the development of a marketing system that rewards producers who produce soybeans with  
25 enhanced value.  
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27 **1.1.05** The Nebraska Soybean Association supports the study of carbon credits for agriculture. A  
28 standard should be set as to the value of sequestered carbon before implementation of carbon credit  
29 trading. The Nebraska Soybean Association should investigate business arrangements in which its  
30 members could participate in a carbon trading credit program which would pay farmers to sequester  
31 carbon through no-till or low-till practices.  
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33 **1.1.06** NSA recommends that labeling of biodiesel made from soybeans be labeled ‘soy’ biodiesel when  
34 purchasing in bulk.  
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36 **1.2.00 SoyBiodiesel**  
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38 **1.2.01** Be It Resolved that the State Of Nebraska be encouraged to continue using Soy Biodiesel fuels in  
39 all State Diesel powered vehicles and that counties, municipalities, and school districts in Nebraska be  
40 encouraged to use Soy Biodiesel.  
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42 **1.2.02** The Nebraska Soybean Association encourages fuel stations across Nebraska to carry soy biodiesel at the  
43 pumps and to encourage all fuel suppliers to handle soy biodiesel to enhance our nation’s energy security and  
44 reduce dependence on foreign oil.  
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46 **1.2.03** The NSA supports Federal energy legislation which includes biodiesel incentives and a  
47 renewable fuel standard.  
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49 **1.2.04** The NSA encourages legislation that supports soy biodiesel and biodiesel blends with respect to  
50 federal and state energy programs, including tax incentives. We encourage these programs to include a  
51 2% biodiesel blend or higher.

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53 **1.2.05** The NSA supports state legislation for soy biodiesel and other renewable fuels.

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55 **1.2.06** The NSA encourages Farmer use of a B2 (2%) or higher blend of soy biodiesel.

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57 **1.2.07** The NSA supports extending the biodiesel tax credit until the year 2010.

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59 **1.2.08** The NSA supports the ASTM standards process for biodiesel as well as the BQ9000  
60 accreditation program.

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63 **II. INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC MARKETING AND TRADE**

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65 **2.1.01** NSA encourages the development of the infrastructure necessary to expand shipment of soybeans  
66 through the Pacific Northwest ports. All soybean industry stakeholders should work together to develop  
67 this alternative to the reliance on the Mississippi River for shipments from the central United States.

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69 **2.1.02** NSA encourages the U.S. Congress to exclude U.S. farm commodities and food products from all  
70 current and future U.S. trade sanctions.

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72 **2.1.03** NSA supports Presidential Trade Promotion Authority and supports efforts to continually strive  
73 to improve relationships with our present and future customers.

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75 **2.1.04** NSA urges Congress to authorize and provide funding for the maintenance and improvement of  
76 the lock and dam system along the Upper Mississippi River. The immediate need for 5 lock extensions  
77 on the Mississippi River and 2 lock extensions on the Illinois River is accentuated by the reliance of the  
78 U.S. commodity export industry on this vital transportation network.

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80 **2.1.05** NSA supports the modification of the Jones Act which would allow lowest cost ships to  
81 transport bulk commodities, forest products, and livestock between U.S. ports.

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83 **2.1.06** NSA supports Missouri River master plan alternatives that keep navigation and inland drainage as  
84 top priorities.

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87 **2.1.07** NSA supports fair compensation to landowners in cases of loss of land value caused by changes  
88 in management of water control on the Missouri.

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91 **2.1.08** NSA is opposed to our administration signing or endorsing any global warming treaty or  
92 implementing parts of the treaty that would have a negative effect on agriculture. NSA does not support  
93 the proposed rule change by the EPA to the Clean Air Act triggering Title V of the Clean Air Act. Title  
94 V would require any entity that emits more than 100 tons of a regulated pollutant per year to obtain a  
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**2.1.09** The NSA believes that in the global trading environment which exists today many areas of cooperation can be identified between oilseed producing countries. NSA believes that the American Soybean Association should be proactive in developing partnerships with industry stakeholders on issues of common concern and interest.

**2.1.10** the Nebraska Soybean Association supports the American Soybean Association policy which encourages development of soybean standards which would establish a standard of 1% foreign material in export and domestic markets.

**2.1.11** The Nebraska Soybean Association supports voluntary country of origin labeling.

**2.1.12** The NSA favors continued development of biotechnology enhanced crops; however with the potential risk to soybean and soybean product exports, we encourage developers and marketers of these Bio-Tech crops to: a) obtain international clearance for importation of future biotechnology products before commercialization in the world market and b) develop measures to ensure that export channels are free of biotechnology varieties yet to receive approval for importation.

**2.1.13** We support research on soybean composition to enhance domestic animal production.

**2.1.14** The NSA recognizes the importance of livestock consumption of soybean products and that many livestock producers are also soybean producers, therefore NSA pledges our support for the livestock industry and the individual livestock producers.

**2.1.15** NSA opposes imports of whole soybeans & soybean products unless they are cleaned or treated with a fungicide, quarantined or otherwise declared free of soybean rust and any other transmissible soybean diseases utilizing APHIS parameters & safeguards

**2.1.16** Under any consideration by the EPA of an RFS waiver request , economic impacts on production agriculture, including both crops and livestock,must be analyzed. Consideration of impacts on food security, safety and supply must also be part of the analysis.

**2.1.17** We support legislative action to increase domestic production of petroleum and natural gas to help stabilize further dramatic increases in farm input supply prices.

**2.1.18** NSA supports biothecnology, commercial fertilizer and commercial crop protection products and believes that any definition of “sustainable agriculture” includes the use of these products.

Furthermore, NSA supports the statutory definition, which was included in the 1990 farm bill:

"Sustainable agriculture" was addressed by Congress in the 1990 "Farm Bill" [Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACTA), Public Law 101-624, Title XVI, Subtitle A, Section 1603. Under that law, "the term sustainable agriculture means an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long term:

- satisfy human food and fiber needs;

- 141 • enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural  
142 economy depends;  
143 • make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate,  
144 where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls;  
145 • sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and  
146 • enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole."

147 **2.1.19** NSA supports the current North American Free Trade Agreement.

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149 **III. FARM PROGRAM**

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151 **3.1.01** NSA supports reformulation of AMTA base to include all loan eligible crops and that  
152 program yields reflect current production history.

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154 **3.1.02** NSA supports toughening the Agricultural Fair Practices Act of 1967 to fairly protect the  
155 economic interests of America's farmers that may be affected by vertical integration and  
156 consolidation.

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159 **3.1.03** NSA supports major changes in the Federal Crop insurance program. These changes  
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162 (a) Shifting of premium subsidies to the higher coverage levels

163 (b) Rating system more reflective of current yields & practices

164 (c) Use of producer history in establishing new APH

165 (d) Incentives to insurance providers to develop new products

166 (e) Program must be able to respond to multi-year disasters

167 (f) Equalization of administrative subsidies between products

168 (g) Premium discounts for history of participation w/o loss

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170 **3.1.04** The NSA favors continued Federal funding for subsidized Crop Insurance programs  
171 through the additional appropriation of discretionary funds to fully fund a viable and cost  
172 effective form of Risk Management for American agriculture.

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174 **3.1.05** The Nebraska Soybean Association is in opposition to Set-a-side programs; or that if set-  
175 a-side programs are included, that either no oilseed crops be allowed on those acres or all oilseed  
176 crops (including soybeans) be allowed;

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178 **3.1.06** The Nebraska Soybean Association is in opposition to the requirement that Catastrophic  
179 Insurance be purchased for Soybeans in order to be eligible for the Marketing Loan Program.

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181 **3.1.07** request that CCC loan funds be maintained in a continuing revolving fund and not  
182 indicate that this loan money is an annual expense to the USDA budget.

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184 **3.1.08** NSA supports that the Farm Service Agency recognizing insurance crop production  
185 records as acceptable production evidence.

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187       **3.1.09**     NSA supports full funding of income support and farm programs as provided for in the  
188               2002 Farm Bill. NSA would resist any efforts to reduce spending in new legislation or budget  
189               reconciliation.  
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191     **IV. PRODUCTION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**  
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193     **4.1.00**   The Nebraska Soybean Association supports research on developing methods to lower the cost of  
194     extracting oil from soybeans.  
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196     **4.1.01**   The NSA supports using soy biodiesel as a source of fuel in hydrogen fuel cells.  
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198     **4.1.02**   Any legislation developed or supported by the Nebraska Soybean Association should be based  
199     on “sound science” and not emotion and or feelings.  
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201     **4.1.03**   The Nebraska Soybean Association supports the NE Soybean Board to fund research in a science  
202     based approach to support the growth of the livestock industry in Nebraska and in other countries.  
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204     **4.1.04**   NSA opposed any State or Federal legislation to regulate dust or odor from agriculture  
205     operations.  
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207     **4.1.05**   NSA supports biotechnology and believes that any definition of “sustainable agriculture”  
208     includes the use of biotechnology.  
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210     **V. TAXATION**  
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212     **5.1.01**   The NSA urges the Nebraska Legislature to address the “Real Tax Issue” of equitable taxation of  
213     all Nebraskans.  
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215     **5.1.02**   The Nebraska Soybean Association will support Tax legislation which contains the following  
216     criteria: retention of local control over a major portion of taxing authority, a reallocation of the taxing  
217     mechanisms (sales, income, and property), reinstatement of sales tax on food.  
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219     **5.1.03**   NSA opposes the assessment of a personal property tax on livestock, farm equipment and  
220     inventories, or business inventories.  
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222     **5.1.04**   The Nebraska Soybean Association opposes a tax on fertilizers, pesticides.  
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224     **5.1.05**   The Nebraska Soybean Association favors the elimination of the personal property tax by  
225     replacing it with an income tax.  
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227     **5.1.06**   We support the exemption of sales tax on new and used agricultural equipment and extending the  
228     exemption to all repair parts for agricultural equipment.  
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230     **5.1.07**   NSA opposes the implementation of a Users tax on agricultural chemicals, but rather supports the  
231     use of general tax funds for insuring a clean and safe environment for all people.  
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233     **5.1.08**   NSA supports legislation allowing agricultural land valuation based on agricultural earning

234 potential.

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236 **5.1.09** In order to protect or increase state aid to rural school districts, the NSA supports state legislation  
237 to decrease reliance on real estate and personal property tax.

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239 **5.1.10** NSA supports the one dollar limit on property tax for schools and if this needs to be exceeded the  
240 money should come from a local income tax.

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242 **5.1.11** We oppose sales tax on services unless there is an equivalent amount of reduction in property  
243 tax.

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245 **5.1.12** The NSA opposes a state tax that includes soybeans only to fund biodiesel tax incentives.

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## 247 **VI. ENVIRONMENT**

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249 **6.1.01** NSA supports the long-term maintenance and conservation of Nebraska's groundwater, but  
250 would oppose any legislation designed to tax users of nitrogen fertilizers, soil conditioners, or pesticides.

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252 **6.1.02** NSA opposes the reclassification of anhydrous ammonia as a poisonous gas.

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254 **6.1.03** NSA opposes the ban of granular pesticides.

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256 **6.1.04** NSA will work for maintaining our water supply-for all Nebraskans and future generations, by  
257 supporting the use of sound science by NRD's and local monitoring of this natural resource.

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259 **6.1.05** NSA encourages the manufacturers of pesticides to develop and use safe, biodegradable,  
260 recyclable, or standardized closed delivery containers for agricultural chemicals, and work to develop a  
261 national policy for reasonable disposal and/or neutralization of agricultural chemical wastes.

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263 **6.1.06** NSA recommends that USDA be the lead federal agency for coordinating ground water and  
264 surface water programs.

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266 **6.1.07** NSA encourages producers/co-ops and private businesses to install a locking system on all  
267 anhydrous ammonia tanks and promote measures to reduce theft opportunities of anhydrous ammonia.

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269 **6.1.08** NSA is concerned about the increase of feral swine within the State and supports legislation and  
270 activities of the Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to work  
271 towards elimination not management of the problem.

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273 **6.1.09** NSA advocates protecting our environment and encourages:

274 1. Use of soyoil as a dust suppressant for elevators and livestock facilities.

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2. Use of soybased spray adjuvants by all applicators.

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3. Use of soyoil soapstocks as a dust suppressant for gravel roads.

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4. Expanded use of biodiesel uses such as B20, low blends and additives.

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5. Use of biodegradable plastics to replace non-degradable petroleum based plastics.

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6. Development and use of alternative and renewable agricultural products which will protect our  
280 environment.

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282 **6.1.10** NSA supports the concept of Common Sense Environmentalism which recognizes and balances  
283 the positives and negatives of all ecosystems for the betterment of society.

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285 We all want a healthy, green environment for ourselves and our families. What distinguishes common-  
286 sense environmentalism from more extreme environmental activism is a commitment to fight real  
287 environmental problems rather than imagined ones and a realization that free markets are an ally rather  
288 than an enemy of environmental stewardship.

289 Common Sense Environmentalism recognizes that:

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1. Humans are the stewards and manager of our environment.

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2. Our environment is a composite of dynamic ecosystems that interact.

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3. Good stewardship and management of our environment is necessary for the well being of  
293 mankind.

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4. Agricultural ecosystems are an important component of our environment because they supply  
295 food, fiber and renewable resources that are critical to the well being of mankind.

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5. Stewardship and management of agricultural ecosystems are a vital part of supporting the well  
297 being of mankind.

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6. The recycling of plant nutrients is critical to the sustainability of agricultural ecosystems

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7. NSA supports recommending to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to reduce the deer  
300 population in the state.

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## **VII. GENERAL**

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304 **7.1.01** the Nebraska Soybean Association urges county soybean growers affiliates and/or the  
305 State Board of Directors of the Nebraska Soybean Association, to endorse political  
306 candidate(s) in a state or county political race.

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308 **7.1.02** the NSA favors exemption of vehicles with Farm (Not for Hire) plates from D.O.T.  
309 placarding requirements.

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311 **7.1.03** The NSA is opposed to Legislation, Constitutional Amendments, or Zoning regulations  
312 which prohibit or place unreasonable limits on the expansion of Agricultural activity in  
313 Nebraska.

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315 **7.1.04** The Nebraska Soybean Association and the Nebraska Soybean Board should continue to  
316 cooperate on promotion and Education programs when possible.

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318 **7.1.05** We support commodity and livestock checkoff programs. In the absence of a national  
319 checkoff, we support state sponsored programs.

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321 **7.1.06** NSA believes in a grain warehouse regulation where producers are provided a receipt to  
322 prove ownership upon delivery of grain, whether the grain is sold immediately or is delivered  
323 for storage.

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- 326 **7.1.07** NSA feels farm equipment such as tractor, planters, disks & grain carts should be exempt  
327 for weight limits on county road except where crossing bridges with posted limits.  
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- 329 **7.1.08** We favor retaining the requirement that all tractors sold in Nebraska must be tested in  
330 Nebraska. We oppose closing the University of Nebraska tractor testing lab.  
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- 332 **7.1.09** Equity Protection of Grain. NSA supports exploring options of a grain insurance  
333 program.  
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- 335 **7.1.010** The Nebraska Soybean Association supports the concept of Qualified State Soybean  
336 Board's (QSSB's) performing periodic evaluations and audits of the United Soybean Board.  
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- 338 **7.1.011** NSA recognizes that there is a beneficial effect for NE soybean producers by having a  
339 working relationship with the NE Soybean Board. Efforts should be made to expand on this by  
340 encouraging the executive committees to have a retreat to develop a plan for long term viability  
341 of both entities.  
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- 343 **7.1.012** The NSA opposes condemnation or mandatory restrictions that postpone or restrict the  
344 property rights of landowners without just compensation. NSA opposes the condemnation of  
345 land for recreational purposes and for the purpose of economic development. NSA supports a  
346 process that provides reasonable advance warning of right of way encroachment. Due process  
347 and impact studies should be conducted prior to state and local spending on the conversion of  
348 farmland to other uses. Use of eminent domain for community redevelopment should be  
349 limited only to areas determined to be blighted, where the blighted determination seeks to  
350 redress an existing property's use or condition that constitutes a public menace, public health  
351 concerns or otherwise cause public harm.  
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- 353 **7.1.013** The Nebraska Soybean Association Supports the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in  
354 Nebraska (A-FAN) and its goal of promoting livestock production as a pathway to economic  
355 vitality for rural Nebraska.  
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- 357 **7.1.014** NSA encourages greater cooperation between all commodity organizations. We  
358 encourage the formation of joint advisory committees so that agriculture speaks with a more  
359 unified voice.  
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- 361 **7.1.015** NSA supports affordable electricity from renewable resources and non-petroleum  
362 sources.  
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- 364 **7.1.016** NSA believes Nebraska farmers should have the ability to utilize all available, legal  
365 business structures.  
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- 367 **7.1.017** NSA supports harvest weight limits being allowed across state lines if such state has like  
368 harvest exemptions.  
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370 **VIII. LIVESTOCK (new 07)**

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- 372 **8.1.01** NSA recognizes that livestock is the largest user of soybean and soybean products and
- 373 supports livestock, poultry, turkey, and aquaculture production in Nebraska by:
- 374 1. Opposing a moratorium on livestock production in Nebraska.
- 375 2. Encouraging livestock production be carried out in an environmentally responsible manner.
- 376 3. Supporting efforts to educate consumers and public officials about the benefits of livestock
- 377 agriculture.
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- 379 **8.1.02** NSA supports state regulation, rather than federal legislation, for environmental livestock
- 380 concerns.
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- 382 **8.1.03** NSA supports the continuation and expansion of the livestock industry.
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- 384 **8.1.04** NSA encourages Nebraska counties to seek “Livestock Friendly” designation. We
- 385 encourage soybean farmers to work with their local commissioners/supervisors to examine
- 386 opportunities seeking a “livestock Friendly County” designation from the Nebraska Department
- 387 of Agriculture. The Dept of Ag should be encouraged to engage and promote more counties
- 388 pursuing this designation and provide additional benefits to the counties who have the
- 389 designation.
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- 391 **8.1.05** NSA will show strong public support to livestock producers throughout the zoning and
- 392 permitting process. Furthermore, NSA will publicly support livestock producers that face
- 393 challenges by individuals or organizations with an agenda to diminish or eliminate livestock
- 394 production.
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- 396 **8.1.06** NSA will work with our livestock partners to educate consumers that modern livestock
- 397 production is science-based and provides safeguards for humane treatment of animals.
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- 399 **8.1.07** It should be a felony for anyone to trespass or enter property to release livestock or
- 400 poultry or to damage property in the attempt to halt, destroy or curtail animal production, serum
- 401 production or research.
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- 403 **8.1.08** We adamantly oppose efforts by the Humane Society of the US (HSUS) and other
- 404 animal rights organizations that attempt to petition or legislate against science tested, modern
- 405 animal care practices.
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- 407 **8.1.09** NSA supports modern farming practices and would not support any ban on gestation
- 408 stalls or farrowing crates.
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- 410 **8.1.010** The NSA supports clear, consistent and reasonable science based regulations and
- 411 processes that are needed for the livestock industry to remain viable and profitable.

404 **IX. EDUCATION (new 07)**

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- 406 **9.1.00** NSA believes that agricultural education is an important foundation for the future of agriculture
- 407 and supports an expansion of 4-H, FFA, Ag in the Classroom and other quality agricultural programs
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**9.1.01** NSA must work at creating educational materials and opportunities to educate youth as well as political officers on the food chain and life cycle of soybeans. (i.e. 50% of a chickens diet contains soybeans)

**9.1.02** NSA must work at creating educational materials and opportunities to educate youth on the basics of lobbying. (i.e. Lobby 101)

**X. WATER (new 07)**

**10.1.00** NSA supports Nebraska State water rights as it would pertain to the benefit of agriculture. Including groundwater and surface water.

**10.1.01** NSA recognizes the value of all sources of water in the State of Nebraska and the economic benefit to agriculture in the State of Nebraska, NSA encourages the protection of all water sources for the benefit of agriculture in the State of Nebraska.

**10.1.02** NSA has major concerns regarding LB 701 specifically, the use of corn checkoff funds as a funding source for non commodity programs. Checkoff programs in this state and across the country were created as self help programs by producers to develop markets and new uses for their commodities

**10.1.03** The NSA supports the concept that Natural Resource Districts have legal authority to regulate activities relative to declines in groundwater levels and non-point source contamination of groundwater, and are the entities to regulate activities which contribute to conflicts between groundwater users and surface water appropriators.

**10.1.04** NSA believes all alternatives (i.e. augmentation, vegetative control, dry-year leasing, etc.) need to be explored to address water challenges in over-appropriated basins and basins subject to interstate compacts. Funding for the programs should come from a local/state mix with a significantly greater proportion coming from the state. The state portion should come from general funds or other broad-based sources. NSA opposes the implementation of a check-off on corn and sorghum for such purposes.

**10.1.05** NSA supports the continuation of the Water Policy Task Force as an ad-hoc body to meet as needed to address critical state-wide water issues.

**XI Membership (New 08)**

**11.1.01** NSA/ASA should investigate extending invitations to college and high school students to participate in state and national soybean activities. NSA/ASA should exam the potential for a non-dues paying membership for college and high school age students.

**XII Soy Foods (New 08)**

**12.1.00** NSA supports the increased use of soy protein in foods and beverages, including foods used in state nutritional programs.

**12.1.01** NSA encourages producers to grow “value enhanced” soybean varieties, and encourages purchasers to pay a premium for these varieties.

453 **12.1.02** The NSA supports continued use and development of soyoil, soyflour, and other soy  
454 products.

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456 **12.1.03** NSA supports and encourages producers to participate in the healthy oils and other value  
457 added programs.

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459 **XIII. COMMENDATIONS**

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461 **13.1.01** The Nebraska Soybean Association wishes to thank retiring ASA director Bob Rikli for his 9  
462 years of service to the national board of directors.

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464 **13.1.02** NSA commends our Corporate Partners for their support.

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466 **13.1.03** NSA commends the Nebraska Soybean Board for their work to expand soybean markets for  
467 Nebraska producers through several areas in 2007:

468 Domestic Marketing Expenditures: \$1,152,208

469 International Marketing Expenditures \$1,047,074

470 Communications /Education Expenditures: \$1,009,044

471 Research: \$762,912

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473 **13.1.04** The Nebraska Soybean Association wishes to thank retiring NSA director Bill Miller for his 8  
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