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20 FARM SERVICE AGENCY REORGANIZATION

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22 KANSAS FARMERS UNION OPPOSES EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE THE FARM SERVICE
23 AGENCY (FSA) DELIVERY SYSTEM THROUGH OFFICE CLOSURES, ELIMINATION OF
24 COUNTY OFFICE POSITIONS, OR CHANGE EMPLOYEES CLASSIFICATION TO CIVIL
25 SERVICE. WE SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING AND STAFFING TO SUPPORT THE FSA
26 SERVICE CENTERS.

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28 WE SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF FARMER ELECTED COMMITTEES AND STRONGLY
29 OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMMITTEES OR ANY ATTEMPT
30 TO MAKE THE POSITION OF COMMITTEEMEN APPOINTED.

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32 WE OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF ANY NATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WHICH
33 SUPERSEDES STATE OR COUNTY COMMITTEE JURISDICTIONS.

34 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

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36 WE URGE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO RE-NEGOTIATE SO THEY
REFLECT THE NEEDS OF MANKIND.

WE OPPOSE "*TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY*" THAT CIRCUMVENTS THE ABILITY
OF CONGRESS TO NEGOTIATE TRADE AGREEMENTS.

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FOOD FOR PEACE

THE P.L. 480 P PEACE, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL.

CROP INSURANCE AND DISASTER PROGRAMS

WE SUPPORT A FEDERAL PREMIUM SUBSIDY OF AT LEAST 50% FOR ALL LEVELS OF COVERAGE. YIELDS SHOULD BE BASED ON APH (ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY) OVER A 5 YEAR PERIOD. FSA YIELDS SHOULD BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THE TRUE COUNTY AVERAGES. WE URGE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF MULTI-PERIL CROP INSURANCE (50%) BE PROVIDED AS A BENEFIT OF FARM PROGRAM PARTICIPATION TO TRADITIONAL FAMILY FARM SIZE UNITS.

WE SUPPORT SUBSIDY LIMITS ON CROP INSURANCE PREMIUMS, COUPLED WITH CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE.

WE SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF DISASTER PROGRAMS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CROP INSURANCE IS FULLY A FUNCTIONAL ALTERNATIVE.

WHENEVER A NATURAL DISASTER STRIKES DESTROYING ANY PROGRAMMED CROPS, AFFECTED PRODUCERS SHOULD RECEIVE AN LDP PAYMENT BASED ON THE COUNTY AVERAGE YIELD.

WE OPPOSE THE RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY ALLOWING PREMIUM DISCOUNTS PROMOTING THE USE OF SPECIFIC CROP INPUTS AND OR FARM EQUIPMENT.

FOOD SAFETY

SINCE THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION'S GOAL IS A SAFE FOOD SUPPLY, FOR ALL CONSUMERS WE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

1. BAN BSE PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE ANIMALS FROM THE HUMAN FOOD SUPPLY.
2. BAN IMPORTS OF LIVE ANIMALS AND PROCESSED MEAT WITHOUT DOCUMENTED LABELING AND VERIFICATION.
3. BAN ALL RUMINANT MEAT PROTEIN PRODUCTS FOR FEED.
4. IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY, AFFORDABLE AND WORKABLE NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND NOT BY A PRIVATE ENTITY.
5. IMPLEMENT A FULLY FUNDED COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING (COOL).
6. LABEL PROCESSED FEEDSTUFFS.
7. REVIEW THE FOOD PROCESSING SYSTEM AND ADD ADDITIONAL INSPECTION.

1 8. PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR A MORE DECENTRALIZED PACKING INDUSTRY AND
2
3 FOOD SYSTEM.

4 GMO LABELING

5 WE SUPPORT FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL GMO INGREDIENTS THROUGH FOOD
6 LABELS.

7 IMPORTED FOODS

8 WE SUPPORT THE ENFORCED USDA INSPECTION OF ALL IMPORTED FOODS TO MEET
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10 THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS INSPECTED PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

11 IN ORDER FOR MEAT TO BE LABELED A UNITED STATES PRODUCT, IT MUST BE
12 BRED, BORN, RAISED, PROCESSED AND PACKAGED IN THE UNITED STATES

13 DAIRY IMPORTS

14 WE OPPOSE ANY REDUCTION OF IMPORT QUOTAS ON DAIRY PRODUCTS.
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17 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IMPORTS

18 ALL LIVESTOCK ENTERING THE U.S. MUST BE HELD IN QUARANTINE UNTIL SUCH
19 TIME THERE IS PROOF POSITIVE THE IMPORTED STOCK IS DISEASE FREE.
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21 INTER-STATE MARKETING OF PROCESSED MEATS

22 WE SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE SMALLER INDEPENDENT MEAT
23 PACKERS, WHO MEET STATE MEAT INSPECTION STANDARDS, TO MARKET INTER-STATE.

24 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

25 WE URGE ALL UNIVERSITIES TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND SUPPORT
26 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL ENDEAVORS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORGANIC
27 FARMING AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES AND COOPERATE WITH OTHER
28 ENTITIES DOING SUCH RESEARCH.
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30 CORPORATE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION AND PRICE FIXING

31 WE DEMAND THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

32 WE FULLY SUPPORT THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE
33 PRODUCERS PROTECTION ACT.
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35 WE ALSO CALL FOR STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE
36 BINDING MEDIATION IN THE EVENTS OF DISPUTES BETWEEN GROWERS OR THEIR
ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTRACTED PROCESSORS OR MARKETERS. WE SUPPORT

1 LEGISLATION TO ABOLISH PACKER/FEEDER COMBINATIONS THAT CONTROL MORE THAN
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3 2% OF THE MARKET SHARE.

4 FEDERAL ANTI-CORPORATION FARMING LAW

5 WE SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT DIRECT INVESTMENT BY
6 CORPORATIONS OR PRIVATE CORPORATION SIZE ENTITIES AND THEIR STOCKHOLDERS
7 IN THE BUSINESS OF FARMING.

8 FOREIGN AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT REPORT (FAIR) ACT

9 WE SUPPORT THE "FOREIGN AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT REPORT (FAIR) ACT".

10 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

11 WE BELIEVE THE HISTORIC SYSTEM OF COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING CONTINUES
12 BANKRUPTING FAMILY FARMERS, RANCHERS AND CONSUMERS AND IS NOT A PRUDENT
13 RISK MANAGEMENT TOOL. THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ENACTED:

- 14 1. TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
15 COMMISSION (CFTC) TO THE SECURITY EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC).
- 16 2. SUPPORT REGULATIONS THAT MAINTAIN PRICES ABOVE THE COST OF PRODUCTION.
- 17 3. WE OPPOSE AG COMMODITY OPTIONS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR FARM PROGRAMS.
- 18 4. WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN AG OPTIONS OR FUTURES
19 TRADING AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH FARM PROGRAMS.
- 20 WE OPPOSE ANY SPECULATIVE TRADING OF COMMODITIES FUTURES BY ANY FOREIGN
21 GOVERNMENTS, COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS.
- 22 5. ALL COMMODITIES SOLD ON FUTURES OR OPTIONS SHALL BE TREATED AS A
23 POSITIVE SALE AND TAXED THE SAME AS ANY ORDINARY SALE OF THE SAME
24 COMMODITY.
- 25 6. WE SUPPORT LEGISLATION REQUIRING ALL SPECULATIVE FUTURES CONTRACTS TO
26 BE ASSESSED ANY FEDERAL CHECK-OFF.
- 27 7. WE SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF SPECULATIVE SHORT SELLING OF COMMODITY
28 FUTURES CONTRACTS.

29 FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

30 WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF ALLOWABLE DOCKAGE BE REDUCED. WE
31 SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT ADDING FOREIGN MATERIAL TO ANY COMMODITY.
32 KANSAS FARMERS UNION REQUESTS THAT THE STATE OF KANSAS REQUIRE THAT THE

1 GRAIN TRADE GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO GRAIN THAT EXCEEDS THE STANDARD WEIGHT IN
2 DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE DISCOUNT FOR GRAIN UNDER STANDARD WEIGHT.
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4 5 FEDERAL TAXATION

6 WE SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX.

7 THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION SUPPORTS THE PHASE OUT OF ALL TAX
8 PREFERENCES THAT MADE AGRICULTURE A TAX SHELTER FOR OUTSIDE, SPECULATIVE
9 INVESTMENT.
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11 WE RECOMMEND A CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO ELIMINATE
12 INCOME TAX LIABILITIES OF FORCED LIQUIDATIONS.

13 ROAD TAX ON FARM FUELS SHOULD BE EXEMPT AT POINT OF SALE. WE SUPPORT
14 THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEDUCTION OF STATE AND LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM
15 FEDERAL TAX RETURNS.
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17 WE SUPPORT INCOME TAX AVERAGING FOR FAMILY FARMERS.

18 WE SUPPORT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TAX BRACKETS TO FACILITATE A MORE
19 EQUITABLE TAX STRUCTURE.
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21 WE SUPPORT THE TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF WIND, SOLAR AND
22 OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS.

23 INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE ALLOWED THE SAME HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTION AS
24 CORPORATIONS.

25 WE SUPPORT INCREASING THE LIMIT ON CALCULATING SOCIAL SECURITY TAX.
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27 SOCIAL SECURITY

28 THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND SHOULD BE HELD IN ITS OWN ENTITY AND NOT BE
29 USED TO FINANCE OTHER GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE MADE IN
30 THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO ABOLISH "NOTCH YEAR" DISCRIMINATION.

31 TO BE VIABLE AND ASSURE BENEFITS INTO THE FUTURE, SOCIAL SECURITY
32 MUST BE A MANDATORY, UNIVERSAL SYSTEM. WE OPPOSE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD
33 PRIVATIZE ANY SEGMENT OF THE SYSTEM.
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35 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

36 WE DEMAND MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, SPECIFICALLY PUBLIC
FUNDING OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS. WE OPPOSE THE USE OF
"SOFT" MONEY IN CAMPAIGNS.

1 WE SUPPORT ELIMINATION OF CORPORATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE THROUGH
2 "CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP."
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5 FEDERAL COMMODITY CHECK-OFFS

6 WE OPPOSE ALL FEDERAL CHECK-OFF PROGRAMS.

7 FRAUD AND ABUSE OF CHECK-OFF RESOURCES AND MONEY MUST BE PROSECUTED
8 TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.
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10 ALL CHECK-OFF PROGRAMS MUST BE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM VOTE BY MAIL
11 BALLOT EVERY THREE YEARS.

12 BANKRUPTCY

13 THE F.D.I.C. (FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION) SHOULD NOT HAVE
14 AUTHORITY TO "CLASSIFY" LOANS DUE TO REDUCTION OF LAND VALUES.
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16 WE OPPOSE ANY FEDERAL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE CHAPTER 12 BANKRUPTCY AND
17 ANY OTHER ACTION TO FURTHER LESSEN THE BORROWERS' RIGHTS. WE SUPPORT THE
18 RIGHT OF MEDIATION TO PREVENT BANKRUPTCY.

19 ENERGY

20 WE SUPPORT CONSERVATION AS THE MAJOR EFFORT TO REDUCE ENERGY
21 REQUIREMENTS. WE SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES
22 SUCH AS SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, WIND, HYDROGEN, ETHANOL, BIODIESEL and ALGAE
23 WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY-OWNED WIND GENERATED POWER. FEDERAL AND STATE
24 LOW-INTEREST LOANS AND TAX CREDITS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THESE AND
25 OTHER PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY.
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27 WE URGE PRODUCERS TO ADOPT FARMING PRACTICES AND CROP MIXES THAT WILL
28 PERMIT EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FUELS AND NITROGEN
29 FERTILIZERS, THEREBY REDUCING AGRICULTURAL DEPENDENCE ON THE PETROLEUM
30 INDUSTRY.
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32 WE FAVOR RATIONING OF FUEL IF NEEDED. WE ARE OPPOSED TO EXCESSIVE
33 TAXES AND/OR PRICE INCREASES TO CONTROL FUEL USE.
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35 WE FAVOR THE ABOLITION OF TAKE OR PAY CONTRACTS. WE OPPOSE THE
36 DEREGULATION OF NATURAL GAS PRICES.

WE SUPPORT A RESILIENT EXPANDED ELECTRICAL GRID SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS
FOR DEPENDABLE TRANSMISSION NATIONWIDE.

1 WE SUPPORT A 15% RENEWABLE ENERGY MANDATE FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION.
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3 WE SUPPORT SECURING 25% OF THE NATION'S ENERGY UTILIZATION FROM RENEWABLE
4 SOURCES BY 2025 (25x25).

5 WE ARE OPPOSED TO RETAIL WHEELING AND DEREGULATION OF ENERGY.

6 WE SUPPORT C-BED (COMMUNITY BASED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT).

7 WE SUPPORT NET METERING OF ELECTRICITY. WITH A 12-MONTH AVERAGING
8 PERIOD.

10 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

11 WE OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO "PRIVATIZE" THE REA SYSTEM.

12 WE STRONGLY OPPOSE LOSS OF RURAL ELECTRIC TERRITORY TO PRIVATE POWER
13 COMPANIES.

15 TELECOMMUNICATION

16 WE URGE THE CONTINUATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REASONABLE
17 PRICED, STATE OF THE ART TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE TO RURAL CUSTOMERS. WE
18 OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS.

19 HEALTH CARE

20 WE SUPPORT USING A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM.

21 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE MUST BE COMPREHENSIVE AND THERE SHOULD BE PUBLIC
22 EDUCATION TO PROMOTE HEALTHIER LIFE STYLE CHOICES.

24 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS UNIVERSAL SINGLE PAYER COVERAGE IS ENACTED, WE
25 SUPPORT A 100 PERCENT TAX DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAID BY
26 THE SELF-EMPLOYED, AND WE SUPPORT EQUALIZATION OF MEDICARE PAYMENTS TO
27 RURAL AND URBAN HOSPITALS ALIKE.

29 WE SUPPORT INCENTIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING DOCTORS TO
30 PRACTICE IN RURAL AND OTHER UNDERSERVED AREAS. DOCTORS WHO RECEIVE AID TO
31 PRACTICE IN KANSAS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME BE REQUIRED TO FULFILL
32 THEIR OBLIGATION. WE SUPPORT PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE AND
33 MEDICAID SYSTEM.

34 WE OPPOSE THE SALE OF KANSAS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD.
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2 FRAN

3 WE SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION AND FULL FUNDING OF FRAN (FARM & RANCH
4 STRESS ASSISTANCE NETWORK) .
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6 TRANSPORTATION

7 WE URGE THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR NATION'S PASSENGER AND FREIGHT
8 RAILROAD SYSTEM. WE OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF BRANCH RAIL LINES WHICH SERVE
9 RURAL COMMUNITIES.
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11 WE OPPOSE THE DEREGULATION OF ALL NON-COMPETITIVE TRANSPORTATION
12 ENTERPRISES.

13 WE SUPPORT THE RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING AMTRAK ROUTES IN
14 KANSAS.
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16 WE OPPOSE ALL COAL SLURRY PIPELINES.

17 WE OPPOSE THE CUMBERSOME IRS REGULATION REQUIRING FARMERS TO LOG FARM
18 CARS, PICKUP AND TRUCK MILEAGE.

19 WE OPPOSE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF DOMESTIC RAILROAD LINES. WE OPPOSE THE
20 PRIVATIZATION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES USED IN THE AGRICULTURAL
21 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.
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23 WE OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.

24 FARM COOPERATIVES

25 AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES SHOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED IN THE
26 AMERICAN FARMING SYSTEM TO ENABLE FARMERS TO ACHIEVE GREATER BARGAINING
27 POWER BOTH IN MARKETING AND PURCHASING.
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29 FARMERS UNION OPPOSES ANY ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PRESENT
30 CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE COOPERATIVE AND ITS PRESENT TAX STATUS. WE ARE
31 OPPOSED TO ANY CO-OP MANAGER OR NON-MEMBERS SERVING ON THE BOARD OF
32 DIRECTORS OF OUR LOCAL OR REGIONAL CO-OPS.
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34 WE SUPPORT CURRENT LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES 10 MEMBERS TO FORM A CO-
35 OP.
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WE OPPOSE THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEVERANCE PAY TO BOARD MEMBERS, CEO'S
AND OTHER EXECUTIVES DUE TO MERGERS OR ACQUISITIONS.

1 WE OPPOSE CHANGING REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE A 2/3 VOTE OF MEMBERS TO
2 CHANGE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.
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4 WE OPPOSE PLANNED ENTRY INTO LIVESTOCK BREEDING AND FEEDING
5 FACILITIES WHICH WILL PLACE OUR COOPERATIVE INTO A VERTICAL INTEGRATION
6 POSITION.
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8 WE MUST NOT USE OUR COOPERATIVES' RESOURCES IN ANY WAY WHICH CREATES
9 DIRECT COMPETITION OR WEAKEN OUR MEMBERSHIPS FINANCIAL WELL-BEING.
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11 WE SUPPORT THE ROCHDALE PRINCIPLE (ONE MEMBER/ONE VOTE).

12 WE STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY COOPERATIVE ENTITY FROM CREATING AN ALLIANCE
13 WITH ANY COMPANIES WHO HAVE THE INTENT ON MARKET CONTROL.
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15 STATE TAXATION

16 WE SUPPORT A STATE-WIDE PROPERTY TAX IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN INCOME
17 BOOSTER TAX, TO SUPPLEMENT EDUCATION FUNDING, AND PROVIDE LOCAL PROPERTY
18 TAX RELIEF.
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20 WE OPPOSE AN INCREASE OF STATE SALES TAX.

21 WE RECOMMEND A GRADUATED STATE INCOME TAX.

22 WE OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX.

23 WE SUPPORT EXEMPTING ROAD TAX ON FARM FUEL AT THE POINT OF SALE IN
24 LIEU OF REFUND. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE CURRENT HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX
25 EXEMPTION AND WE SUPPORT ITS INCREASE TO \$25,000.
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27 THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF A MINERAL
28 PRODUCTION TAX ON OIL, GAS, SALT AND COAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING
29 NEEDED FOR SCHOOL FINANCING AND ROAD AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND
30 MAINTENANCE. WE SUPPORT A PROPERTY TAX ON THE TRANS-CANADA KEYSTONE
31 PIPELINES.
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33 WE SUPPORT A FAIR AND REASONABLE TAX ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.

34 WE SUPPORT A STATE-WIDE INTANGIBLE EARNINGS TAX TO BE USED FOR
35 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND FUNDING EDUCATION.
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WE URGE THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE DOUBLE EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS
OVER 65.

WE SUPPORT AN ESTATE TAX WITH A 7 MILLION DOLLAR EXEMPTION.

1 HEDGING. STATE LEGISLATION SHOULD ALSO PROHIBIT INVOLVEMENT BY ELEVATORS
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3 IN DELAYED OR DEFERRED PRICING SCHEMES.

4 GRAIN ELEVATOR OPERATORS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT MORE DETAILED
5 FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO THE KANSAS GRAIN INSPECTION DEPARTMENT. WE
6 SUPPORT TIMELY AND IN DEPTH AUDITS.

7 WE SUPPORT THE ACCELERATION OF THE RECEIVERSHIP PROCESS FOR
8 FINANCIALLY TROUBLED ELEVATORS, WITH PROVISION FOR A TEMPORARY RECEIVER TO
9 BE NAMED INSURING IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF A BANKRUPT ELEVATOR TO
10 GUARANTEE THAT GRAIN IS PROTECTED WHILE THE COURTS APPOINT A PERMANENT
11 RECEIVER.
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13 WE SUPPORT FARMERS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY THROUGH "FARMERS FIRST LIEN"
14 IN ELEVATOR BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

15 WE OPPOSE THE GRAIN WAREHOUSE TRUST FUND CONCEPT FUNDED BY A CHECK-
16 OFF ASSESSED AGAINST GRAIN SOLD BY FARMERS.

17 WE ENDORSE A FEDERAL OR STATE INSURANCE PROGRAM PROTECTING ANY STORED
18 AND/OR PRICED GRAIN FOR ALL STATE AND FEDERALLY INSPECTED ELEVATORS,
19 SIMILAR TO THE FDIC FOR BANKS.
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21 WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS AND SCALE TICKETS SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL
22 PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF GRAIN, AND SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
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24 WE SUPPORT SIMILAR PROTECTION FOR THE SALE OF LIVESTOCK THROUGH
25 PUBLIC AUCTION.

26 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

27 WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM WHICH ALLOWS OUR
28 CITIZENS TO VOTE ON MAJOR ISSUES AND TO INITIATE BALLOT QUESTIONS BY
29 PETITION.
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31 WE SUPPORT MAINTAINING THE COUNTY OPTION VOTE WITH REGARD TO
32 CORPORATE SWINE AND DAIRY OPERATIONS.

33 WE SUPPORT COUNTY HOME RULE.
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35 KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

36 WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE APPOINTED BY THE
GOVERNOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

1 PHARMACEUTICAL GMO PRODUCTION

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3 WE SUPPORT STRICT REGULATION AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ANY KANSAS GROWN
4 PHARMACEUTICAL GMO'S. ALL FIELD RESEARCH SITES OF GMO'S MUST BE APPROVED
5 AND HAVE PERMITS ISSUED BY THE KANSAS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.

6 KANSAS SEED LAW

7 KANSAS SEED LAW SHOULD NOT RESTRICT PRODUCERS OF WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS,
8 SOYBEANS OR ALFALFA FROM REPLANTING OR SELLING SEED PRODUCED ON THEIR
9 FARM.

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11 WE OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE OR ALLOW THE USE OF THE
12 "TERMINATOR GENE" ON OUR NATION'S SEED SUPPLY.

13 BRAND LAWS

14 WE URGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANDATORY LIVESTOCK BRAND INSPECTION AT
15 ALL MARKETS.

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17 DAIRY

18 WE SUPPORT A FLOOR ON THE BASIC FORMULA PRICE, I.E., THE BASE PRICE
19 FOR DETERMINING THE MILK PRICE FOR PRODUCERS.

20 WE SUPPORT THE USE OF THE MARKETING ORDER SYSTEM IN KANSAS TO
21 EFFECTIVELY SET A FLOOR ON DAIRY PRICES PAID TO THE DAIRY FARMERS.

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23 WE SUPPORT AN APPEAL PROCESS FOR THE AMERICAN DAIRYMAN WHEN AN
24 INSPECTION IS CONSIDERED UNJUST BY THE FARMER.

25 STATE MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION

26 WE OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF THE STATE'S MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION
27 DIVISION.

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29 NOXIOUS WEED LAW

30 WE OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DISCONTINUE THE CURRENT PRACTICE
31 OF COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENTS SELLING, DISTRIBUTING AND APPLYING
32 PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES AND OTHER CHEMICALS.

33 INDUSTRIAL WATER USE

34 WE RECOMMEND INDUSTRIES, WHICH ARE HEAVY USERS OF WATER, BE REQUIRED
35 TO USE SURFACE WATER INSTEAD OF GROUND WATER, AND TO RECYCLE, WHEN
36 POSSIBLE.

1 WE URGE THAT ALL OIL PRODUCERS BE PROHIBITED FROM USING FRESH WATER
2 IN FLOODING FOR SECONDARY OIL RECOVERY. WE OPPOSE THE USE OF ANY KANSAS
3 WATER FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF COAL SLURRY.
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5 IRRIGATION

6 WE STRONGLY URGE THAT PRESENT IRRIGATION PRACTICES AND FUTURE
7 DEVELOPMENT CONFORM TO STRICT CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES TO ASSURE THE WISEST
8 USE OF WATER TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND
9 ECONOMIC IMPACT ON AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.
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11 WE SUPPORT ELIMINATION OF THE "USE IT OR LOSE IT" RULE ON IRRIGATION
12 WELLS.

13 WE RECOMMEND ANY MULTI-YEAR VARIABLE GROUNDWATER RIGHT PROGRAM
14 INCLUDE A MANDATORY REDUCTION IN TOTAL ALLOCATION AS A CONSERVATION
15 MEASURE TO OFFSET POTENTIAL UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.
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17 WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL WELLS HAVE METERS.

18 WATER TRANSFER

19 WE OPPOSE THE TRANSFER OF SURFACE OR GROUND WATER FROM ONE WATERSHED
20 TO ANOTHER.
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22 WATER AND WIND RIGHTS

23 WATER AND WIND RIGHTS MUST NOT BE SEVERED FROM SURFACE OWNERSHIP.

24 WATER RETENTION STRUCTURES

25 WE SUPPORT FLOOD CONTROL BY THE USE OF AREA WATERSHED PROJECTS
26 AS OPPOSED TO LARGE GENERAL DAMS. WE SUPPORT CONTINUING TAX BENEFITS TO
27 REMAIN IN EFFECT ON LANDS WITH DONATED EASEMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE LIFE OF
28 BOTH NEW AND EXISTING STRUCTURES.
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31 STATE FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES

32 WE SUPPORT STATE FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL AND WATER
33 CONSERVATION PRACTICES.
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35 CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS (CWIP)

36 THE KANSAS FARMERS UNION IS OPPOSED TO COSTS FOR POWER GENERATING
FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION BEING ADDED TO CURRENT UTILITY RATES.

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PROPERTY RIGHTS

A. EMINENT DOMAIN.

WE OPPOSE THE TAKING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT DUE PROCESS.

WE OPPOSE GRANTING EMINENT DOMAIN POWER TO NON-REGULATED PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

WE OPPOSE THE USE OF (EMINENT DOMAIN) BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS TO ACQUIRE LAND THAT HAS BEEN CULTIVATED FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED WETLANDS.

B. ZONING.

PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN ALL ZONING DECISIONS.

C. REGIONAL PLANNING.

REQUIRED APPOINTMENT ON ZONING OR PLANNING BOARDS FOR FARMERS, ASSURING THEM REPRESENTATION ON A PAR WITH NON-AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS IN THE REGION.

D. WE SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS FARMERS A VOICE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW GAME OR PREDATOR SPECIES IN THEIR AREA. WE REQUIRE THE KANSAS WILDLIFE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF ANY PREVIOUS OR FUTURE RELEASES.

CLIMATE CHANGE

WE SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF HEAT-TRAPPING GASES AND TOXIC POLLUTANTS FROM ELECTRICAL GENERATION RESOURCES.

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FARMERS UNION'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER

KANSAS FARMERS UNION SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN BAILEY, COLORADO.

WE SHOULD SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM AND CONTINUE FULL UTILIZATION OF OUR BAILEY CAMP

1 FACILITIES SO THAT IT IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE FARMERS
2 UNION MEMBERSHIP.
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4 WE RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT ALL THE DEDICATED EFFORTS THAT WENT INTO
5 MAKING OUR EDUCATIONAL CENTER A REALITY BY THOUSANDS OF LOYAL FARMERS
6 UNION MEMBERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.
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10 Interstate Shipment of State Inspected Meat

11 Kansas Farmers Union requests the State of Kansas pursue the opportunity
12 to sell and ship state inspected meats interstate.
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14 Moratorium of Hydraulic Fracturing Operations

15 We support a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing operations in oil and gas
16 recovery until an environmental impact study, guided by sound science,
17 proves the activities safe.
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