

National Farmers Union Resolution

Whereas the production of ethanol in Canada will require massive subsidies and create a substantial drain on the economies of rural Canada, and

Whereas the production of ethanol is not energy efficient, that means more fossil fuel is used growing the crop and producing ethanol than is produced

Whereas the production of ethanol has some real environmental problems such as beef feedlots, ethanol plant emissions, water usage and wastewater treatment, and

Whereas the jobs created by ethanol operations such as Broe. Industries will be subsidized (federal and provincial tax concessions) by about \$500,000.00 per job.

Whereas ethanol plants are subsidized food burners and we have an obligation to the hungry of the world and in Canada to provide healthy food. Two billion people in the world are malnourished (25% of Manitoba's and Saskatchewan's. children live in poverty), and

Whereas the further industrialization of agriculture with ethanol plants transfers power from farmers to corporate integrated processors (cheap grain for secondary processing).

Therefore be it further resolved that this convention demand that initiatives announced to produce ethanol in Saskatchewan with Broe Industries be immediately cancelled, and other initiatives for ethanol production (mandated usage, tax breaks and subsidies) in Canada such as Manitoba are proposing not proceed.

Therefore be it further resolved that the NFU undertake a comprehensive initiative to educate the people of Canada about this costly misadventure (ethanol production) that is being forced on the people of rural Canada.

Therefore be it further resolved that the NFU inform and work with like minded groups and environmental organizations to see that we do not introduce this destructive and costly initiative on the people of rural Canada.

Therefore we send this resolution with background information to all Federal and Provincial Governments and Municipal government organizations.