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2 **2012 RESOLUTIONS OF THE**  
3 **SOUTH DAKOTA CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**  
4

5 **PREAMBLE**  
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7 The South Dakota Corn Growers Association (SDCGA) is a non-partisan, non-profit  
8 corporation committed to promoting the profitability of South Dakota corn producers.  
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10 The SDCGA works to promote corn and improve corn profitability; influence public  
11 policy and legislative efforts; and increase corn usage through livestock feeding and new  
12 domestic products to improve the quality of life in a changing world.  
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15 **GENERAL**  
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17 The SDCGA supports efforts of all Corn Growers Associations to increase corn  
18 profitability.  
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20 The SDCGA encourages producer and legislative support of the Cooperative Extension  
21 Service and Agriculture Experiment Station (AES). AES research should focus on  
22 applied areas of production, including specialty varieties. Other research areas should  
23 address rates and potential carryover of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides, and their  
24 hydrological effects, such as ground water and drainage. (12)  
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26 The SDCGA supports research to understand the Carbon footprint of corn production in  
27 South Dakota. (12)  
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29 The SDCGA supports balancing the federal budget. (11)  
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31 The SDCGA supports the initiation of educational programs, to develop a positive  
32 attitude toward the use of corn in all phases of agriculture.  
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34 The SDCGA supports taking a lead and active role in educating consumers about  
35 agriculture. (12)  
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37 The SDCGA supports legislation strengthening property rights in South Dakota.  
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39 The SDCGA supports a state income tax to lessen the property tax burden for a more  
40 equitable tax system.  
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42 The SDCGA supports the change of cooperative tax laws to equal the tax benefits of  
43 other business entities.  
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45 The SDCGA supports a Productivity-Based Property Tax System. (10)  
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1 The SDCGA urges that as the Productivity-Based Property Tax System is being  
2 implemented that limits also be put in place restricting government's ability to use  
3 increases in valuation for capital projects without a vote of the people. (11)  
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5 The SDCGA supports the extension of the wind energy production tax credit. (08)  
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7 The SDCGA supports the research efforts to turn wind energy into fertilizer for  
8 production agriculture. (08)  
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10 The SDCGA supports community ownership of wind projects. (08)  
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12 The SDCGA supports fair value standards for landlord owners lease payments on wind  
13 energy. (09)  
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15 The SDCGA supports all domestic drilling and exploration into other energy  
16 opportunities, because of higher energy inputs. (08)  
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18 The SDCGA supports free trade agreements that do not leave sectors of agriculture  
19 vulnerable to dumping.  
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## 21 22 **AG PROCESSING/ETHANOL**

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24 The SDCGA encourages ethanol-diesel blend research to get support for marketing  
25 ethanol-diesel blend, which can be made from corn, animal fat or soybeans.  
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27 The SDCGA encourages the use of ethanol-blended fuel and degradable plastics.  
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29 The SDCGA supports the usage of ethanol or biodiesel in all state owned vehicles. (11)  
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31 The SDCGA supports requiring all combustion vehicles built be flex fuel. (11)  
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33 The SDCGA supports research to determine the maximum amount of ethanol that can be  
34 productively utilized by non-flex fuel vehicles.  
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36 The SDCGA encourages retail fuel outlets across the US to offer E-15. (12)  
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38 The SDCGA supports putting blender pumps for ethanol blended fuels throughout the US  
39 that would give flex fuel vehicle owners the opportunity to select the blend of Ethanol  
40 and unleaded that is the most cost effective for their vehicle upon appropriate federal  
41 approval. (11)  
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43 The SDCGA supports state programs to provide for long-term South Dakota agricultural  
44 processing investments. (12)  
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1 The SDCGA supports a flat rate exemption for all ethanol blends sold in South Dakota.  
2 (09)

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4 The SDCGA supports the Small Producer Tax Credit.

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6 The SDCGA believes that ethanol derived from materials other than corn (such as switch  
7 grass, wood chips, corn stalks and corn fiber etc.) can be complimentary to the  
8 corn/ethanol industry but will not serve as a replacement. (08)

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10 The SDCGA supports ethanol and other biofuels as alternative aviation fuels.

11  
12 The SDCGA demands the full implementation of the Renewable Fuels Standard.

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14 The SDCGA supports science and research to enable corn-starch ethanol to qualify as an  
15 advanced biofuel under RFS2. (11)

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17 The SDCGA supports working with refineries to blend and transport ethanol, should they  
18 decide to build a refinery in SD. (08)

19  
20 The SDCGA supports the development of a dedicated ethanol pipeline system in the U.S.  
21 (08)

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23 The SDCGA will continue to support the SunGrant Initiative.

24  
25 The SDCGA requests that a majority of any economic development funds generated by  
26 the state of South Dakota be directed toward new or expanding ag processing facilities.

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28 The SDCGA will inform and encourage producers to become involved with and invest in  
29 producer-owned, value-added processing plants and businesses.

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31 The SDCGA will work with all agricultural commodity groups to support promoting the  
32 verification of commercial moisture tester accuracy by the Public Utilities Commission  
33 (PUC) on a random basis.

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35 The SDCGA supports encouraging South Dakota's ethanol industry to sell their DDGs  
36 (wet and dry) locally.

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38 The SDCGA supports DDG research to develop methods, which would aid in the product  
39 handling, feeding, transportation and consistency for end-users. (08)

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41 The SDCGA favors a law to only require a simple majority of the zoning board to obtain  
42 a conditional use permit.

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44 The SDCGA supports state legislative changes that would allow agriculture commodity  
45 groups to take an ownership position in value-added facilities.

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1 The SDCGA opposes any constitutional amendment creating new limitations on  
2 agricultural business structures and business practices.

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4 The SDCGA supports continued efforts of the US Grains Council (USGC) to increase  
5 exports of value-added corn projects, including efforts to utilize market access program  
6 (MAP) funds in promotion of value-added corn products to foreign countries.

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8 The SDCGA supports in-state value-added agricultural processing and the efforts of SD  
9 Ag Commodity Groups to promote their products and increase profitability for their  
10 members.

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13 **LIVESTOCK**

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15 The SDCGA will support Agriculture United For South Dakota (AUSD) to enhance the  
16 image of the South Dakota livestock industry.

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18 The SDCGA encourages SDSU to conduct research to develop sound practices and  
19 acceptable limits allowing the application of manure to frozen and/or snow covered  
20 ground.

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22 The SDCGA opposes concentration in the meat packing industry.

23  
24 The SDCGA supports state legislation that would set zoning laws and environmental  
25 regulations on a statewide basis and once these regulations have been met and a state  
26 permit has been issued for a new or expanding livestock facility, the permitting and  
27 zoning process is complete.

28  
29 The SDCGA supports the standardization of animal units across the state (standardization  
30 based upon federal regulations).

31  
32 The SDCGA supports statewide standardization of conditional use permits.

33  
34 The SDCGA supports an agricultural easement to protect agricultural activities in  
35 agriculture areas/zones in counties.

36  
37 The SDCGA supports efforts to allow accelerated depreciation schedules and tax credits  
38 for private individuals, as well as corporations that are mandated to install pollution  
39 control measures (equipment and facilities) to help offset the costs associated with their  
40 installation.

41  
42 The SDCGA supports statewide tax efforts including access to Tax Increment Financing  
43 (TIF) districts to expand livestock production in South Dakota.

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1 The SDCGA supports expanding the definition of value-added agriculture used by the SD  
2 Board of Economic Development to include any processes that include the feeding of  
3 commodities such as corn to animals.

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5 The SDCGA opposes any dumping of livestock or meat products in the U.S. meat  
6 market. (09)

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8 The SDCGA is opposed to any proposal that would tax livestock producers for their  
9 animal's green house gas emissions. (09)

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11 The SDCGA opposes any efforts by township to restrict agricultural production. (09)

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13 The SDCGA supports responsible science based animal husbandry practices. (10)

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16 **FARM BILL**

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18 SDCGA opposes attaching environmental compliance to crop insurance eligibility. (12)

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20 The SDCGA request our South Dakota Congressional delegation in Washington to strive  
21 for fairness of trade in ag policies, including the enforcement of existing US trade  
22 regulations.

23  
24 The SDCGA urges Congress to maintain the payment limits set forth in the 2007 Farm  
25 Bill. (10)

26  
27 The SDCGA supports moving direct payment dollars into other areas of the commodity  
28 title of future farm bills. (08)

29  
30 The SDCGA supports using a five year Olympic average to determine price levels for  
31 crop insurance. (12)

32  
33 The SDCGA supports across the board cuts in federal spending to balance the US  
34 Government Budget. These cuts include USDA programs. (11)

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36 The SDCGA supports crop insurance enterprise and whole farm coverage across county  
37 and state lines so there will be one unit per crop per entity. (10)

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40 **EXPORT/TRADE**

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42 The SDCGA urges Congress to increase its efforts to remove sanctions to free trade.

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44 The SDCGA urges Congress to appropriate the U.S. share of the International Monetary  
45 Fund (IMF) quota and demand that countries receiving economic assistance through the  
46 IMF fund remove all trade barriers.

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2 The SDCGA supports Trade Promotion Authority to provide fair treatment for U.S.  
3 producers. (08)

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5 The SDCGA supports the US Grains Council and the opportunity to grow markets in  
6 China and throughout the world. (12)

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8 The SDCGA supports US Meat Export Federation goal of expanding market for beef,  
9 pork and lamb worldwide. (12)

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11 The SDCGA does not support U.S. cooperatives using patronage money in developing  
12 businesses in foreign countries that compete with U.S. Ag producers.

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14 The SDCGA emphasize the positive aspects of biotech grains and products produced  
15 from biotech grains to the consumer through education and communication efforts, and  
16 that biotech issues not be used as a trade barrier.

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18 The SDCGA supports reforming crop insurance rates to accurately reflect today's  
19 farming practices. (12)

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21 The SDCGA is opposed to any Sodsaver provision in the Farm Bill. (11)

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24 **ENVIRONMENT**

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26 The SDCGA will work with interested groups who are concerned with clean air and  
27 water to come up with positive legislation that not only protects the environment, but also  
28 ensures a strong viable agricultural industry.

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30 The SDCGA believes that all Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) should remain  
31 voluntary, be incentive based, and that farmers should be part of the decision-making  
32 process concerning TMDL assessment and monitoring.

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34 The SDCGA supports the placing of only environmentally sensitive farmland into the  
35 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) program and at rates that do not exceed average  
36 county rental rates for land of similar production capabilities.

37  
38 The SDCGA urges that CRP rental rates should not be inflated to keep non-  
39 environmentally sensitive land in the CRP program. (07)

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41 The SDCGA supports research to understand the economic and environmental impact of  
42 water management on agricultural land. (12)

43  
44 The SDCGA supports a long term drainage management plan organized in watersheds.  
45 (12)

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1 The SDCGA encourages the passage of legislation that provides needed reform to section  
2 404 of the Clean Water Act and provides farmer friendly wetlands definitions.

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4 The SDCGA supports the reporting for CAFO's under the EPA's Clean Water Act to  
5 remain the same. (12)

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7 The SDCGA opposes EPA's consideration to impose control over all non navigational  
8 waterways. (11)

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10 The SDCGA supports better, clearer, and more objective definitions for a wetland,  
11 farmed wetland, or prior converted wetland, which are not open to discretionary  
12 interpretation by the various governmental levels of Natural Resources Conservation  
13 Services (NRCS).

14  
15 The SDCGA supports a simpler wetland mitigation process. (08)

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17 The SDCGA encourages producers to continually work on improving their nutrient  
18 management practices for the economic and environmental benefits it would provide.  
19 (11)

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21 The SDCGA supports a simplified; timely and equitable process for wetland  
22 determination. (12)

23  
24 The SDCGA supports the use of modern technology and more accurate information that  
25 is presently available to update the soil survey maps across South Dakota. (12)

26  
27 The SDCGA supports a permitting process for altering property use under all government  
28 agency easements. (08)

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30 The SDCGA supports changing permanent easements to no more than 99 years.

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32 The SDCGA supports the option for current surface landowners to buy back U.S. Fish  
33 and Wildlife Service and NRCS perpetual conservation easements at market value with  
34 the proceeds to reduce the national debt. (12)

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36 The SDCGA supports the procedural adjustments made by South Dakota Natural  
37 Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) (to comply with Swamp buster provisions of  
38 the 1985 Farm Bill), which put South Dakota producers on a level playing field with the  
39 rest of the nation when it comes to how wetlands determinations are made.

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41 The SDCGA continues support for South Dakota State University (SDSU) and their work  
42 relating to Soil and Water Management issues relating to erosion control, water quality,  
43 simulated corn yield responses, and other studies on hydrology.

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1 The SDCGA supports and encourages the United States Fish and Wildlife Services  
2 (USFWS) to do a five-year review of the Topeka shiner as required by the Endangered  
3 Species Act for endangered species.

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5 The SDCGA supports corn and ethanol industry research and investment into economic  
6 and sustainable low carbon technologies to further improve our Green House Gas (GHG)  
7 accounting score. (11)

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9 The SDCGA demands that scientifically verifiable data be used when considering  
10 indirect Green House Gas (GHG) emission effects such as Indirect Land Use Change  
11 (ILUC), and believe that all energy sources should be held accountable for their indirect  
12 effects, based on equal boundaries. (11)

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14 The SDCGA supports using marginal petroleum source emissions as the petroleum  
15 baseline when calculating Green House Gas (GHG) reductions for biofuels. (11)

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17 The SDCGA believes if biogenic carbon emissions are counted in calculations for Green  
18 House Gas (GHG) emissions from combustion of biomass and/or biofuels, full credit  
19 must be given for the GHG uptake and sequestration from the growing crop. (11)

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21 The SDCGA supports the research to find the value of Carbon Sequestration.

22  
23 The SDCGA opposes efforts by the EPA to impose fugitive dust rules.

24  
25 The SDCGA opposes EPA's consideration to require a permit for every application of a  
26 pesticide. (10)

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28 The SDCGA urges EPA to use sound science in determining environmental impacts  
29 when it comes to the use of crop protection products. (11)

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32 **TRANSPORTATION**

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34 The SDCGA supports a competitive infrastructure of rail, waterways and trucks to  
35 provide service for all ag products. (08)

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37 The SDCGA supports anti-trust rail legislation. (10)

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39 The SDCGA supports ag production having a right of standing in any rail rate case that  
40 may be brought forward. (10)

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42 The SDCGA supports reduction in filing fees for rail rate cases and a concrete deadline  
43 for ruling on rate cases. (10)

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45 The SDCGA supports a preamble of the law to reflect greater priority for shippers. (10)

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1 The SDCGA supports having the surface transportation board being fully operational and  
2 required to provide regulatory assistance.

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4 The SDCGA supports railroad improvements in South Dakota, which enhances  
5 competition. (11)

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7 The SDCGA supports being allowed to make load adjustment instead of a fine being  
8 imposed on over weight trucks.

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10 The SDCGA urges the State Legislature to develop a living snow fence program for  
11 county roads, state roads, interstates and highways to keep our roads safer during the  
12 winter.

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14 The SDCGA supports a federal feasibility study of national transportation corridors as a  
15 means of transporting people, goods, energy and services in a clean and efficient manner.  
16 (09)

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19 **BIOTECHNOLOGY**

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21 The SDCGA as a founder and supporter of the South Dakota Bio-Tech Association we  
22 encourage them to improve the public image of Bio-Tech and recruit Bio-Tech  
23 opportunities for South Dakota. (08)

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25 The SDCGA supports the positive contributions of biotechnology as it relates to human  
26 health, the environment, grain quality, and production benefits.

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28 The SDCGA supports the commercial release of biotech corn hybrids or products that  
29 have been fully approved by the relevant U.S. regulatory agencies and for which the  
30 product registrant is aggressively pursuing approval in every country or bloc that requires  
31 approval prior to importation of corn, corn products, or food containing corn ingredients.

32  
33 The SDCGA supports the U.S. regulatory system, including the Food and Drug  
34 Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and  
35 Environmental Protection Administration (EPA), and their use of sound science in  
36 determining regulations for utilization and development of biotechnology traits.

37  
38 The SDCGA supports the strict enforcement of science-based isolation and containment  
39 requirements for the research, production and processing of all crops that are not  
40 approved for food and feed use in the United States and key export markets in order to  
41 protect the commercial grain industry and food supply. (08)

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43 The SDCGA supports requiring the seed industry to aggressively promote Insect  
44 Resistance Management (IRM) in their seed sales strategy. (08)

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1 The SDCGA supports enforcement policies that require producers to follow the refuge  
2 requirement in order to protect against insect resistance. (08)

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4 The SDCGA supports the development of internationally accepted, science based  
5 tolerance standards.

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7 The SDCGA request the seed industry to clearly label and identify the approval status of  
8 all varieties and to augment this effort with an aggressive communications program  
9 targeting grower customers.

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11 The SDCGA supports the technology agreements indemnify producers from liability  
12 once they follow regulations and guidelines provided by the biotech provider and seed  
13 companies.

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15 The SDCGA supports the establishment of a publicly funded research center at a land  
16 grant-institution including South Dakota State University (SDSU) to disseminate  
17 information, science, etc. about biotech.

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19 The SDCGA supports the Seed and Drought Technology Center. (09)