



# Western Stock Growers' Association

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### **PRESIDENT'S AGM ADDRESS**

Another year has come and gone and as I mentioned, it has been an eventful one. We continue to work on issues that affect our members including Bill 6, the Grazing Lease Review, and land use regional planning with their respective framework plans just to name a few. Add to the number of issues the fact we are still building relationships with the new government, our slate is full.

Hopefully with the new agriculture coalition group we can get a more unified message directed to where it needs to go with the result of meaningful consultation for the Bill 6 regulations. We are working to get more clarity on where the new AG coalition group is going and will hopefully have more on that by the end of the day.

It looks like the weather pattern may be as stable as the current market stability. Maybe Mr. Art Douglas will clarify some of that in his presentation on Friday. It looks like most, if not

all of the limited snowfall that has accumulated across the province has been eradicated, leading us into a spring similar to last.

Glad you could make it to Red Deer to the AGM. As always, WSGA is member driven and as such we can advocate independently on behalf of our members. There are a number of vacant positions on our Board of Directors so if you would like to be more involved, we may have a spot for you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any members of our Board.

Respectfully,

Aaron Brower

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## 2016 AGM Resolutions

### RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS the coalition represents the best way to consult with government in a meaningful way on Bill 6 regulations

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to board review at any time, the WSGA support the coalition in its efforts to work with government on and also encourage those without current affiliation with the coalition to join

### RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS the province has set a goal of doubling agricultural contribution to GDP and  
WHEREAS agriculture contributes a suite of products in addition to food and fibre

THEREFORE be it resolved that EGS be redefined as agriculture products and a market-based system be developed to ration demand and incent supply

Our goal is to work with you to determine the most profitable options for your marketable livestock, allowing you to **focus on producing the best product.**

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## **AgCoalition formalizes plans for a producer-led structure**

The AgCoalition is pleased to announce that they have formed an Industry Leadership Advisory Committee (ILAC); a producer-led group that will guide AgCoalition initiatives from engaging with farmer and rancher peers to representing their interests in the consultation phase of Bill 6.

The ILAC builds on the positive momentum of the AgCoalition's activities and was formalized during the second AgCoalition meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ILAC will consist of one producer from each of the AgCoalition's 29 member organizations.

"The AgCoalition has operated as a 'by producers, for producers' organization since our inception," said Kent Erickson, AgCoalition Co-Chair. "Formalizing the Industry Leadership Advisory Committee takes this a step further by putting the structure in place to connect our producer ambassadors with their peers across the province.

One of the ILAC's functions will be to host meetings in Southern, Central and Northern Alberta to garner Bill 6-related feedback from producers. Dates and locations for these meetings will be announced in the coming weeks and sessions will take place throughout the consultation process.

"A face-to-face connection is the best way to engage with producers to make sure they know what's happening at the consultation tables and to give them an opportunity to provide feedback," said Page Stuart, AgCoalition Co-Chair.

The AgCoalition continues to encourage producers to write [info@agcoalition.ca](mailto:info@agcoalition.ca) with questions, comments and feedback and invites producer-based organizations not yet involved in the AgCoalition to join us.

*The AgCoalition was established on January 22nd, 2016 with a mandate to unify the farm and ranch community in effort to foster a culture of farm safety in Alberta.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AFAC Livestock Care Conference** – Discussion forum on the latest advancements in animal care and welfare. The Livestock Care Conference is an annual event showcasing speakers from Canada and around the world. March 22-23, 2016, Pomeroy Inn and Suites, Olds  
For more information and to register go to: <http://afac.ab.ca/conferences/2016-conference>

**Alberta Land Institute Land Use Conference – A Global Context to Explore Regional Planning**  
May 4-5, 2016, Westin Hotel, Edmonton  
For more information and to register go to: <http://www.albertalandinstitute.ca/land-use-2016>

**British Columbia Cattlemen's Association 88th AGM— Theme: 'Growing a Ranching Generation'**  
May 26-28, 2016, Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, Penticton, BC  
For more information go to: [www.bccagm.com](http://www.bccagm.com)

**Canadian Beef Industry Conference— Theme: Putting It Together**  
August 9-11, 2016, Grey Eagle Resort and Casino, Calgary, Alberta.  
Make the connection and join industry stakeholders to learn, socialize and network at the inaugural Canadian Beef Industry Conference  
For more information go to: <http://canadianbeefindustryconference.com/wordpress/>

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