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## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

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We have been asked to provide input into the following resolution:

**Whereas** there are a number of Ontario cattlemen required to do a 5 year renewal of existing nutrient management plans (NMP) in the winter of 2009/2010.

**Whereas** lobbying the provincial government to reconsider the renewal requirement under the Nutrient Management Act (NMA) has potential unintended consequences.

**Whereas** many Ontario cattlemen are now more comfortable and experienced with the NMA's regulations and protocols.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Ontario Cattlemen's Association (OCA) develop a pilot project with co-operation from the provincial government to educate producers on how to become certified and develop their own NMP to help offset the costs associated with the renewal process and improve the industry's producer understanding of the NMA.

**Further be it resolved that** the OCA consult producers in regards to seeking a preferred solution to the current 5 year renewal requirement within the NMA.

### **CFFO RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION ON THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ACT**

The recommendation of the Stewardship and Policy West Committees of the Christian Farmers Federation is the following:

Regarding the First Resolution:

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs offers courses for farmers to train them to develop their own certified Nutrient Management Plan/Nutrient Management Strategy.

Therefore, the CFFO will encourage OMAFRA to expand and improve upon its communications with farmers regarding the availability of these training courses.

The CFFO will take steps to improve producer awareness of these opportunities in its newsletter.

Regarding the Second Resolution:

The CFFO firmly believes that the five-year renewal process is the appropriate interval for a farmer to have to review and update their strategies. As responsible stewards of the environment, farmers should maintain these plans, and update them at regular intervals.

*Adopted by CFFO Provincial Council*

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