



**STATE  
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AND  
RURAL  
LEADERS**

**State Agriculture and Rural Leaders  
Resolution 2008-1**

**In Support of American Agriculture**

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**WHEREAS:** American and Canadian agriculture produces the most abundant, most affordable and safest food supply in the world; and

**WHEREAS:** North American Agriculture production is a dynamic and changing enterprise that is being driven by economies of scale and affected by the economic realities of rising input costs; and

**WHEREAS:** Consumers have the right to know how their food is produced and agriculture producers support an open and transparent system; and

**WHEREAS:** Marketing niches, environmental requirements and consumer choice needs require that agriculture producers have access to all approved technology and production methods backed by scientific data so that they may choose what works best for their respective production systems; and

**WHEREAS:** It is important to support the agriculture community's efforts to promote choices of farming methods, practices, and crops; and,

**WHEREAS:** It is recognized that the economic and other intrinsic values to the country is in diversified agricultural industries, bolstered by mutually supportive coexistence within and among its sectors.

**WHEREAS:** It is important to highlight and support the facts and truth about agriculture production and technology when misleading propaganda occurs that can affect consumer perceptions or misconceptions; and

**WHEREAS:** Mutual support of all approved agriculture production techniques among producers, processors, marketers and policy makers is necessary for the states and provinces to continue to lead the world in the safe and efficient production of wholesome, nutritious food, quality fiber and home grown fuel, while preserving and protecting the environment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that State Agriculture and Rural Leaders will take a proactive stance in support of agriculture through education and outreach and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the agriculture committees of the state and provincial legislatures.