Animal Health & Care Committee
2016 • Annual
That CCA explore the potential for amendments to the USDA BSE rule to remove the brand and/or tattoo requirements for cattle exports to the US.

Animal Health & Care Committee
2016 • Annual
That CCA ensure that the new federal government is fully aware of the industry position on the cattle implementation plan.

Animal Health & Care Committee
2015 • Semi-Annual
That CCA contribute $5,000 annually for the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years as part of the Canadian beef industry’s financial contribution toward the funding of the TB Coordinator’s position in Manitoba.

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Animal Health & Care Committee
2014 • Semi-Annual
That the name of the combined committee be the Animal Health and Care Committee.

Animal Health & Care Committee
2014 • Semi-Annual
That CCA investigate avenues to improve Canadian access to liver fluke treatment products.

Animal Health & Care Committee
2014 • Semi-Annual
That CCA Advocate for the continued support and renewed appointment of the current RMEA coordinator by the Federal and Manitoba governments.
Animal Health & Care Committee 2014 • Annual
That the CCA work with interested partners in developing a sponsored industry transparency video program.

Animal Health & Care Committee 2013 • Semi - Annual
If there are substantial changes to the Code of Practice after the current comment period, then CCA’s Animal Care Committee insists on having a chance to review or comment.

Animal Health & Care Committee 2013 • Semi - Annual
Regarding transport regulations and enforcement:
1. When livestock is hauled, CCA recommends that total legal load weights should be considered rather than separate axle weights so that cattle can be loaded into various trailer compartments at appropriate densities for animal welfare.
2. Enforcement agencies and their personnel should make every effort to ensure that their facilities are made available to handle cattle compromised during transport.
3. Laws and regulations should be flexible enough to allow for variation in hauling procedures and practices as long as the welfare of the hauled animals is not compromised. The CCA only supports penalties when negative outcomes have occurred as a result of negligent conduct by shippers, haulers, or receivers. (Renewed from 2008)

ANIMAL HEALTH AND MEAT INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2014 • Annual
That the AH&MI Committee send a letter of support for the research, development and subsequent licensing of products for which the appropriate evaluation demonstrates a value and contribution to the health and well-being of beef cattle in Canada, and further that this serve as a basis for future requests for letters of support for specific products. (Renewed from 2009)
Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2014 • Annual
That CCA continue to lobby CFIA to adopt the “short” list of SRM’s to harmonize with the US RULE.
(Renewed as amended from 2009)

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Semi-Annual
That the CCA continue exploring alternative sources of funding for the CL3 study for the collection of TB infected blood and tissue sample.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA seek information on the process to be undertaken by the expert advisory panel for the e.coli outbreak and determine the avenue for industry input to their investigation.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA continue to participate in the exploration of options to implement e-certification as soon as possible.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA request the federal government to contribute to mustering fees for the RMEA and to collaborate on a definitive plan for the eradication of TB in the RMEA.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA apply for GF2 funds for the development and coordination of assurance programs for biosecurity, animal care and environmental stewardship built on the foundation of the Verified Beef Program.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA continue to support and provide leadership to the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council.
Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2013 • Semi - Annual
That the CCA explore mechanisms for providing direct 
assistance to the producers of the Riding Mountain 
Eradication Area for ongoing TB surveillance. 
(Renewed from 2008)

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Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Semi-Annual
That the CCA continues to support moving the WHL 
zoning initiative to a program with the intent to 
explore future contribution options based on a 
consultation with industry partners and government.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Semi-Annual
That in the primary interest of animal welfare and for 
the retention of carcass value, the CCA supports 
amendments to the meat inspection regulations that 
would achieve these objectives.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Annual
That the CCA approve the Canadian beef cattle on 
farm biosecurity standard as presented.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Annual
That CCA explore options, including the VBP program, 
for a coordinated effort to implement the beef cattle 
on farm biosecurity standard across Canada.
Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Annual
That the CCA support in principle the March 2, 2012 version of the cattle industry traceability plan and commend the CIP committee for their efforts.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Semi - Annual
That the CCA support in principle the resolutions proposed by the CCIA regarding
1. support for a commerce–based movement reporting system; and
2. support for the use of a movement document as an alternative to individual scanning at co-mingling sites, subject to the approval and direction of the CCA provincial members.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2012 • Semi – Annual
That the CCA supports the adoption of the April 2, 2012 version of the cattle industry traceability plan to facilitate a fully functional national traceability system.

Animal Health and Meat Inspection Committee 2011 • Semi — Annual
That CCA lobby the federal agencies (CFIA) and Parks Canada) to appoint a senior TB coordinator to be responsible for the TB eradication program; reporting to the Federal and Provincial Ministers and Industry on the fulfillment of activities within the RMEA.

BOARD

Board 2014 • Semi-Annual
That the Provincial Chairs of CCA member organizations discuss the issue of a stand-alone National Checkoff Agency among themselves and inform CCA of their direction and any request for supporting action CCA may be able to provide.

Board 2014 • Semi-Annual
That due to uncertain time sensitivity, it is recommended that this task be completed in 60 days.
Board  
2014 • Semi-Annual  
That M. Unrau assists and facilitates the discussion among Provincial member Chairs.

Board  
2014 • Annual  
That CCA create a task force to explore options to enhance price reporting to CanFax.

Board  
2013 • Semi-Annual  
That provincial and federal government improve the availability of permanent labour to the cattle productions sector through new or improved existing programs and through improving movement to immigration for those temporary workers already in Canada showing positive employment results and desire to remain with their current employer.

DOMESTIC AG POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual  
That a diversified operation with more than one enterprise be eligible to apply for an advance payments program for each enterprise to their maximum limit of $400,000.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual  
That the CCA renew its sponsorship for the Canadian Agriculture Human Resources Council for $2500 using monies from the Domestic Agriculture policy and Regulation Committee budget.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual  
That the CCA recognize the choice of supply managed sectors of Canadian Agriculture to market their products as the deem best. However, rigid measure to protect Canada’s supply-manages farmers should not impede the ability of another sector to maintain and grow its profitability. (renewed from 2011)
Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual
That CCA adopt the following guiding principles for a safety net program:
1. The primary concern of the CCA is developing a program for disaster protection as opposed to income fluctuation.
2. The program must be as market neutral as possible:
   ➢ It must be structured to minimize the influence it has on business decisions.
   ➢ It should not alter the competitive balance within the industry, including regional and sectoral.
   ➢ It must allow the cattle industry to be driven by clear market signals.
3. The program must be structured to minimize risk of foreign trade action.
4. The program must be transparent and predictable. (renewed from 2011)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual
That CCA support the concept that farm fed grains be included in any programs for grains and oilseeds.  
(renewed from 2011)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2016 • Annual
That any Federal Government, provincial governments and industry collaborate to develop more effective forage insurance programs. (renewed from 2011)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2015 • Semi-Annual
That CCA lobby the federal government to contribute to existing regional and/or provincial livestock insurance programs.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2015 • Semi-Annual
That CCA lobby the federal government to enhance loan guarantees to the feeder financing and breeder financing loan programs.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee  
2015 • Annual
That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association release a call for proposals for a risk assessment of the
Canadian cattle industry with pursuit of funding, is to await an approved proposal.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**
That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association advocate federally and provincially for the enhancement of effective templates that can be used to help ensure the swift rollout of programming during natural disasters affecting the livestock sector.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**
That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association lobby federal and provincial governments to work together to implement a long term solution for the Assiniboine River valley and provide a permanent drainage solution or drainage channel for Lake Manitoba.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**
That CCA lobby that price reporting to a third party (e.g. Canfax, BFO, FPBQ) become a program requirement for all federal/provincial programs that require cattle price data to operate.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**
That CCA investigate the legislative and regulatory requirements to implement mandatory price reporting in Canada.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**
That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association pursue an Agri-Risk Initiatives funded risk analysis of the Canadian cattle industry.

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2013 • Semi - Annual**
In recognition of the food safety responsibilities of the processor and the domestic food safety authority in meat processing plants the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association supports voluntary origin labelling for beef as indicating where that beef was processed regardless of the origin of the cattle.
Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Annual
At the request of the provincial members the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association will coordinate communication of the importance of provincial check off dollars for advocacy at the national level. (renewed from 2009)

Advance Payment Program

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Annual
That livestock price insurance programs be made a security option for the advance payments program.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2013 • Annual
That the list of risk management programs that qualify producers for the Advance Payments Program be expanded to increase the accessibility to the Advance Payments Program for cattle producers.

Biofuels

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi -Annual
To endorse a clearly defined and expeditious transition to a market based approach for the production of renewable energy that re-establishes competitive balance between sectors. (Renewed from 2007)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi -Annual
To support the elimination of tariffs on imported bio-fuels. (Renewed from 2007)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi –Annual
To emphasize that any further encouragement of the bio-fuels sector should focus on the production of bio-fuels from sources that do not impact the availability of livestock feed. (Renewed from 2007)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi –Annual
To formally request that the government incorporate safeguard measures in the event of crop shortages
that may include the elimination of tariffs, reduction of mandates, and/or reduction of incentives (Renewed from 2007)

Community Pastures

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi –Annual
That Agri Environmental Services Branch enable and assist Community Pastures Program patron groups to better position themselves to be able to assume control over the pasture resources. This would include giving the Patron Allocation Committee more flexibility in granting new patron allocations in the years leading up to the divestiture by the provincial government.

Principles

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2016 • Annual
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4. The program must be transparent and predictable. The cattle industry needs a voice in program policy direction. (Renewed from 2011)

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi-Annual**

That CCA lobby the Federal Government to actively engage with Provinces to recognize fiscal inequities from special payments and program design by individual provinces as a first step to a national program for all producers. (Renewed from 2009)

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Annual**

That CCA Advocates an integrated North American Market for free trade in beef and cattle. (Renewed from 2009)

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Annual**

That the CCA reaffirm its position as an organization that advocates free and open markets whereby supply and demand sets the price with a minimum of government interference. (Renewed from 2009)

**Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Annual**

Canadian Cattlemen’s Association Principles on Government Involvement in the Cattle and Beef Industry CCA believes that the shared vision of industry and government must be to create an open environment that allows businesses to reach their full potential in a free and competitive marketplace. We recognize that not all operations will be successful in a competitive market and the size of the industry will vary according to market conditions. The role of government in our industry must be based on the following principles:

1. Government must provide Canadian producers every advantage allowed under our international trade agreements, and be aggressive in protecting our interests.

2. The government is responsible for negotiating commercially competitive access to international
3. markets. We believe in free and competitive trade, both internationally and interprovincially.

4. The government is responsible for providing a regulatory framework that protects public health and food safety, protects animal health and welfare, and sustains the environment, in a manner that contributes to competitiveness and innovation.

5. Industry and government have a shared responsibility for research that contributes to the competitiveness, innovation and sustainability of the industry.

6. Government regulations must be based on appropriate management of real risks and an accurate analysis of the costs and benefits of these regulations.

7. Business investment, structure and strategy are the primary responsibility of industry. The role of government is to provide a competitive business environment that encourages these investments to occur.

8. Government support for industry must come from national programs that minimize the risk of adverse impacts on international and inter-provincial trade, minimize distortion of market forces and minimize influence on business decisions.

9. Government programs must not disrupt the competitive balance between agriculture sectors or regions.

10. Special circumstances outside the scope of industry’s ability to manage may require fiscal interventions by government (renewed with Amendment from 2009)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi -Annual
To lobby governments to deliver the business risk management programs consistently across all Canadian jurisdictions. (Renewed from 2007)

Short Term Directives

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2015 • Annual
That the Domestic Ag Policy Regulations Committee hold a face to face meeting in Ottawa regarding Growing Forward 3 before the 2015 semi-annual meeting.
Disaster Response

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2015 • Semi - Annual

That CCA request the Federal Government to provide in collaboration with industry an ad hoc program to respond in the event of a natural or like-natural disaster. (Renewed from 2010)

Price and Basis Insurance

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2015 • Semi - Annual

That CCA lobby the Federal Government to implement a national price and basis insurance program for calves, feeder cattle and finished cattle. (Renewed from 2010)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2015 • Semi - Annual

That CCA lobby the federal gov’t to join with provincial governments to implement the cattle price and basis insurance programs with a cost shared premium structure similar to the crop insurance programs. (Renewed from 2010)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Semi – Annual

That CCA lobby the federal government aggressively to develop in collaboration with provincial governments and industry, a national cattle price and basis insurance program that is effective and affordable as a first line business risk management program for the cattle industry. (Renewed from 2009)

Income Stabilization

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi -Annual

That CCA could support an Agri-Stability trigger of 75% of reference margin without other changes to the program.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2011 • Semi - Annual

That CCA pursue a waiver of Agristability structural change due to disaster situations where temporary herd reductions have taken place.
Forage Insurance

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2016 • Annual
That the Federal Government, Provincial Governments and Industry collaborate to develop more effective Forage Insurance Programs. (renewed from 2011)

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2014 • Annual
That the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association engage in the Insurance Bureau of Canada regarding members prioritizing animal care in claim situations.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2013 • Semi-Annual
That the Canadian forage insurance programs be improved by adding a feed needs replacement component.

Research

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2013 • Semi - Annual
That CCA work with supportive groups to explore the feasible options to ensure the land base at one four (and other research lands up for divestment by governments) remain accessible to forage and beef research and continues as a grazing resource.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2011 • Semi – Annual
That CCA lobby AAFC for the reestablishment of a permanent research position in carcass quality and grading in the Lacombe research station to replace Wayne Robertson.

Taxation and Other Policy

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2015 • Semi –Annual
That CCA lobby the Federal Government to adapt the Federal tax deferral program to be based on cattle inventories rather than breeding cattle.

Domestic Ag Policy & Regulations Committee 2012 • Semi –Annual
That CCA investigate programming for generational succession.
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee
2016 • Annual
That CCA supports the development and implementation of tools that incentivize greenhouse gas emissions reductions and does not support greenhouse gas penalties that add costs to food production.

Environment Committee
2014 • Semi-Annual
That CCA recommend to the federal government that investing in ecosystem service & agri-environmental programs for private land owners would result in superior environmental and economic outcomes rather than supporting the Nature Conservancy of Canada or like groups.

Environment Committee
2014 • Annual
That CCA engage and provide leadership in a collaborative process in defining and developing a verifiable sustainable beef system in Canada - Whereas sustainability is a rising issue in the Canadian Beef industry and the federal government is looking to cut the environmental questions in the agriculture census and the Farm Environmental Management Survey.

Environment Committee
2014 • Annual
That CCA accept the recommendations of the environmental data survey completed by the Canfax Research Services and communicate to the federal government the findings of this report.

Environment Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA encourages government to develop a program in collaboration with industry that local groups could apply to in order to access seed money to support regional ecosystem service programs that are in line with the stated principles.
Environment Committee  
2013 • Annual  
That CCA support the application to Growing Forward II for funding to add an environmental module to VBP.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Annual  
That CCA work with Canada Beef Inc. to work on a proposal to use the well-known and respected organization, Ducks Unlimited to endorse beef consumption.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Annual  
That the CCA approve the 2012 Environment Strategy.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Annual  
That CCA create an environmental goods and services task force that engages the environment committee, CCA board and outside expertise where appropriate to inform future policy development and encourage further study of environmental goods and services in relation to the Canadian beef industry.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Semi-Annual  
That CCA support in principle the development of a Canadian roundtable for sustainable beef.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Semi-Annual  
That CCA endorse staff initiatives to work with environmental groups and other industry players to assist said groups in developing a realistic understanding of the cattle industry.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Oct 19  
That the Federal Government amend the species at risk act and the migratory bird convention act to recognize the beneficial role of the cattle industry to species and habitat preservation and furthermore create incentives that encourage adoption of best management practices for mutually beneficial outcomes.
• Eliminate unjust liability that discourages having a species at risk.
• Focus on stewardship not regulation.
• Develop recognition/incentive programs.
• Develop best management practices or conservation agreements in conjunction with industry.
• Policy and regulations should be developed in conjunction with industry.
• Species at risk are a public good and the cost of preservation should not be left to the farmer/rancher.

Environment Committee  
2012 • Semi-Annual
That the CCA recommends that AAFC take a lead role in developing a national strategy to reduce and minimize livestock losses to predators.

Environment Committee  
2011 • Semi-Annual
That CCA support the legal registration of a charitable Canadian cattlemen’s foundation with the following objectives:
• Stewardship practices and conservation actions that conserve the environment, biodiversity and wildlife habitat on working agricultural landscapes.
• Education, leadership development, and outreach programs to serve youth involved with beef cattle and grass/range management.
• Cattle care research and awareness
And
That the CCA Executive determines the means to financially support the administration of the foundation during its setup. Environmental Committee 2011 Annual That the responsibility for TESA funding be transferred from the environment committee to CCA.

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Executive & Finance Committee  
2015 • Annual
That the CCA Board accepts the 2015/16 budget as presented.
Executive & Finance Committee
2015 • Annual
That the honorariums for the President and Vice-President be reviewed every four years.

Executive & Finance Committee
2015 • Annual
That the CCA supports the development of a national event in 2016 for the Canadian beef industry in collaboration with the members of the Canadian beef advisory committee.

Executive & Finance Committee
2013 • Annual
That criterion for creating a CCA associate membership be explored which allows cattle organizations to contribute to committee meetings and policy development as well as being part of CCA’s communication network.

FOREIGN TRADE COMMITTEE

Foreign Trade Committee
2016 • Annual
That CCA explore potential to re-open bilateral trade negotiations with Japan and to establish negotiations with China to improve market access for Canadian beef exports.

2016 • Annual
That CCA not support BSE testing for market access until all markets are normalized. (renewed from 2011)

Foreign Trade Committee
2015 • Semi-Annual
That CCA work with the Federal Government to seek a revision to the OIE BSE code criteria for negligible risk that reduces the time period that must pass following a BSE case from the current 11 years. CCA should also work through its Five Nations Beef Alliance partners and the International Meat Secretariat to ensure that beef producer organizations in other countries are encouraging their governments to seek the same revision to the OIE BSE code.
That the CCA aggressively seek the removal of all trade barriers to beef exports into the EU. CCA support for implementation of the CETA will be contingent on the extent to which the technical conditions are established that enable profitable beef trade to occur. (Renewed from 2009 and amended from 2014)

Foreign Trade Committee
2014 • Annual
That the CCA call for the continuation of suspension of supplementary import quotas and further support enforcement of the tariff rate quota with the objective of effective harmonization of the tariff rate quota principle to that in the U.S. (Renewed from 2009)

Foreign Trade Committee
2014 • Annual
That the CCA supports harmonization of animal health and food safety requirements within North America. (Renewed from 2009)

Foreign Trade Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA will support the Government of Canada’s implementation of free trade agreements where commercially viable market access for beef, beef products, and genetics can be achieved and to the greatest extent possible:
1. OIE and CODEX guidelines are implemented and adhered to.
2. Terms of market access for Canadian beef products and live cattle are as favourable, or better than provided to competing U.S. products. (Replaces policy from 2008)

Foreign Trade Committee
2011 • Semi - Annual
That CCA support a rule of origin where a product of Canada label can be applied to beef harvested from cattle slaughtered in Canada regardless of their origin.

Foreign Trade Committee
2011 • Semi - Annual
That if Korea does not resume UTM beef imports within the agreed timeline, CCA would seek the resumption of the WTO dispute panel, and be guided
by our existing policy on support for Free Trade Agreements.

**Foreign Trade Committee**  
**2011 • Semi - Annual**  
That CCA encourage the government of Canada to commence free trade negotiations with Japan aimed at establishing duty free access for Canadian beef to that market.

**Foreign Trade Committee**  
**2011 • Semi - Annual**  
That the first preference for the CCA seat on the CAFTA board would be representation by a producer.

**Foreign Trade Committee**  
**2011 • Semi - Annual**  
That CCA encourage the government of Canada to seek the establishment of international MRLS for Ractopamine, Zilpaterol and other beta-agonists approved for use in Canadian beef cattle production.

**Foreign Trade Committee**  
**2011 • Semi - Annual**  
That CCA pursue escalating trade policy mechanisms by the government of Canada to resolve the remaining BSE-related trade restrictions in the high priority markets of Japan, Mexico and Taiwan.

**VALUE CREATION & COMPETITIVENESS**

**Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee**  
**2016 • Annual**  
That the CCA encourage AAFC’s research branch to allocate new and additional funding dedicated to strengthening the infrastructure, expertise and project funding available for applied beef and forage research across Canada. (renewed from 2011)

**Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee**  
**2015 • Annual**  
That CCA staff proceed with the development of a strategy and business plan for the VPB Plus Program.

**Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee**  
**2015 • Annual**  
That CCA pursue additional resources for the Verified Beef Production Program to maximize the benefits to the beef value chain and position VBP+ to be the
preferred program for sustainable beef by March 1, 2016.

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2014 • Semi-Annual
That the CCA investigate the occurrence of physical hazards found in meat products in Canada.

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2013 • Annual
That CCA advise the government of Canada to urge the EU to accept Canadian systems for food safety interventions at Canadian packing plants

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2012 • Annual
That CCA forward a request to all provincial cattle associations identifying the need to explore solutions to the deadstock removal issue.
And further;
That the VCC committee communicate the issue to the CCA environment committee for awareness purposes, with the intent for that committee to formulate a future recommendation

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2012 • Annual
That CCA support the concept of a masters of beef advocacy program

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2012 • Annual
That CCA convene a sub-committee to foster growth of the CYL program

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2011 • Semi - Annual
That CCA support the adoption of the USA yield grade class and lean meat yield calculations within Canada’s beef grading system.

Value Creation and Competitiveness Committee
2011 • Semi - Annual
That CCA support the principles for improvement of the temporary foreign worker program identified by Alberta Cattle Feeders Association, and communicate the need for strong support to the national Beef Value Chain Roundtable.