24. FARMING METHODS

We support farming methods that result in:

- 1. Profitability.
- 2. Environmental stewardship.
- 3. The production of a safe food supply.
- 4. An adequate supply of high quality agricultural commodities to meet current and future demand.

We support:

- 1. Research aimed at reducing overall inputs needed to sustain a profitable farming operation.
- 2. Incentives that encourage farmers to accept the risk of testing non-traditional means of farming.
- 3. Efforts to provide information to farmers on proven means of improving the efficiency of inputs.
- 4. Research to study soil health and its future productivity.
- 5. The use of an integrated pest management program to control pests in crop production.

We oppose any attempt to mandate low input methods of farming.