

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

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The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the Party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered

Congressional District:	<input type="text"/>	Organizing Unit:	<input type="text"/>	Precinct:	<input type="text"/>
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Proposed by: _____
(Name) (City) Contact Phone #/E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Food, & Land Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Internet Issues |
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RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words): **Sustainable Agriculture**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the DFL support funding for research, technical assistance, and education to rapidly implement regenerative farming, establish perennial crops, rotational grazing, cover crops, and no-till farming, to invest in rural communities and our food and farming system, conserve and build healthy soils, clean our water, sequester carbon and bolster farm income.

Principles of soil health include “armoring the soil” to protect it from erosion and degradation, minimizing disturbance of the soil, increasing and maintaining plant diversity, encouraging healthy roots, and integrating the soil biological activity with livestock.

Continuous living cover systems along with managed rotational grazing can remove excess carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the soil, build up the soil's organic carbon, store more water in soil, resulting in less runoff, cleaner water, and more resilient crop fields and pastures.

On average only about 3% of Minnesota cropland is planted with continuous living cover in a given year. Funding for research, technical assistance, market development, and education is needed to improve this.

Sustainable agriculture has been shown to increase net profits for individual farms, because costs are reduced while yields remain good. With initial support from the state and supply chain development for sustainable crops, this is achievable for family farmers.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated

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