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## **06-3 AG 1**

### **Diversification of Agriculture Production**

**WHEREAS** new products and markets are necessary for continued success and development in agriculture, and

**WHEREAS** specialty crop production has the potential to sustain the economic viability of Colorado agriculture, enhances the quality of life for Coloradoans, and makes the most efficient use of nonrenewable and on-farm resources, and

**WHEREAS** the diversification of agriculture can help farmers add value to their products and stimulate innovation in agriculture, and

**WHEREAS** alternate livestock production, such as llama, elk, buffalo, alpaca, yak, and emu has been successful and continues to show great promise;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports the continuing diversification of Colorado’s agricultural industry in order to add value to agriculture products and stimulate innovation in agriculture, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 believes deer and elk ranching should be allowed as a private enterprise as long as such enterprises are regulated to ensure protection of domestic livestock and wildlife populations, and CLUB 20 further believes that the Colorado State Department of Agriculture should continue as the regulating agency for deer and elk agriculture operations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports efforts to control Chronic Wasting Disease by continuing research into the disease, providing compensation for destroyed animals, encouraging cooperation between the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Colorado Division of Wildlife to prevent the importation and spread of the disease, and supporting efforts by the Division of Wildlife to control the disease in wild herds.

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