

Slope Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5
SUPPORT FOR FAMILY FARMERS**

North Dakota's rural electric cooperatives have invested over \$800 million in electric distribution facilities, and another \$5 billion in generation and high-voltage transmission facilities, to provide dependable electric power to the state's largest industry—agriculture. This investment was made by rural electric leaders based on a vision of a widely-dispersed network of prosperous family farms that would in turn support rural communities.

In this time of relative uncertainty in agriculture, it is important to maintain a strong public partnership with the federal government to help family farm agriculture compete in a global economy. This can be achieved by maintaining a strong farm program that includes an adequate safety net for farmers, countercyclical payments in times of depressed market conditions, improved crop insurance, and a permanent disaster relief program of emergency assistance.