

**Canada/U.S. Working Group-PSAG
Meeting of April 2, 2003
Annex B**

**CANADA/U.S. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
PROVINCES/STATE ADVISORY GROUP and TRI-NATIONAL ACCORD –
CANADA/U.S. WORKING GROUP
2003-2004 WORK PLAN**

Note: This is a working document subject to revision on a regular basis as the activities proceed and new issues develop.

ISSUE	LEAD STATES/PROVINCES	ACTION ITEMS
Animal Health issues that affect trade	Lead: Montana, Alberta, North Dakota Others: Idaho, Kentucky, Illinois, West Virginia, California	Upon completion, review/assess pilot project with respect to Restricted Feeder Cattle Program
Agricultural biotechnology	Lead: Manitoba, Nebraska Others: Minnesota, Alberta, Kentucky, Montana	Draft PSAG correspondence to be developed to federal officials to highlight the importance of this file, the critical need to assess marketplace acceptance of biotech products, and the need for the U.S. and Canada to simultaneously develop a complementary policy approach to this issue which was science-based and recognized consumer acceptance
Seed lab certification	Lead: Idaho, New Brunswick. Others: Maine, Oregon, Washington	Possible further action on the file to be considered following receipt of response to April 2003 PSAG correspondence to CCA on this issue
Pesticide Harmonization	Lead: Saskatchewan, North Dakota Others: Prince Edward Island, Montana, BC, Florida	Possible further action on the file to be considered following receipt of response to April 2003 PSAG correspondence to U.S. Congress and NAFTA Technical Working Group on this issue
Country of Origin Labelling	Lead: Alberta, Montana, Florida Others: Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Utah	All provinces/states to be encouraged to participate in U.S. listening sessions and through teleconferencing, lead provinces/states to identify possible further joint action items on this file. work together to develop PSAG action items on this file as soon as possible.

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Issue	Lead States/Provinces	Action Items
Nursery stock	British Columbia, Oregon, Washington	Follow-up regional industry meeting to be co-sponsored in 2003 to continue discussions on nursery and floriculture issues and opportunities.
Apples	Lead: New York, Nova Scotia Ontario, Others: Michigan, West Virginia, Washington	Continue to pursue joint regional Northeast apple production and marketing possibilities through joint discussions at 2003 Great Lakes Meeting.
U.S. Bioterrorism Act	Lead: Nova Scotia, New Jersey Others: New York, Montana, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Quebec Florida, New Hampshire	Province/states to work together through teleconference as soon as possible to develop PSAG action items directed at helping ensure that Canada/U.S. trade is maintained as Bioterrorism Act is implemented.
Province/state letters to Canada and U.S. CCA Co-Chairs	Co-Chairs: Manitoba, Montana	U.S. and Canadian WG leaders will write separate letters to CCA conveying issues of federal importance and copy each other on communications
Upcoming Regional State/Province/ Industry Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alberta, Montana - North Dakota, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Minnesota and South Dakota - Vermont, Maritime Provinces, Quebec, northeastern U.S. states - New York, Ontario 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 2003: Alberta/Montana Opportunities Conference in Montana - Fall 2003: Northern Plains Producer Conference hosted by North Dakota (Saskatchewan Manitoba, Minnesota and North and South Dakota) - Fall 2003: Northeastern State/Province Meeting in Vermont in the fall of 2003 (Maritime provinces, Quebec and northeastern U.S. states) - 2003: Great Lakes Forum (Ontario, New York)

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