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| 17.04.2023 | The North West Region proposes that the premature curtailment of badger culling by Defra, years before their alternative control tools are ready to be deployed widely across England, nor proven to be as effective as culling, will result in failure to eradicate Bovine TB by 2038. Hence the NFU should do more to challenge Defra to prolong Supplementary and maintenance culling until then. | NW | Addressed | The resolution was discussed and agreed as in line with NFU BTB policy. | Closed |
| 13.04.2023 | The East Anglian Regional Board fully recognises the need to review the NFU structure and organisation to ensure it is fit for purpose in representing members interests. It is however vital that sector boards continue to be predominantly elected representatives of their members. This is a core principle of the NFU. We propose that in the new structure, with a smaller number of regions, that those regions with a greater number of members in a particular sector eg combinable crops or livestock should have additional representation on the national board - if not directly elected, then by means of the appointment process; but with the proviso that this person should be nominated by 20 or more members from that region AND who are active in that sector. | EA | Addressed | | Closed |
| 16.10.2023 | The Midlands (Transitional) Regional Board believes poor governance of Red Tractor has brought the reputation of the NFU into question with the membership. The recent sustainability proposals give away all pre-farmgate value enhancement, up the chain. We propose NFU Council discuss this important matter and reconsider the NFUs' relationship with Red Tractor. | Midlands | Rejected | Council voted to remain engaged in the development and scrutiny of the Greener Farms Commitment. Council then voted to support the amended resolution (immediately below). | Closed |

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| 16.10.2023 | NFU Council believes poor governance of Red Tractor has brought reputation of the NFU into question with our membership. Consequently, NFU Council call for an independent review of how Red Tractor's governance can be improved, with the immediate pause on the implementation of new standards and bolt-ons until such a review is completed and its proposals implemented. | Council | Agreed | NFU Council called for an independent review of how Red Tractor's governance can be improved. Campbell Tickell's report was submitted to the NFU 19 February 2024. | Closed |
| 22.01.2024 | The Midlands Regional Board recognises the vital importance of improving on-farm health and safety, with the promotion of better on-farm medical provisions, and the installation of on-farm defibrillators. This should be actively promoted to British Farmers and Growers to install, through the NFU and the NFU Mutual. | Midlands | Passed | Council approved the resolution to promote wider installation of defibrillators on farms. | Closed |
| 22.01.2024 | The South Regional Board ask Council to consider the following amendment to the NFU standing orders: When a regional sector/commodity board chair is appointed to a national sector/commodity board chair, that their role on the regional commodity/sector board can be deputised by their elected vice chair who would then automatically take a place on the National board as one of the regional representatives. For clarity following this change, where the regional sector board chair becomes the national chair and choses to deputise the regional role, the regions' 2 representatives on the national board will be filled by the elected vice chair (with voting rights) and 1 additional representative (appointee – nonvoting). This amendment allows the Chair to prioritise national concerns whilst maintaining full regional representation and thus alleviating time and work pressures for the national sector/commodity board chair. | South | Amended and Passed | Amended to "The South Regional Board ask Council to consider the following amendment to the NFU standing orders: When a Regional Sector/Commodity Board Chair is appointed to a National Sector/Commodity Board Chair, that their role on the Regional Commodity/Sector Board can be deputised by their elected vice chair who would then automatically take a place on the National Board as one of the regional representatives." | Closed National Boards' recruitment complete, including additional board member from the Chair's region. |

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| 22.01.2024 | <p>The North Regional Board were not able to elect a member to take on the Environmental Lead role at the meeting on 17th January 2024.</p> <p>Regional Board North would like to propose that Standing Orders Paragraph 10, in the National Commodity Board Terms of Reference, is adopted as the principle to appoint the Environment Lead to a Regional Board. i.e. Members would require 20 signatures and selection would be done by 3 Commodity Board chairs, Regional Board Chair and Regional Director, or that the Environment Lead is elected by regional board.</p> | North | Passed | Note: Nominations are to be sought from the membership, the Regional Board will appoint as a co-optee but in the event of there being more than one nomination an election will be held by the Board. | Closed |
| 22.01.2024 | <p>The East Regional Board ask that Council consider amending the NFU standing orders to allow Regional Boards to select a Regional Environment Lead that has the greatest experience, enthusiasm and time for this important role. We therefore ask that the role be opened up to include a member from the region who has the required skill set, rather than limited to Regional Board members, much like the commodity boards will be seeking members with specific qualities to gain the required skill set for their boards. We also believe that as this role covers such a wide variety of topics with sufficient time required to do it justice, that a deputy Environment Lead should be appointed in support.</p> <p>Discussed and amended to: “We believe that because the role of Environment Lead covers such a wide variety of topics without sufficient time required to do it justice a deputy Environment Lead should be appointed in support.”</p> <p>Discussed and amended to: “The decision on a new appointment of a deputy environment lead should be considered by Governance Board and a proposal be brought back to June Council.”</p> | East | Amended and Passed | Action: Governance Board will consult with Regional Board Chairs as part of the decision-making process and will bring a proposal to June Council. | Ongoing - Each Regional has now appointed a Regional Environment Lead |