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**Advancing Wheat Through
Innovation and Advocacy**

NAWG Climate Change Policy

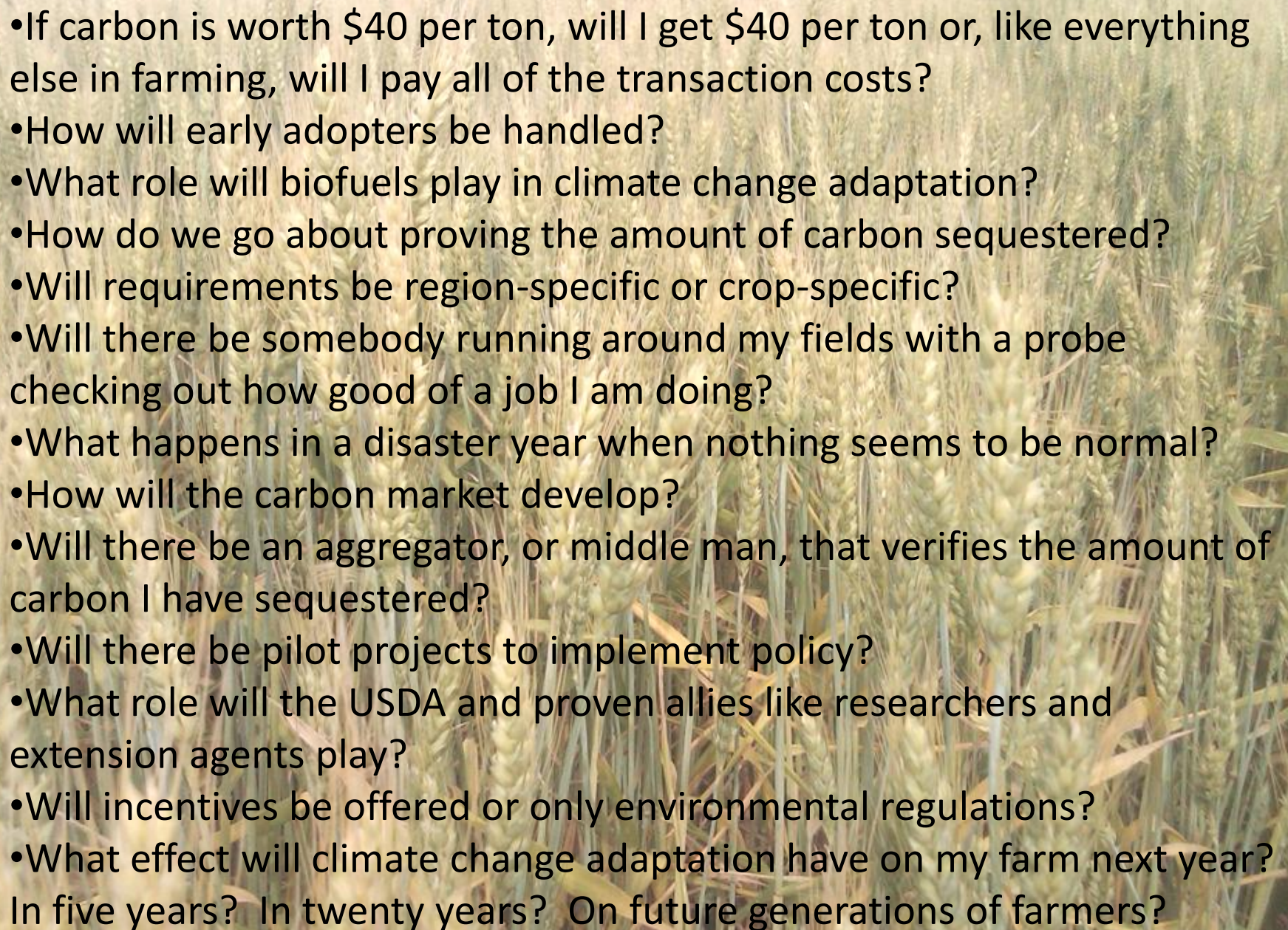
III-G-15: NAWG is opposed to greenhouse gas legislation or regulation that has a negative impact on production agriculture. NAWG will strive for a net economic benefit to farmers, agriculture and food production. We believe neither greenhouse gas regulation nor legislation should take effect until the major carbon emitting countries of the world have agreed to regulate their own greenhouse gases in a like manner to ours. NAWG urges USDA to do a detailed economic analysis of any legislation or regulation before it becomes law. Furthermore, NAWG will oppose EPA regulation and will work to overturn the Supreme Court ruling. (September 2009, Committee).





FARMERS HAVE QUESTIONS!!!

- Will the solution be far worse than the problem?
- How much will climate change adaptation cost us?
- How can we possibly cover those increased costs with our already thin profit margins?
- How will our wheat compete on the world wheat market?
- Will we get credit for the carbon we already sequester?
- Is no-till farming the only acceptable farming practice?
- Is site-specific farming a possible remedy?
- What about autosteer or narrowband fertilizer placement instead of broadcast fertilizer application?
- Will nitrogen-efficient and drought-resistant wheat be promoted, along with other biotech traits?
- If I reduce the amount of nitrogen on my crop and reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide used, will I qualify for carbon credits?
- Which tillage practices will qualify for carbon credits?

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- If carbon is worth \$40 per ton, will I get \$40 per ton or, like everything else in farming, will I pay all of the transaction costs?
 - How will early adopters be handled?
 - What role will biofuels play in climate change adaptation?
 - How do we go about proving the amount of carbon sequestered?
 - Will requirements be region-specific or crop-specific?
 - Will there be somebody running around my fields with a probe checking out how good of a job I am doing?
 - What happens in a disaster year when nothing seems to be normal?
 - How will the carbon market develop?
 - Will there be an aggregator, or middle man, that verifies the amount of carbon I have sequestered?
 - Will there be pilot projects to implement policy?
 - What role will the USDA and proven allies like researchers and extension agents play?
 - Will incentives be offered or only environmental regulations?
 - What effect will climate change adaptation have on my farm next year? In five years? In twenty years? On future generations of farmers?



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