

NASDA 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

NASDA influences national food and agricultural policy by harnessing our members' unique role of serving as the nexus between federal and state regulation.

NASDA members establish the organization's policy priorities annually.

Read more about our policy engagement and view our full spectrum of policy positions at www.nasda.org/policy.

WHY WE DO IT

A thriving agriculture industry is important for people everywhere, including urban areas, helping to provide life's necessities at affordable prices and in a healthy, sustainable manner.

From the farm, to Capitol Hill, to the international marketplace, NASDA ardently works to ensure agricultural and food businesses of all sizes thrive.



2024 FARM BILL

Farmers, the rural economy and communities of every size rely upon a forward-looking and fully-funded farm bill. NASDA will continue advocating for a farm bill that provides farmers and ranchers a reliable safety net and consumers access to the safest and most affordable food supply. The next farm bill must remain unified – securing a commitment to American agriculture and the critical food and nutritional assistance programs for those who need it most. NASDA's priorities for the next farm bill are:

- Agricultural research
- Animal disease prevention
- Conservation and climate resiliency
- Cyber security
- Food safety
- Hemp promotion
- Invasive species mitigation
- Local food systems
- Specialty crop block grant funding
- Trade promotion



FOOD SAFETY & FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

NASDA will continue advocating for funding state Food Safety Modernization Act programs as state departments of agriculture are the front line of protection for consumers when it comes to food safety, playing a vital role in implementing food safety laws.



LABOR REFORM

NASDA continues to advocate for a framework that provides for a legal, reliable workforce that supports the agricultural industry and treats workers with respect.



PESTICIDE REGULATION

It is crucial to maintain a commitment to scientifically-sound processes in the regulatory system that allows for safe, effective products. NASDA will continue engaging with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure science-based standards and state input are included when developing regulatory action regarding pesticides.



PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a general name for a class of manmade chemical compounds that are highly resistant to environmental degradation. NASDA is engaging with federal agencies to develop a risk communication strategy, increase research and develop a roadmap for cross-agency collaboration.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE

WHO WE ARE

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories as a nonpartisan, nonprofit association. As the chief agricultural official in their state, NASDA members ensure that agriculture and food production is safe and sustainable across the nation. As a representative of and voice for all American agriculture, NASDA encourages all types of agricultural production.

OUR MISSION

NASDA's mission is to enhance American food and agricultural communities through policy, partnerships and public engagement.



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FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS

NASS: COUNTING FOR IMPACT

Through NASDA's cooperative agreement with USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, NASDA employs 2,400 enumerators across the U.S. to collect agricultural data essential to inform agricultural communities, businesses, policymakers and consumers. This data, found in crucial reports such as the Census of Agriculture, is vital for maintaining a strong agricultural economy and guiding everything from investment strategies and production and marketing decisions to fostering international trade.



U.S. FDA: A PREVENTATIVE APPROACH

Through the NASDA Foundation's agreement with the U.S. FDA, NASDA helps states implement the Food Safety Modernization Act. Specifically, NASDA helps train farmers on the new produce safety rules and helps states implement proactive safety measures when processing animal and pet foods.

USDA FAS: SHOWCASING AMERICA'S BEST

NASDA's cooperative agreement with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's Market Access Program introduces American-grown products to international buyers. NASDA produces two annual nationwide trade shows that help small- and medium-sized U.S. food and beverage companies export their products in addition to assisting with organizing several U.S. pavilions internationally.

NASDA FOUNDATION

The NASDA Foundation enhances American food and agricultural communities through education, outreach and research. The NASDA Foundation is the only educational and research organization that directly serves state departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. The NASDA Foundation works together with NASDA to achieve our shared purpose of nourishing people and communities while serving as the stewards of the environment and of the public trust. Learn more at nasda.org/nasda-foundation.



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