At the 2019 NASDA Annual Meeting, NASDA established a new policy committee structure that:
• maintained voting and approval by all NASDA members on all policy items, and
• included each member having an opportunity to be represented on up to three committees.

Purpose:
To increase member engagement on policy issues by creating a new committee structure that will foster a robust policy dialogue and generate meaningful, strategic direction for the NASDA Policy Team.

How Our New Structure Works:
• Two Policy Committees will meet concurrently, which means there will be three blocks of “committee time” during each NASDA meeting.
• Members (or their proxies) will be allowed to serve on three policy committees. States may attend all committee meetings, but states will only be allowed to vote in the three committees they are registered members of.
• Final votes on Policy Amendments and Action Items will be taken during the NASDA Business Meeting by all members (or their proxies).

Note: Per NASDA policy, Action Items and Policy Amendments that are submitted after the policy deadline are required to be submitted via a regional meeting and require a 2/3 vote. This 2/3 threshold is required for the committee vote on recommendation to the full membership and for final passage during the business meeting.
Current Policy Committees

Animal Agriculture Committee:
animal biotechnology, farm bill implementation, animal health, animal traceability, FSIS/Meat Inspection, and cell-based meat  
*Chair: Secretary Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma; Vice Chair: Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, Tennessee*

Food Systems & Nutrition Committee:  
food safety, food labeling, nutrition, food waste, food access/security, and food supply chain issues  
*Chair: Secretary Karen Ross, California; Vice Chair: Commissioner John Lebeaux, Massachusetts*

Marketing & International Trade Committee:  
trade agreements, export promotion programs, state marketing programs, specialty crops, organics, and the Tri-National Agricultural Accord  
*Chair: Director Derek Sandison, Washington; Vice Chair: Secretary Mike Naig, Iowa*

Natural Resources & Environment Committee:  
Clean Water Act, WOTUS, NRCS Programs, the Endangered Species Act, natural resources and public lands, energy and biofuels  
*Chair: Director Celia Gould, Idaho; Vice Chair: Secretary Michael Scuse, Delaware*

Plant Agriculture & Pesticide Regulation Committee:  
plant pest and disease, biotechnology, hemp, pesticide regulations, pollinators, invasive species, and biostimulants  
*Chair: Director Bruce Kettler, Indiana; Vice Chair: Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Connecticut*

Rural Development & Financial Security Committee:  
financial security, infrastructure, research, taxes, broadband, workforce development, and appropriations  
*Chair: Commissioner Jewel Bronaugh, Virginia; Vice Chair: Secretary Wes Ward, Arkansas*

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