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On behalf of the NASDA Board of Directors, welcome to NASDA’s 2020 Winter Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. Your presence is an indication that you are committed to making a positive difference in Food and Agriculture Policy, not only through your state, but also at the national level.

Our 2020 theme is “Uniting All for Agriculture” a concept that I personally believe in and support on a daily basis when advocating for Food and Agricultural Policy in Washington, D.C. I hope you will find this conference to be a stimulating and informative event. I challenge you to connect with people that you haven’t met before, share best practices, and learn things that you have in common, so we as American Agriculture leaders are united.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all NASDA partners who make this conference possible. My best wishes for a great conference.

Onward and Upward,

Barb Glenn
NASDA CEO
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2:00 – 3:45 PM  
**OPENING SESSION**

**2:00 – 2:10 PM**  
**Conference Welcome**  
Commissioner Doug Goehring, NASDA President and North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture  
Dr. Barb Glenn, CEO, NASDA  
Salon 4

**2:10 – 2:40 PM**  
**U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance**  
Erin Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance  
Salon 4

**2:40 – 3:10 PM**  
**What's Next for the Farm Economy?**

Impacts of the farm economy downturn can be felt throughout the agriculture and food supply chain, as well in rural communities. This session will provide an outlook on the farm economy and what it means for farmers, agribusinesses, and rural consumers.

*John Newton, Chief Economist, American Farm Bureau Federation  
Rob Johansson, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

**3:10 – 3:45 PM**  
**Integrating Satellite and Field Data for Improved Decision-Making Across the Agriculture Sector**

NASA Harvest is a new, multidisciplinary program commissioned by NASA and led by the University of Maryland to enhance the use of satellite data in decision-making related to agriculture and food security in the United States and globally.

*Estefania Puricelli, Lead Economist, NASA Harvest Hub*

**3:45 – 4:15 PM**  
**Networking Break**

**4:15 – 5:15 PM**  
**Committee Meeting I**

Animal Agriculture  
Rural Development & Financial Security  
Salons 5-7  
Salons 1-3

**5:30 PM**  
**Buses Depart for CVC**

Buses will depart promptly at 5:30 PM. Please note there is 0.4 mile walk to reach the Capitol. Return transportation is provided.

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Congressional Reception**  
Capitol Visitors Center
Wednesday, February 26

6:30 AM – 1:45 PM  
Registration Desk

6:30 – 8:00 AM  
Breakfast: Grab & Go Style

8:00 – 9:00 AM  
Committee Meeting II  
Plant Agriculture & Pesticide  
Marketing & International Trade

9:00 – 9:30 AM  
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Food Systems & Nutrition  
Natural Resources & Environment

10:30 – 10:45 AM  
Networking Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM  
Concurrent Sessions

**Hemp: Market Opportunities and Challenges**  
Salons 5-7  
As hemp production increases in the United States, new markets will have to be established to ensure US hemp farmers are economically viable in the long term. This session will explore the economic forces behind this new emerging crop, and discuss some of the challenges and opportunities that US hemp growers currently face.  

*Moderator: Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Connecticut Department of Agriculture*  

*Panelists:*  
Kaelan Castetter, CEO, Castetter Sustainability Group  
Alex Spelman, Vice President, Business Development, SICPA  
Dr. Tyler Mark, Assistant Professor, Production Economics, University of Kentucky

**The Rural Broadband Roadmap**  
Salons 1-3  
It seems like everyone is talking about rural broadband, but what will it really take to connect more Americans. This session will discuss what providers need to expand broadband infrastructure and how partnerships can assist these efforts.  

*Moderator: Director Chris Chinn, Missouri Department of Agriculture*  

*Panelists:*  
John Rauber, Director & Counsel, Washington Affairs, John Deere  
Michael Romano, Senior VP of Industry Affairs & Business, NTCA  
Ryan Palmer, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM  
Policy Committee Reports  
Salon 4
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SUMMARY OF POLICY AMENDMENTS AND ACTION ITEMS


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COMMITTEE AGENDA  TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH – 4:15PM

ROLL CALL AND OPENING REMARKS (4:15 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (4:20 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher

FOREIGN ANIMAL AND EMERGING DISEASES (4:30 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher
  - ASF Efforts
  - Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)
  - APHIS Customs and Border Patrol Funding (CBP)

FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION (4:45 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher
  - NADPRP, NAHLN & NAVVCB Overview

CELL CULTURED MEAT (4:55 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher
  - USDA-FSIS Progress on Implementation of MOU

ANIMAL BIOTECHNOLOGY (5:00 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS (5:05 PM)
- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher
  - Issues Update: Hours of Service

MEMBER DIALOGUE (5:10 PM)
- Open Discussion

ADJOURN (5:15 PM)
COMMITTEE AGENDA  TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH – 4:15PM

ROLL CALL AND OPENING REMARKS (4:15 PM)
- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (4:20 PM)
- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward

RURAL MENTAL HEALTH (4:25 PM)
- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward

IMMIGRATION AND WORKFORCE (4:50 PM)
- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward

RURAL BROADBAND (4:55 PM)
- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward

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- Commissioner Bronaugh and Secretary Ward
- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
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  - Action Item C: Farmer Mental Health Prioritization; Secretary Ward (AR) and Commissioner Bronaugh (VA)

MEMBER DIALOGUE (5:10 PM)
- Open Discussion

ADJOURN (5:15 PM)
PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM A: H-2A CDL TRUCK DRIVERS IN THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Strain (LA)

TEXT:
NASDA urges the United States Secretary of Labor to recognize sugarcane as a commodity and to use his authority to fulfill the commitment of President Trump to our nation’s farmers by making the Department of Labor’s guest worker programs more accessible and easier for our farmers, including sugarcane growers, to use. Maintaining farmers’ access to H2-A CDL drivers for the final stage in harvesting sugarcane is essential to that commitment.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

With a nationwide deficit of domestic drivers with commercial driver licenses (CDL), 60,000, sugarcane farmers need access to CDL drivers through the H2-A program to transport their crop to the mill where the commodity (raw sugar) is recovered from the sugarcane. In Louisiana alone, sugarcane provides $3 billion to the rural economy and supports 16,000 jobs.

During the 100-day harvest season, sugarcane farmers haul more than 500,000 loads of cane from the fields to the mills. That comes out to 5,000 loads per day and over 90% of these loads are delivered by nearly 1,300 H2-A CDL drivers. For countless years, the Department of Labor has allowed sugarcane specific Farm Labor Contractors to hire these H2-A CDL drivers to perform this vital work, allowing the industry to significantly improve efficiencies throughout the harvesting process. This efficient business model has also resulted in more intense road safety management that has demonstrably improved road safety in Louisiana’s cane region.

In October 2019, the Department of Labor issued new H2-A guidance that threatens to derail the sugarcane industry’s custom harvesting systems and push the industry back to antiquated business practices that would destroy the efficiency and safety gains that the industry has worked hard to achieve. This guidance makes the H2-A program more restrictive and cumbersome. In 2019, sugarcane farmers had tremendous problems securing needed H2-A CDL drivers threatening the ability to get sugarcane to the mill.
The United States Secretary of Labor has the statutory authority to extend the definition of "agricultural labor" to the shipment of the grower-owned sugarcane crop to the location where a marketable commodity (raw sugar) is recovered from these crops. As such, and because sugarcane growers retain ownership of their crop during transportation to the mill, the recovery of raw sugar is the necessary final step in harvesting the sugarcane crop.

Louisiana sugarcane operations provided by Farm Labor Contractors need and must have access to CDL drivers through the H2-A program to remain efficient.

**ACTION ITEM B**: INCREASED BROADBAND FUNDING

**SUBMITTED BY**: Secretary Ward (AR) and Commissioner Bronaugh (VA)

**TEXT**: NASDA encourages Congress to continue increasing funding for rural broadband expansion. Expanding broadband access is essential to spur rural economic development.

**ACTION ITEM C**: FARMER MENTAL HEALTH PRIORITIZATION

**SUBMITTED BY**: Secretary Ward (AR) and Commissioner Bronaugh (VA)

**TEXT**: NASDA encourages Congress to continue funding of the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network. Continued and predictable funding is essential for states and stakeholders to build a meaningful network structure that is able to provide services to the populations who need them most. Further, NASDA encourages USDA to continue working with stakeholders and across federal agencies to find federal level support and solutions.
PLANT AGRICULTURE AND PESTICIDE REGULATION

CHAIR: DIRECTOR KETTLER, IN | VICE CHAIR: COMMISSIONER HURLBURT, CT

COMMITTEE AGENDA WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH – 8:00AM

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- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (8:05 AM)
- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt

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- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt

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- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt
  - AEZ, C&T Timelines

BIOSTIMULANTS (8:20 AM)
- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt

IMPLEMENTATION OF HEMP IFR (8:30 AM)
- Director Kettler and Commissioner Hurlburt

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS (8:40 AM)
- Director Kettler and NASDA Staff
- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
  - Policy Amendment I: Section 11 – Domestic Marketing and Promotion; Secretary Tebbetts (VT)
  - Action Item D: Industrial Hemp Pilot Extension; Commissioner Petersen (MN)
  - Action Item E: Hemp Reporting System; Interim Secretary Randy Romanski (WI)

MEMBER DIALOGUE (8:50 AM)
- Open Discussion

ADJOURN (9:00 AM)
PLANT AGRICULTURE AND
PESTICIDE REGULATION

CHAIR: DIRECTOR KETTLER, IN | VICE CHAIR: COMMISSIONER HURLBURT, CT

PROPOSED POLICY AMENDMENTS

POLICY AMENDMENT I: SECTION 11 – DOMESTIC MARKETING AND PROMOTION

SUBMITTED BY: Secretary Tebbetts (VT)

SECTION: 11.8 NEW USES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

• NASDA supports the production, processing and commercialization of hemp.
• NASDA encourages research in all aspects of hemp from crop production to finished products, including hemp infused products.
• NASDA supports consistent model legislation to assist state legislatures in their efforts to enact laws permitting hemp production within their jurisdictions in accordance with the 2018 Farm Bill, while also permitting state legislatures to consider the needs and resources of their individual state when structuring their individual state plans.
• NASDA supports the use of genetic testing of seed, leaf, or flower material as a proxy for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content testing.
• NASDA supports the development of uniform standards for field sampling and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content testing of the young vigorous leaves of relatively mature plants; or as determined by a genetic test with gas chromatography (GC) methods.
• NASDA encourages the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), in consultations with states, to develop a model regulatory framework for oversight of the processing of hemp and-manufacturing of Cannabidiol (CBD) which will protect public health, comply with federal law, and foster growth in the industry.
• NASDA supports a clarification in federal law that would specifically allow the production and sale of hemp concentrates as process intermediates so long as hemp-infused products being sold to the public or enter interstate commerce do not exceed federal THC concentration thresholds.
PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM D: INDUSTRIAL HEMP PILOT EXTENSION

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Petersen (MN)

TEXT:

NASDA supports extension of the 2014 Farm Bill Industrial Hemp Pilot Program until December 31, 2020.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

The October 31, 2020 date to change over from pilot programs to approved USDA plans is not practical.

Minnesota plans to remain in operation under the pilot program for the 2020 growing season while a plan is developed to submit to USDA. Minnesota’s state hemp statute aligns the hemp licensure period with the calendar year. The two-month gap to fill in licensing will lead to confusion for growers, as well as be out of conformance with state law. Harvest will also be happening during this time. MDA staff will be fully focused on sampling hemp fields, and will not be able to manage applications, supporting documents, and licensing coming in to be processed prior to November 1. Hemp farmers would also be inconvenienced by this timing of changing over during harvest. MDA recommends that USDA grant an extension to state pilot programs until December 31, 2020.
PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS CONT.

**ACTION ITEM E: HEMP REPORTING SYSTEM**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Interim Secretary Romanski (WI)

**TEXT:**

NASDA encourages USDA to create a uniform electronic data reporting system to allow for all states and entities (e.g., private labs) to securely submit routinely requested data as required by USDA’s Domestic Hemp Production Program.

**BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:**

Since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill the cultivation and production of hemp has increased considerably. NASDA policy “supports the production, processing, and commercialization of hemp” in member states and has called on USDA to provide technical assistance to State hemp programs. Further, in the spirit of NASDA’s call for a renewed commitment to cooperative federalism and NASDA calls on the federal government to enhance resources for states and to avoid creating unfunded mandates.

USDA’s Domestic Hemp Production Program is requires reporting of large amounts of data that are disparate and require significant resources to compile. This requirement will increase program workload, require additional state funding and therefore constitutes an overwhelming administrative burden on states to comply. USDA established this reporting requirement as opposed to an auditing system and, in an effort to support states, USDA should use its considerable resources to develop a uniform system that streamlines the reporting process and alleviates the current burden placed on states.

NASDA calls on the USDA to continue its support of the expansion of state hemp programs by creating centralized reporting portal that establishes consistent reporting criteria, allows for the quick reporting of large volumes of data, and maintains reasonable information security obligations.
MARKETING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

CHAIR: DIRECTOR SANDISON, WA | VICE CHAIR: SECRETARY NAIG, IA

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  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (8:05 AM)
  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig

2020 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN (8:15 AM)
  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig
    - Trade Agreements
    - Market Development
    - International Trade Standards

2020 TRI-NATIONAL ACCORD (8:30 AM)
  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig

2018 FARM BILL DOMESTIC MARKETING PROGRAMS (8:40 AM)
  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS (8:50 AM)
  - Director Sandison and Secretary Naig
  - Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
    - Action Item F: Protecting Common Food Names in Trade Agreements; Interim Secretary Romanski (WI) & Commissioner Ball (NY)
    - Action Item G: USDA Agriculture in the Classroom Funding; Secretary Naig (IA) and Commissioner Petersen (MN)

MEMBER DIALOGUE (8:55 AM)
  - Open Discussion

ADJOURN (9:00 AM)
MARKETING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

CHAIR: DIRECTOR SANDISON, WA | VICE CHAIR: SECRETARY NAIG, IA

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM F: PROTECTING COMMON FOOD NAMES IN TRADE AGREEMENTS

SUBMITTED BY: Interim Secretary Romanski (WI) and Commissioner Ball (NY)

TEXT:

NASDA supports urging the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to utilize trade discussions to secure clear assurances from trading partners that preserve the value of U.S. market access rights for U.S. companies relying on common food and beverage names and reduce problematic misuse of geographical indications by EU member states.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

The European Union, in addition to other European governments, has for several years used trade negotiations with other countries that effectively limit competition by restricting common food and beverage product names via the misuse of geographical indicators (GIs). This is a growing nontariff trade barrier problem, as NASDA’s existing policy illustrates: “NASDA supports language in trade agreements protecting U.S. food, beverage, and agricultural products from the use of [GIs], which foreign competitors use to restrict the trade of U.S. products.”

Legitimate GIs, such as those that define U.S.-specific products produced in some regions of this country, play an important role. However, more steps must be taken to limit the EU’s intentional abuse of GIs that hamper competition.

In an effort to establish certainty and transparency in trade, under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) the USTR and Mexico, via a side letter, agreed to a list of several common food product names. This novel agreement secured assurances of continued market access for those products and established explicit safeguards to prevent the use of trade restrictive GIs by other trading partners. To further address this global challenge, NASDA should actively work to encourage the U.S. government, and as needed Congress, to build on this model by negotiating similar yet expanded market access list assurances with additional trading partners, either in the context of FTA discussions or as part of other trade-related negotiations.
PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS CONT.

ACTION ITEM G: USDA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FUNDING

SUBMITTED BY: Secretary Naig (IA) and Commissioner Petersen (MN)

TEXT:

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) encourages Congressional appropriators to fully fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) program each fiscal year. Through the AITC, the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and USDA provide critical support to state agricultural literacy programs, enhancing awareness, knowledge, and appreciation for agriculture among K-12 teachers and their students.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

USDA’s AITC program, administered by the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), supports the delivery of agricultural literacy programming and resources to nearly 5 million students and 60,000 teachers annually. Federal funding through AITC enables NAITCO to support state programs through workshops, conferences, field trips, farm tours, and other educational activities.

Funding for the AITC program is subject to annual appropriations from Congress. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, the AITC program received full funding of $552,000. Maintaining this level of support is critical for FY 2021 and beyond.
FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

CHAIR: SECRETARY ROSS, CA | VICE CHAIR: COMMISSIONER LEBEAUX, MA

COMMITTEE AGENDA WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH – 9:30AM

ROLL CALL AND OPENING REMARKS (9:30 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (9:35 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux

FOOD WASTE (9:40 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux
    o State Activity Report

DIETARY GUIDELINES (9:45 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux

NUTRITION AND FOOD ASSISTANCE POLICY (9:50 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux
    o State Activity Report

FDA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (10:00 AM)
  ▪ Bob Ehart; FDA Cooperative Agreement NASDA Staff Lead

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS (10:20 AM)
  ▪ Secretary Ross and Commissioner Lebeaux
  ▪ Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
    o Policy Amendment II: Section 5 – Nutrition and Food Assistance; Commissioner Hurlburt (CT)

MEMBER DIALOGUE (10:25 AM)
  ▪ Open Discussion

ADJOURN (10:30 AM)
As state officials and agriculture advocates, NASDA members stand in the nexus between agriculture, hunger, and nutrition. As the status of food and nutrition policy is constantly changing, NASDA members are currently focused on connecting consumers to products from farmers and ranchers and more local foods, Dietary Guidelines, food waste, labeling, and supporting programs that reduce food insecurity and increase nutritional value in measurable ways.

Federal policy related to nutrition or dietary guidelines should deliver measurable benefits to consumers. They should be based on sound and peer-reviewed nutrition science and should not prejudice particular agricultural commodities or products, and should not consider non-nutrition related elements such as environmental impacts or agricultural practices.

NASDA supports the USDA Farm to School Grant Program as it increases use and improves access to local foods in schools—thus boosting farm income and economic opportunities—while also fostering experiential food education for our nation’s children.

**Farm to School**

NASDA supports the USDA Farm to School Grant Program as it increases use and improves access to local foods in schools while also fostering experiential food education for our nation’s children. Participating schools should be given more opportunities and financial flexibility to
increase direct purchases of local products outside of the school food service contracts. This will drastically increase direct purchasing power, funneling dollars into the local economy, and remove a major hurdle to Farm to School implementation.

National School Lunch/Breakfast Programs

NASDA supports opposes restrictive dietary guidelines through the National School Lunch and Breakfast program on meat protein and calories served through the National School Lunch and Breakfast program that do not take into consideration individual needs, especially those of physically active and growing students. Dietary guidelines should not ensure that deprive students consume of sufficient calories and protein for healthy growth and mental alertness.

Overly restrictive dietary guidelines in the school lunch program will not solve the serious, national problem of childhood obesity. Rather, a more NASDA supports a comprehensive approach to the school breakfast and lunch programs by: reducing redundant administrative burdens, reducing food waste, providing flexibility to integrate local products, including dietary education and increased promoting increased physical activity. is needed to help students adopt a healthier lifestyle.

States should not be required to submit waiver request for the state department of agriculture to operate and manage the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. State departments of agriculture have close ties to the safety, production and marketing of food and have a proven track of managing grants.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

GusNIP

NASDA encourages the continued investments in the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) to increase the number of farmers markets and other authorized retailers who accept SNAP benefits as a means of encouraging participants to consume a greater volume and variety of fruits and vegetables while also supporting the farmers closest to their community. Every effort should be made to assist farmers with becoming qualified SNAP retailers, including full support of grant funding for wireless point-of-sale equipment.
PROPOSED POLICY AMENDMENTS CONT.

The effectiveness in providing a healthy diet under SNAP depends upon improvements in providing food to those who need it the most. The elimination of provisions allowing for the cash-out of food stamps is important to protecting the program from increased fraud and abuse.

**SNAP-Ed**

NASDA supports funding for the SNAP-Ed program through NIFA and state land grant universities, which teaches recipients how to make their SNAP dollars go further and healthier.

**WIC and Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Programs**

The WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) are outstanding investments for agriculture and the nation and should be continuously funded. The list of eligible products should be regularly reviewed to be expanded to include other healthy farm products; potentially including eggs and meat.

NASDA supports the expansion of the WIC FMNP and SFMNP to additional states and farmers’ markets.

**Food Donations**

NASDA supports policy that reduces regulatory burdens surrounding food donations. NASDA encourages FSIS and other associated agencies to pursue policies that streamline food donation processes while maintaining food safety standards.
ROLL CALL AND OPENING REMARKS (9:30 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT (9:35 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS (9:45 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse
    o Interim Rule: Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (USDA)
    o Proposed Rule: Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (Council on Environmental Quality)

REVIEW OF EPA REGULATORY ISSUES (9:55 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse
    o Issue Updates: New WOTUS Rule, PFAS Regulatory Process

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION (10:05 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS (10:20 AM)
  • Director Gould and Secretary Scuse
    o Issue Updates: Biostimulants, Endangered Species Act

MEMBER DIALOGUE (10:20 AM)
  • Open Discussion

ADJOURN (10:30 AM)