COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Rebranded in September 2019

Committee Task Statement:

• The Food Systems and Nutrition Committee leads legislative and regulatory policy engagement on food systems and nutrition issues for NASDA.

• The portfolio includes, but is not limited to, food safety, food and nutrition programs, food access, organics, dietary guidelines, & food waste.

• The committee is led by the chair and vice chair in coordination with NASDA policy staff committee lead. The committee works with the FSMA steering committee to discover policy engagement necessary for the implementation of FSMA, and align with national strategies.
MAJOR ENGAGEMENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Appropriations:
  • $8M for Food Safety Outreach Program
  • $7M for FSMA Enhancements
  • Forecast....

• National Academies of Sciences re: Food Waste—report out now

• Alliance for a Stronger FDA

• Dietary Guidelines industry coalition

• Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Frank Yiannis, Office of Food Policy Response: FSMA, Standards of Identity, CBD, PFOS, New Era

• USDA Detailee
LETTERS AND COMMENTS

• New Era of Smarter Food Safety
  • Traceability metrics
  • Outbreak communications
  • Central inspection database
  • Food safety culture

• Horizontal Standards of Identity
  • Updating the SOIs to allow for new ingredients, new technical effects like stabilizers and new procedures for processing will increase food innovation. This could improve nutrition, increase shelf life, reduce food waste, and lower costs for consumers. The current standards require notice, comment, and rulemaking for singular changes to standards of identity.

• Plant-based SOI...
## ACTIVE ACTION ITEMS

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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 nonnutrition 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—are also fostering experiential food education for our nation’s children.
POLICY AMENDMENT II: SECTION 5 - NUTRITION AND FOOD ASSISTANCE

SECTION: 5.2 NATIONAL FEEDING AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

NASDA supports the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP), WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

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.
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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.