

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



Subject of Policy Amendment III:

Add Hunger and Food Insecurity Section to policy 5.3

Section Number or Title to be Amended:

5 Nutrition and Food Assistance

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Text of Policy Amendment:

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Section 5.3 – Hunger and Food Insecurity

NASDA is committed to addressing hunger and food insecurity with the goal of ending hunger in our nation. As homes to many feeding and nutrition assistance programs and as representatives of the producer community, State departments of agriculture are uniquely positioned, formally and informally, to connect farmers and ranchers with entities (public and private) providing support to food insecure communities.

Further, state departments of agriculture have the ability to leverage and/or implement federal programs at the state level, that can best meet local objectives and strategies focusing on food insecurity.

By creating and fostering a nexus between those who raise and produce our food, those who address food insecurity, and those in need, the agriculture sector can play an integral part in meeting urgent needs as we work as a nation to end hunger.

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