Congratulations on your new role as your state’s leading agriculture advocate! On behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, I want to welcome you to your new position and into our association. At NASDA, our number one mission is to provide member value to the commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture in all 50 states and the four territories. NASDA’s staff are leading experts on agriculture and food policy and are a resource to you and your staff. Together, we amplify and unify your voice to make a national impact.

NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government and stakeholders. NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories.
At NASDA, we strive to unite and empower the voice of State Departments of Agriculture in the nation’s capitol. In addition to federal advocacy work, NASDA provides states with unparalleled tools for its members and their department staff.

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NASDA is driving agricultural policy between states, federal agencies and Capitol Hill. NASDA members are encouraged to join NASDA staff and tap into D.C. relationships and connections. At annual conferences, NASDA members target several priority issues to work on that will advance agriculture as an industry in the states. NASDA staff work with lead NASDA members to stay up-to-date on issues like international trade, workforce development and food safety. Members are encouraged to participate in NASDA staff-led policy calls to stay abreast of news straight from federal agencies and Capitol Hill. Contact our Senior Director of Public Policy Aline DeLucia to learn more about how to join issue committees.

GET INVOLVED

NASDA members select policy to focus on twice each year at NASDA’s Winter Policy Conference and annual meeting. Visit nasda.org/policy to learn more about the NASDA policy process and how you can participate in leadership roles.
PARTNERSHIPS
INDUSTRY PARTNERS
In addition to working with federal agencies, NASDA partners with over 30 organizations including trade associations, fortune 500 companies and research organizations. As a NASDA member, these relationships are available to you for organizing and supporting initiatives in your state.

PROFESSIONAL PEERS
NASDA membership creates a community of members for you and your peers to learn from and work with. The state departments of agriculture house the strongest network of agricultural leaders across the nation. New members are encouraged to participate in NASDA’s New Member Mentor program.
NASDA has four cooperative agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. NASDA’s cooperative agreements establish personal connections and contract partnerships between members and federal agencies to create novel and successful methods for advancing the U.S. food and agriculture industry.
REVOLUTIONIZING FOOD SAFETY
NASDA’s two cooperative agreements with the U.S. FDA work to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act and construct new produce and animal food safety inspection frameworks. The perspective and expertise NASDA members bring to federal agencies is invaluable for writing a new, proactive approach to nationwide food safety. In addition to providing guidance, NASDA works with stakeholders to educate producers and protect the safety and viability of U.S. agriculture.

MARKETING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE
NASDA’s cooperative agreement with the USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service advertises American grown products to international buyers. NASDA produces two annual nationwide trade shows that help small and medium size U.S. food and beverage companies export their products. Many producers’ first access to the international market starts with NASDA’s promotional events with the National Restaurant Association and Americas Food & Beverage Show. Outside the shows, NASDA provides data services to state departments of agriculture and attracts investors from China to enhance U.S. trade shows everywhere.

COLLECTING AGRICULTURAL DATA
Since 1972, NASDA has been a partner with the USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service in providing timely, accurate and useful statistics to U.S. agriculture. Under our NASS-NASDA cooperative agreement, the largest of its kind at USDA, NASDA employs more than 3,000 enumerators across the country who collect agricultural data on behalf of NASS. NASS data is used to digest trends in agriculture and create research based agricultural policy.
Along with a password protected website designed specifically for your use, NASDA staff are experts on agricultural and food policy. Our CEO, Dr. Barb Glenn, and our entire team in Washington, D.C. is an extension of your staff. NASDA staff are always available to you and your state.

**MEMBER RESOURCES**

- MEMBER CENTER WEBSITE
- TALKING POINTS
- POLICY UPDATE CALLS
- MEMBER NEWSLETTER
- ISSUE TOOLKITS
- SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDES
- ANNUAL MEETINGS

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TEAMWORK
No matter the issue, NASDA staff are your extra set of helping hands based in Washington, D.C. We encourage you to get involved with NASDA leadership opportunities and take advantage of NASDA staff resources and expertise. Together, we amplify a unified voice for the state departments of agriculture.
An extension of NASDA, the NASDA Foundation works to serve NASDA members through education and research.

The Foundation expands the impact of state departments of agriculture through projects within:

- Farm to School
- Women in Agriculture
- Invasive Pests
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