NASDA Update
Who is NASDA?

1. 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

2. NASDA Members are the Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of the State (and Territory) Departments of Agriculture
NASDA Policy Priorities

1. Cooperative Federalism
   NASDA Members and State Staff in Admin (EPA/USDA)

2. Food Safety
   Agreement with FDA (state departments of agriculture staff coordination)

3. International Trade
   Agreement with USDA-FAS MAP (bring intl buyers to US food shows)

4. Farm Bill
   Invasive Species, Specialty Crop Block Grant, MAP
Why iSolved?

- Old system not truly web-based or sustainable
  - Small, regular updates to make the system work for us for years to come
- Combines payroll, timesheets and HR records
- Improved reporting capabilities
- Security
iSolved Reminders

- Enter Time DAILY and **review** before verifying

- Click “Forgot Password” if you’ve failed twice so you don’t get locked out

- If you lock yourself out, call RFO immediately! Do no wait until Friday (enter time DAILY!!)

- Supervisors are there to help Enumerators, ask for help!!
iSolved Reminders

• Check your **project codes** for adjustments. Supervisors should be reviewing too!! Missing project codes are holding up nationwide reports.

• Enumerators must enter all adjustments (including per diem and cell phone). RFO can no longer enter. Cell phone is $12.

• NASDA.org > NASS > Personnel Resources>Handbooks

• [nasdanass@gmail.com](mailto:nasdanass@gmail.com) (SPECIFIC!)
Pending iSolved Issues

- February update is focused on performance

- Requested the ability to type project codes (not have to scroll)

- Requested project codes required for adjustments

- Disappearing verifications is an ongoing issue that has been escalated
NASDA Pay Rates

• Set by NASS and based on (decreasing) budget ($1 rate increase = $1M budget increase)

• Have not been reassessed in recent history (only COLA adjustments set by Social Security Admin)

• Recently began a strategic plan with NASS HQ to reassess
Enumerators with prior work experience over 2 years ago do not get credit for prior work.

At hiring, Supervisors may request a waiver from Charlie for credit for hours over 2 years ago (considered on a case-by-cases basis)
Looking Ahead

• Anticipating increased state and local regulations (make sure your home address is accurate)

• Increased insurance complexities

• Technology advances and risks

• Budgetary concerns

• Protect the Cooperative Agreement!