National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
-Overview
“We are All in this Together”
What is NASDA?

• Founded in 1916
• Non-profit, non-partisan association (501c6)
• Washington office opened in 1968
• NASDA Research Foundation founded in 1981 (501c3)
Our mission is to represent the state departments of agriculture in the development, implementation, and communication of sound public policy and programs which support and promote the American agricultural industry, while protecting consumers and the environment.
NASDA Members

- Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture in all **50 states** and **4 U.S. territories**
- 12 are elected, all others are appointed
Who is NASDA?

- States are the leaders in agriculture
- Sound agricultural policy - Nexus between state and federal policy
- Programs that promote agriculture
NASDA Regions

- American Samoa
- Guam
- Puerto Rico
- Virgin Islands
NASDA Affiliates

• Twenty-two Active Affiliate Groups

• AAPCO is one of those Affiliates & a key partner
  ▫ 43 States & PR
NASDA Meetings

- **Winter Policy Conference** held in Washington D.C. in February to focus on legislative issues

- **Regional Meetings** held in June and July

- **Annual Meeting** hosted by the NASDA President in September

- **Tri-National Accord** held annually in the fall and hosted by the US every three years
NASDA Communications

- NASDA News
- NASDA website
  - www.nasda.org
- Twitter
  - @NASDAnews
- Facebook
  - https://www.facebook.com/NASDADC
Stephen Haterius Student Leadership Program

- Intern Program began in 2002, renamed in honor of Stephen in 2014

- Over 60 students have participated in the program
Partners

USDA-NASS

• Cooperative Agreement since 1972

• 3,400 enumerators around the country
Partners

USDA- FAS

- Cooperative Agreement since 1982
- Promote exports of U.S.-made, high-value food products
Partners

USDA- FAS
Partners

EPA

- NASDARF Cooperative Agreement (FY2011-15) to enhance Pesticide Safety Programs
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Ag & Non Ag Safety for Workers and Pesticide Handlers
- Applicator Certification and Training
- Pesticide Safety for Health Care Providers
Partners

FDA

- Cooperative Agreement since 2014
- Determine the current foundation of state law
- Determine the resources needed by states to implement the produce safety rule
- Develop a timeline for successful implementation once the rule is finalized
2015 NASDA Policy Priorities - Tier One

• Waters of the U.S.

• Pollinator Health

• Food Safety
NASDA Policy Committees

• Animal & Plant Industries
• Food Regulation
• Marketing & International Trade
• Natural Resources, Pesticide Management & Environment
  o Director Jeff Witte, New Mexico, chair
  o Commissioner Sandra Adams, Virginia, vice chair
• Rural Development & Financial Security
In Summary

• Policy Success

• Working with Partners and Allies
Thank you & Questions?

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