National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA): Overview

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials
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What is NASDA?

• Founded in 1916

• Non-profit, non-partisan association (501c6)

• Washington office opened in 1968

• NASDA Research Foundation founded in 1981 (501c3)
NASDA Mission Statement (new)

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 Members

• Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture in all **50 states** and **4 U.S. territories**
• 12 are elected, all others are appointed
Stephen Haterius Student Leadership Program

- NASDA Agricultural Policy Internship Program began in 2002, renamed in honor of former NASDA CEO Stephen Haterius in 2014
- Over 60 students have participated in the program
NASDA’s Next Generation

• Program inaugural debut September 2015

• Purpose: give college students the opportunity to engage with our members tasked with promoting and regulating agriculture in the state departments of agriculture

• Students participate through hands on experience at NASDA’s annual meeting
NASDA Meetings

- All meetings can be found at: www.nasda.org/events.aspx

- **Winter Policy Conference** held in Washington D.C. in February focuses on legislative and regulatory 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
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
NASDA Trade Show Partners
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
NASDA Affiliates

- Twenty-three Active Affiliate Organizations

- AAPCO is one of NASDA’s most important Affiliates & a key partner
  - 43 States & PR
2016 Policy Priorities

• **Partnerships**
  ▫ Food Safety
  ▫ International Trade
  ▫ Pollinator Health
  ▫ WOTUS

• **Policy Prioritization and Resources**
NASDA Policy Committees

- Animal Agriculture
- Food Regulation
- Marketing & International Trade
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Plant Agriculture & Pesticide Regulation
- Rural Development & Financial Security
NASDA - AAPCO Collaboration

• WOTUS

• Worker Protection Standard

• Certification of Pesticide Applicators

• Pollinators
In Summary

• Policy Impact and Influence

• Working with Partners and Allies
Thank you & Questions?

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