National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA): The Year Ahead

AAPCO 70th Annual Meeting
March 7, 2017
Overview of Presentation

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- Opportunities: *Cooperative Federalism*
About NASDA: Who We Are
NASDA Member & Regional Overview
(As of January 2017)
About NASDA: Our Mission

• Our mission is to grow and enhance agriculture by forging **partnerships** and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders.
About NASDA: Our Affiliates

- **Twenty-three** Active Affiliate Organizations

- **AAPCO** is one of NASDA’s most important Affiliates & a **key partner**
  - 43 States & PR
About NASDA: *Our Communications*

- NASDA News
- NASDA website
  - [www.nasda.org](http://www.nasda.org)
- Twitter
  - [@NASDAnews](https://twitter.com/NASDAnews)
- Facebook
  - [https://www.facebook.com/NASDADC](https://www.facebook.com/NASDADC)
About NASDA: Our Meetings

• All meetings can be found at [www.nasda.org/events.aspx](http://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—this year in Denver, CO!
NASDA 2017 Policy Priorities

- Cooperative Federalism
- FSMA Implementation
- International Trade
- Farm Bill Priorities
Challenge Areas

- Transition
- Congress
- Funding
- Education
- All of the above
Opportunities: *Cooperative Federalism*

- Advancing the role of states – as co-regulators and not simply stakeholders
- Ensuring federal legislation reflects the unique role states serve in in consultation & implementation
- Increasing flexibility for state program delivery
- Enhancing resources for states and eliminating unfunded mandates
- Supporting the roles and respecting the authorities of states

Share your cooperative federalism experience using: #AgPartnerships!
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