

**The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
2004 Midyear Legislative Conference  
The Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel**

**PROGRAM**

(as of February 13, 2004)

<b>Friday, February 20</b>
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Homeland Security Task Force Meeting (lunch provided)	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Audit Committee	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
NASDA Board of Directors Meeting (dinner provided) (with Committee Chairs)	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

12:00 PM – Registration Open

Dinner on Your Own	Hospitality Suite Open (8:00 pm to Midnight)
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<b>Saturday, February 21</b>
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7:00 AM – Registration Open

Breakfast	7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
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Tri-National Accord Delegation Meeting (U.S. Delegation Only)	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
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Regional Association and State Regional Trade Group Meetings 9:00 AM to Noon

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Lunch	Noon to 1:00 PM
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General Policy Committees 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Natural Resources & Pesticide Management	Marketing & International Trade
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Dinner on Your Own	Hospitality Suite Open (8:00 pm to Midnight)
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**Sunday, February 22**

7:00 AM – Registration Open

7:00 AM to 8:30 AM      Breakfast  
Speaker: Hon. Eric M. Bost  
Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (*confirmed*)

Interstate Pest Control Compact Meeting	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
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Warehouse Task Force	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
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Animal & Plant Industries Committee (CLOSED SESSION - Open to all NASDA Members)	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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Lunch	Noon to 1:00 PM
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General Policy Committees 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Food Regulation	Rural Development & Financial Security
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Animal & Plant Industries Committee (OPEN SESSION)	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
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Banquet Dinner with Speaker 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

6:00 to 7:00 PM      Reception  
7:00 to 9:00 PM      Banquet  
Speaker: Dr. Mike Boehlje, Agricultural Economist,  
Purdue University (*confirmed*)

Hospitality Suite Open	8:00 pm to Midnight
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**Monday, February 23**

**General Session**

7:00 AM – Registration Open

SRC Dairy Issues Meeting

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM General Breakfast (no program)

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Speakers:

**Morning Plenary Session**

•Dr. Robert Brackett, Director, Office of Food Safety & Security,  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and  
Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) (*confirmed*)

•Congressional Perspective

Larry E. Craig, United States Senate - Idaho (*confirmed*)

•Animal Identification - Status Report and Demonstration

- Dr. Valarie Ragan, USDA-APHIS

- Nebraska Program

- Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium

•CNMP Website Roll Out

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

**NASDA Business Meeting**

Committee Reports

Policy Statements

Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Load buses for USDA

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Afternoon Plenary Session at USDA**

Keynote Address: Secretary Ann M. Veneman (*confirmed*)

Chuck Conner, Special Assistant to the President for Agricultural  
Trade and Food Assistance (*confirmed*)

Working Session with Under Secretaries

5:00 PM Depart for Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill

5:30 to 7:30 PM Congressional/Agri-  
Business Reception

Return Transportation to Hotel Provided  
Rest of Evening Open

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**Tuesday, February 24**

**General Session**

7:00 AM	NASDA Office Open
7:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Breakfast (no program)
8:30 AM	Load buses for APHIS (Riverdale, MD)
9:00 AM to 9:05 AM	Welcome Bobby Acord, APHIS Administrator
9:05 AM to 9:45 AM	Biotechnology Update Cindy Smith, Deputy Administrator, Biotechnology and Regulatory Services
9:45 AM to 10:15 AM	Low-path avian influenza national plan Dr. T.J. Myers, Director, Certification and Control Team, National Center for Animal Health Programs
10:15 AM to 10:30 AM	Exotic Newcastle disease surveillance plan Dr. Jack Shere, Acting Director Emergency Programs
10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Chronic wasting disease update Dr. Dean Goeldner, Staff veterinarian/wildlife disease liaison, National Center for Animal Health Programs
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	PPQ budget process Paul Eggert, Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine
11:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Ya pear and pinecone recall issues Ross Nichols, Staff officer, Quarantine, Policy, Analysis and Support
11:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Ralstonia Dr. Matt Royer, Acting Senior Program Advisor, Pest Detection and Management Programs

12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	Soybean rust Dr. Matt Royer, Acting Senior Program Advisor, Pest Detection and Management Programs
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM	Tour of APHIS Emergency Operations Center
1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch & Additional Discussions
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM	“Biobased Products and Biodiesel,” Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)
2:00 PM	Arrive at National Visitor Center’s Log Lodge  Overview of BARC Biobased Initiatives Ron Korcak, Associate Director, BARC
2:15 PM	Developing and Promoting Biobased Products Mike Erker, BioProducts Development Director, United Soybean Board
2:30 PM	Biobased Products and Biodiesel Use at BARC John van de Vaarst, Facilities Director, BARC
2:45 PM	Biobased Products in Use (short ride to Building 301)
3:30	Return to the hotel
	Adjournment

*(Baggage check will be available at the NASDA Office in the hotel)*