

**Policy Amendment To:**  
Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education

Section 14.5 Legislative Needs

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Subject of Amendment: Support funding for the Specialty Crop Research Program

Section number:

Insert the following text at the end of Section 14.5 Legislative Needs

Amendment Text:

NASDA supports full funding for a Specialty Crop Research Program with the following priorities: (1) research on invasive pest and disease threats in global trading environment; (2) pest risk analysis; and (3) development of bio-control agents.

**Support full funding for the Specialty Crop Research Program-Justification**

Research funding has sharply declined over time and have not addressed the research needs of specialty crops. Due to the increased regulations on specialty crops and the environment and labor, this research will help the industry meet these requirements and stay competitive in a global environment.