



## **Policy Materials**

### **2021 NASDA Annual Meeting**

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# **Committee Agendas**

2021 Annual Meeting

# Food Systems and Nutrition Committee

*Chair: Secretary Karen Ross, California*

*Vice-Chair: Commissioner Amanda Beal, Maine*

*NASDA Staff Contact: Zachary Gihorski*

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 12:30 -1:30PM ET | 2021 Annual Meeting | Medallion A

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (12:30)**

- Secretary Ross (12:30)
- Commissioner Beal (12:35)

### **USDA Policy Update (12:40)**

- Jennifer Moffitt, *Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA*
- Questions (12:55)

### **FDA Policy Update (1:00)**

- Frank Yiannas, *Deputy Commissioner, FDA* (1:00)
- Questions

### **Committee Business (1:10)**

- Consideration of Policy Amendments / Action Items (1:10)
  - Policy Amendment 6: Federal PFAS Support and Leadership
  - Action Item B: State Departments of Agriculture and Food Purchases for Food Banks

### **FDA Cooperative Agreements Update (1:25)**

- Joe Reardon, *Director Food Safety, NASDA*
- Bob Ehart, *Senior Science and Policy Advisor, NASDA*

### **Adjourn (1:30)**

# **Rural Development & Financial Security Committee**

*Chair: Commissioner Thom Petersen, Minnesota*

*Vice-Chair: Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia*

*NASDA Contact: Autumn Lankford*

## **Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM ET | 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting | Medallion D

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (12:30)**

- Commissioner Petersen and Commissioner Leonhardt

### **Infrastructure Update (12:35)**

- Autumn Lankford, *Manager Public Policy, NASDA*

### **SDA Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network Update (12:40)**

- Autumn Lankford, *Manager Public Policy, NASDA*

### **Committee Business (12:45)**

- Commissioner Petersen and Commissioner Leonhardt
- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
  - Policy Amendment 4: Reforms to Temporary Agriculture Worker Programs

### **Member Dialogue (1:00)**

- Open Discussion

### **Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) Presentation & Dialogue (1:10)**

- Austin Gellings, *Agriculture Services Manager, AEM*

### **Adjourn (1:30)**

# **Animal Agriculture Committee**

*Chair: Secretary Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma*

*Vice-Chair: Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, Tennessee*

*NASDA Contact: Rebecca Barnett*

## **Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET | 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting | Medallion D

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (2:00)**

- Secretary Arthur and Commissioner Hatcher

### **Meat Processing Grants (2:05)**

- State Meat Processing Grant Success Stories; Video
- Overview of Future Supply Chain Funding Needs
  - Commissioner Hatcher, *Coronavirus Agricultural and Forestry Business Fund*
  - Chad Grubbs, *Owner, Pott's Processing*
  - Jim Simpson, *President, Southern Natural Food*

### **Committee Business (2:45)**

- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
  - Policy Amendment 1: Animal Feeds
  - Policy Amendment 3: Animal Health Protection & Disease Control
  - Action Item A: Federal Milk Marketing Order

### **Member Dialogue (2:55)**

- Open Discussion

### **Adjourn (3:00)**

# Natural Resources & Environment Committee

*Chair: Secretary Wes Ward, Arkansas*

*Vice-Chair: Secretary Michael Scuse, Delaware*

*NASDA Contact: Zachary Gihorski*

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET | 2021 Annual Meeting | Medallion A

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (2:00)**

- Secretary Ward (2:00)
- Secretary Scuse (2:05)

### **WOTUS Speakers (2:10)**

- Courtney Briggs, *Senior Director, Waters Advocacy Coalition & National Homebuilders Association*
- Travis Cushman, *Senior Counsel for Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation*
- Questions (2:25)

### **Food and Agricultural Climate Alliance (FACA) Update (2:35)**

- Zachary Gihorski, *Associate Director of Policy, NASDA*

### **Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items (2:40)**

- Action Item C: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Expansion and Support for Farmland Resiliency.

### **Member Dialogue (2:55)**

- Open Discussion

### **Adjourn (3:00)**

# Plant Agriculture & Pesticide Regulation Committee

*Chair: Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Connecticut*

*Vice-Chair: Director Chris Chinn, Missouri*

*NASDA Contact: Zachary Gihorski*

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 21 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM ET | 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting | Medallion A

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (3:30)**

- Commissioner Hurlburt (3:30)
- Director Chinn (3:35)
- Introduction of Speaker (3:40)

### **Delta-8 Speaker (3:40)**

- Kay Doyle, *Director, U.S. Public Policy & Public Affairs, Greenwich Biosciences*
- Questions (4:00)

### **Committee Business (4:10)**

- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items (4:10)

### **NASDA Policy Update (4:15)**

- Zachary Gihorski, *Associate Director of Public Policy, NASDA*

### **Member Dialogue (4:20)**

- Open Discussion

### **Adjourn (4:30)**



# Marketing and International Trade Committee

*Chair: Director Derek Sandison, Washington*

*Vice-Chair: Secretary Mike Naig, Iowa*

*NASDA Contact: RJ Karney*

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM ET | 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting | Medallion D

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks (3:30)**

- Director Sandison and Secretary Naig

### **U.S.—U.K. Free Trade Agreement (3:35)**

- Ceri Morgan, *Director, EU and International Trade Directorate, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs*

### **Committee Business (4:00)**

- Director Sandison
- Consideration of Policy Amendments and Action Items
  - Policy Amendment 2: Interstate Commerce Clarity
  - Policy Amendment 5: Eligibility of Hemp for Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

### **Member Dialogue (4:25)**

- Open Discussion

### **Adjourn (4:30)**



# **Policy Amendments & Action Items**

2021 Annual Meeting



## Policy Amendments for Member Consideration 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting

Proposed Policy Amendments							
<i>Policy Amendment Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Submitted By</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Policy Book Page Number</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Passed with Amendment</i>	<i>Failed</i>
1	Animal Feeds	Commissioner Hatcher, TN	Animal Agriculture	11			
2	Interstate Commerce Clarity	Secretary Beam, KS & Secretary Naig, IA	Marketing and International Trade	12			
3	Animal Health Protection and Disease Control	Secretary Redding, PA	Animal Agriculture	13			
4	Reforms to Temporary Agriculture Worker Programs	Secretary Redding, PA	Rural Development and Financial Security	15			
5	Eligibility of Hemp for Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Funding	Secretary Tebbetts, VT, Commissioner Beal, ME, Secretary Fisher, NJ, Commissioner Hurlburt, CT, & Secretary Scuse, DE	Marketing and International Trade	16			
6	Federal PFAS Support and Leadership	Secretary Scuse, DE, Commissioner Beal, ME, & Secretary Witte, NM	Food Systems and Nutrition	17			



## Action Items for Member Consideration 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting

Proposed Action Items							
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A	Federal Milk Marketing Orders	Secretary Tebbetts, VT & Commissioner Lebeaux, MA	Animal Agriculture	18			
B	State Departments of Agriculture and Food Purchases for Food Banks	Commissioner Greenberg, CO, Secretary Ross, CA, & Commissioner Beal, ME	Food Systems and Nutrition	19			
C	Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Expansion and Support for Farmland Resiliency	Secretary Scuse, DE & Commissioner Beal, ME	Natural Resources and Environment	20			



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Policy Amendment Form

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*To be completed by NASDA Staff:*

**Date Submitted:** 08/20/21

**Committee:** Animal Agriculture

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**Additional Notes:**

Policy Amendments (PA) either create a new section or amend an existing section of NASDA's Policy Statements. PAs establish general policy principles of the association and guide NASDA's policy prioritization process and engagement.

**Section Number and Title to be Amended:** 1.12 Animal Feeds (new section)

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Animal Feeds

**Submitted By:** Commissioner Hatcher of Tennessee

**Text of Policy Amendment:**

NASDA supports a streamlined scientific approval process of animal food ingredients in promoting production efficiency, animal well-being, food safety, and decreasing the environmental footprint of livestock and pets.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook):



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Policy Amendment Form

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**Committee:** Marketing and International Trade

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**Section Number and Title to be Amended:** 11.12 Establishment of Production Standards

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Interstate Commerce Clarity

**Submitted By:** Secretary Beam of Kansas and Secretary Naig of Iowa

**Text of Policy Amendment:**

NASDA supports the rights of state governments to establish statutes, regulations or policies regarding the production or manufacture of agriculture products **within those states**, as those products are defined in Section 207 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946. These statutes, regulations or policies must be constructed in such a way as to allow for the free flow of interstate trade that is afforded by the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States of America.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook): The concept is that states should be able to create state regulations and policies that impact their producers and consumers. However, in doing so, those state specific statutes/regulations/policies should not impact the interstate commerce outside the state of origin.



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Committee: Animal Agriculture

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## Section Number and Title to be Amended:

- ☐ 1.5: Wildlife Management and Exotic Animals (new sub-bullets)
- ☐ 1.10: Animal Identification
- ☐ 1.11: One Health (new section)

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Animal Health Protection and Disease Control

**Submitted By:** Secretary Redding of Pennsylvania

## Text of Policy Amendment:

- 1.5: Wildlife Management and Exotic Animals
  - NASDA supports the mission of USDA-Wildlife Services (WS) in protecting and mitigating the impact wild or exotic species may have on the health, welfare, and viability of U.S. agricultural production.
    - NASDA recognizes Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a significant threat to both captive and wild deer health and survival.
  - NASDA supports USDA-WS activities in managing the impacts wildlife may have on natural resources, agricultural crops, forests, pastures, urban and rural structures, and livestock or human health.
    - NASDA recognizes critical role of both state departments of agriculture and state wildlife agencies working collaboratively to mitigate threat of CWD to the "collective herd."
- 1.10: Animal Identification
  - NASDA believes the ability to efficiently track food producing animals from birth to slaughter is vital to safeguarding animal health, protecting the safety of the U.S. food supply and ensuring the competitiveness of the U.S. livestock industry in the global marketplace.
- 1.11: One Health (new section)
  - NASDA supports One Health's mission of collaborating to accomplish the goal of safeguarding animal, public and environmental health comprehensively.
  - NASDA recognizes One Health resides at the intersection of all things living and many times the topics addressed push the regulatory authority of any one department, agency or discipline to its limit complicating the ease with which comprehensive solutions can be established.
  - NASDA acknowledges with animal-human diseases accounting for nearly 60% of all human diseases and 75% of all emerging infectious diseases being zoonotic, now more than ever we must adapt and recognize the bi-directional movement of high-consequence diseases and be prepared to prevent and mitigate such occurrences.



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**Committee:** Animal Agriculture

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**Additional Notes:**

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook):

- 1.5: Wildlife Management and Exotic Animals
  - This recognizes the threat of CWD to agriculture across the country
- 1.10: Animal Identification
  - Having robust animal tracking will ensure a safer and more competitive marketplace for US across the globe
- 1.11: One Health (new section)
  - Collaboration and planning are critical, and we must prepare now to avoid the next pandemic.
  - We must remain cognizant of how we are interfacing with and managing our livestock production, we must recognize that diseases coming out of wildlife can jump to people and we must remain vigilant of global wildlife trade and species moving across borders.
  - The One Health concept should be elevated from a standing committee to a standard operating procedure to address complex animal, human and environmental challenges across the nation.





# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Policy Amendment Form

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**Committee:** Rural Development and Financial Security

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**Section Number and Title to be Amended:** 10.3 Agricultural Workforce (new sub-bullet)

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Reforms to Temporary Agriculture Worker Programs

**Submitted By:** Secretary Redding of Pennsylvania

## Text of Policy Amendment:

- NASDA supports reforms to temporary agriculture worker programs and recommends the following principles:
  - An "at-will" visa where employees do not have contractual commitments and can move between employers as seasons and labor demands change.
  - A contract visa where employees commit to working for an employer for a fixed period of time when stability is preferred between both parties.
  - NASDA supports amending the H-2A program to include year-round workers.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook): There is a need and desire to make the H-2A program accessible to industries with year-round needs. The program as it is only allows sectors with seasonal workforce needs to use H-2A workers. Allowing for industries with year-round needs to use the program will give additional opportunities to workers and help expand business.



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Policy Amendment Form

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Committee: Marketing and International Trade

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**Section Number and Title to be Amended:** 11.11 Specialty Crops (new bullet)

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Eligibility of Hemp for Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funding

**Submitted By:** Secretary Tebbetts of Vermont, Commissioner Beal of Maine, Secretary Fisher of New Jersey, Commissioner Hurlburt of Connecticut and Secretary Scuse of Delaware

## Text of Policy Amendment:

- NASDA supports the dual designation for hemp as a specialty crop based on the manner and purpose for which it is grown. NASDA supports expanding the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funding eligibility to hemp crops with horticultural uses.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook): USDA must designate hemp production for nursery stock and floral material as horticultural crops and therefore a specialty crop and eligible for SCBGP funding. The definition of specialty crop is "fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture."<sup>1</sup> Hemp can be a horticultural crop recognized as having culinary, medicinal, and decorative uses in addition to fiber and grain (agronomic crop), and is similarly situated as other dual designated crops with both grain/fiber and horticultural end uses. In Vermont, approximately 98% of hemp cultivation is for a horticultural crop.

Practices used in cultivation for flower hemp production are similar to other horticultural crops. Hemp for flower is produced on a smaller scale, is manicured for specific growth characteristics and flower production, as compared to when it is produced as a grain, oil seed crop, and/or field crop for fiber.

The January 19, 2021 publication of USDA's final rule in the Federal Register explicitly says that "[h]emp is a commodity with numerous industrial and horticultural uses including fabric, paper, construction materials, food products, cosmetics, production of cannabinoids (such as cannabidiol or CBD), and other products."<sup>2</sup> [Emphasis provided]. It acknowledges uses as microgreens and nursery stock. Further 7 CFR 990.3(a)(2)(iii), encourages states to adopt state level performance-based sampling plans, which can be attributed to end uses, such as nursery stock and microgreens.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/USDASpecialtyCropDefinition.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-00967/p-9>

<sup>3</sup> 7 CFR 990.3(a)(2)(iii), [https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-990#p-990.3\(a\)\(2\)](https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-990#p-990.3(a)(2))



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Policy Amendment Form

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**Committee:** Food Systems and Nutrition

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**Section Number and Title to be Amended:** 4.10 Food Regulation and Safety (new section)

**Subject of Policy Amendment:** Federal PFAS Support and Leadership

**Submitted By:** Secretary Scuse of Delaware, Commissioner Beal of Maine and Secretary Witte of New Mexico

## Text of Policy Amendment:

- NASDA supports federal legislation that increases state funding and resources for responding to hazardous waste, particularly including per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), that impact farmland, groundwater, and livestock.
- NASDA supports federal funding for PFAS response, including testing and sampling, state staffing, enhanced DIPP programmatic support, and other timely effective remedial actions (including water filtration, waste management, livestock management or other effective systems to bring contaminated water and land below threshold levels). This includes financial support for impacted farmers.
- NASDA encourages the collaboration of interagency support and response, as it relates to PFAS and hazardous waste, between USDA, EPA and FDA.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Policy Amendment or appear in the NASDA Policy Handbook): PFAS is steadily emerging as a major threat to agricultural operations in the US. "PFAS" (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) are a large group of synthetic fluorinated chemicals that do not fully degrade in the environment. PFAS chemicals have been widely used since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century in consumer products that are stain, oil, heat, and water resistant. They are prevalent in waterproof clothing and gear, furniture fabric, food packaging, carpets, and cookware, etc. Because of their popularity, PFAS are present in wastewater in septic tanks and in treatment plants. They then end up in our groundwater, drinking water, and soils, where they can enter the food chain. PFAS accumulates in humans and animals. Studies suggest PFAS exposure can lead to increased cholesterol levels; changes in liver enzymes; decreased vaccine response in children; decreased birth weight; thyroid disease; increased risk of high blood pressure or pre-eclampsia in pregnant women; and increased risk of kidney or testicular cancer.



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Action Item Form

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Committee: Animal Agriculture

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**Subject of Action Item:** Federal Milk Marketing Orders - Revision of the Calculation of the Class I Fluid Milk Price

**Submitted By:** Secretary Tebbetts of Vermont and Commissioner Lebeaux of Massachusetts

## Text of Action Item:

NASDA supports adjusting the calculation of the Class I price of milk to rectify a flaw from the adjustment to the calculation in the 2018 Farm Bill. This adjustment could be completed through the Federal Order Hearing process or the 2023 Farm Bill Development. If this is to be accomplished through the Federal Order Hearing Process, then USDA should be required to hold an emergency hearing.

## Background & Rationale (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Action Item):

The adjustment in the 2018 Farm Bill was to provide predictability for fluid milk processors for Class I pricing but the uncertainties of COVID exposed a flaw in the 2018 Farm Bill Adjustment with wild swings in dairy pricing. The calculation should be adjusted to address the following: The average of the Class III and Class IV plus a factor of \$0.74/cwt. is the current calculation. The \$0.74 /cwt. was set as an average over time of the impact of this new formula versus the old calculation. The \$0.74/cwt. factor should be recalculated every two years to mitigate the impact of price swings for dairy farmers by comparing the current formula to the old formula and determining the average different over a 24-month period. The current year (\$0.74/cwt.) should be considered the floor and the new calculated average should not drop below this amount.

In the 2018 Farm Bill the calculation for the Class I Fluid milk price was changed from using the higher of Class III and Class IV prices to an average of the Class III and Class IV prices plus \$0.74/cwt. The \$0.74/cwt. was the average difference in the Class I price using the old and proposed calculations. The changes were implemented in May of 2019 and the new calculation has been detrimental to dairy farmer income across the country. US Farm Bureau estimates that any time the spread between the Class III and Class IV is greater than \$1.48/cwt., dairy farmers will be negatively impacted. Farm Bureau data shows that in July through October of 2019 spread far exceeded \$1.48/cwt. with \$6.83 per hundredweight in July, \$10.96 per hundredweight in August, \$10.30 per hundredweight in September and \$3.56 per hundredweight in October. This directly impacted dairy farmer income with a substantially lower Class I price than would have been calculated under the old formula. Farm Bureau calculates that since the Class I milk price formula was modified through October 2020, the Federal Order pooled value of Class I milk is **\$403 million lower** than it would have been under the higher-of formula eliminated in the 2018 farm bill, reducing dairy farmer income across the country.



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Action Item Form

B

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**Date Submitted:** 8/20/21

**Committee:** Food Systems and Nutrition

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**Subject of Action Item:** State Departments of Agriculture and Food Purchases for Food Banks

**Submitted By:** Commissioner Greenberg of Colorado, Secretary Ross of California and Commissioner Beal of Maine

## **Text of Action Item:**

### **NASDA Supports Purchase of Healthy Food for Food Insecure Americans and to Build Food Bank Capacity**

- NASDA should advocate that the \$400M investment provides dedicated funding to state departments of agriculture to support the purchase of local food for food banks.
- NASDA should advocate for all necessary administrative costs incurred by the states to be able to be recovered.

## **Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Action Item):

Background - In June 2021, USDA announced a \$1 billion investment to support and expand the emergency food network so states, food banks and local organizations can reliably serve their communities. This Investment includes \$400 million to support the purchase of food from local, regional and socially disadvantaged farmers. USDA has outlined that the program would work through cooperative agreements with state and Tribal governments. State departments of agriculture were not specifically referenced. TEFAP programs in a number of states are not facilitated by state departments of agriculture, but rather other state agencies. This Action Item would support NASDA advocacy on dedicated funding for state departments of agriculture.

### **Rationale -**

- USDA's Investment of \$400M to Support Local, Regional, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers in improving food systems will facilitate relationships between farmers, ranchers and producers and local and regional food systems.
- State departments of agriculture can be valued partners in expanding food purchases among a diversity of eligible producers as part of TEFAP.
- State department of agriculture have the networks/contracts and on-the-ground connections with farmers to further support local food purchases for food banks.



# 2021 NASDA Annual Meeting Action Item Form

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*To be completed by NASDA Staff:*

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**Committee:** Natural Resources and Environment

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**Subject of Action Item:** Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Expansion and Support for Farmland Resiliency.

**Submitted By:** Secretary Scuse of Delaware, Commissioner Beal of Maine

**Text of Action Item:**

NASDA supports advocating for increasing total EQIP funding as well as increases in the EQIP federal matching contribution percentage.

**Background & Rationale** (Note: Information in this section will not be included in the final text of the Action Item):

In line with NASDA long-term support of federal conservation programs and the momentum of leveraging these programs to assist furthering climate smart agricultural practices, this action item calls on NASDA to advocate for increasing conservation funding resources to the states.



## **Affiliate Reports**

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**AAPCO Affiliate Report for NASDA**  
**Patrick Jones, AAPCO President**  
**August 8, 2021**

AAPCO has been working cooperatively with our valued partners at NASDA and has appreciated their efforts to support programs and policies which impact AAPCO members, and our ability to do our jobs effectively. By leveraging our assets with NASDA's policy expertise and AAPCO's technical advice we can be more effective in promoting policies that will provide our growers with needed tools and protect the environment.

General Summary of activities for the past years:

AAPCO particularly appreciates NASDA's support of:

- State *flexibility* when issuing FIFRA Section 24(c) registrations. NASDA has stated that it is important for EPA to recognize that "states are not stakeholders but co-regulatory partners under FIFRA and, therefore, must be consulted on any FIFRA regulatory or policy initiative".  
[https://aapco.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/nasda\\_epa-24c\\_04.04.2019.pdf](https://aapco.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/nasda_epa-24c_04.04.2019.pdf)
- Practical changes to the Application Exclusion Zone,  
<https://aapco.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/nasda-jan-29-final-wps-letter.pdf>

AAPCO & NASDA have also:

- Collaborated on a letter to USEPA, supporting the use of sound science in making the re-registration decisions for OTT dicamba products.
- Coordinated a national call regarding the issuance of Sec. 18 registrations for disinfectants.

AAPCO's focus areas are to promote and defend State's abilities to issue Special Local Need Registrations, maintain engagement with EPA and others on the PFAS Issue with fluorinated pesticide containers and pesticides that may contain PFAS, and pursue effective communication with EPA on the dicamba issue and its impacts to State Pesticide Programs.

AAPCO appreciates the routine conversations revolving around topics of mutual interest that occur with NASDA representative, RJ Karney.





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On behalf of our current Board of Directors and our members, we wish to express our appreciation to all the Chairpersons, Chiefs, Commissioners, Directors and Secretaries of Agriculture that allowed their staff to participate in AAPFCO meetings and training opportunities for the benefit of AAPFCO and your staff members.

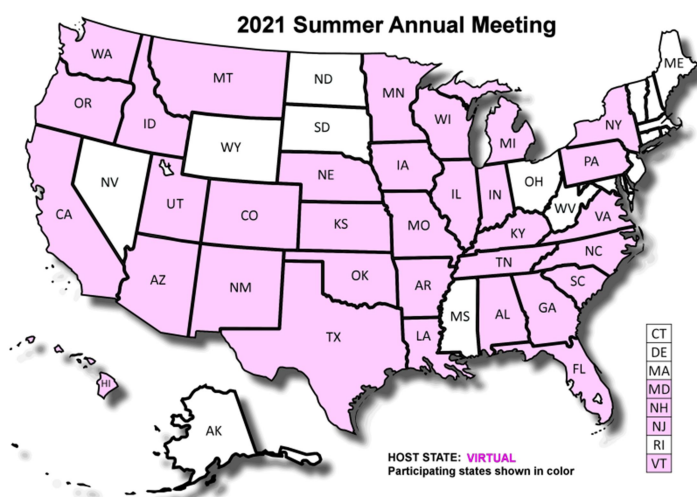
AAPFCO recently completed a successful 2021 Summer Annual Virtual Meeting. 260 people participated in the July 2021 Meeting. We are pleased that 37 states were represented by 84 Control Officials.

### AAPFCO Highlights from the past year:

- Formation of a Biostimulant Committee to Draft a Model Bill, uniform labeling requirements, definitions, and testing methods for our members.
- Identified and reported online, lab method limitations. This will help state and private lab personnel select the appropriate lab methods when analyzing complex fertilizer samples.
- Continued the rollout of the AAPFCO Online website and the electronic manual.
- Continued the transition or training of our members to utilize the web portal.
- Funded a literature review of the peer reviewed scientific literature regarding Slow and Controlled Release fertilizers products to determine if we need to revise Rule 3 (or the "15% Rule").

- The following terms or definitions were moved to official.
  - Uncalcined Diatomaceous Earth
  - Coir
  - Created a Multi Nutrient Products definitions section
  - Corn Steep Liquor
  - Polyacrylamide
  - Kelp
  - Seaweed
  - Created a Plant and Media Products definition section

As you can see from the maps below, the following states were represented at our last 2 meetings:



All our committees are staffed by state fertilizer control officials that volunteer their time to help AAPFCO remain relevant in a fast-changing world. We really appreciate the gift of their time as we work to accomplish our mission: "...to establish, uniform standards that promote consumer protection, environmental stewardship, and provide a forum to achieve regulatory consensus."

If your staff is not currently active with AAPFCO, we would invite them to get involved and give your state a voice in our consensus building process.

#### Upcoming 2021-2022 AAPFCO meetings

- Administrators Seminar (October 25-29, 2021) in Jackson Hole, WY
- Winter Annual Meeting (February 14-16, 2022) in Mobile, AL
- Summer Annual Meeting (August 4-7, 2022 ) in St. Louis, MO

Respectfully yours,

Stephen McMurry,  
AAPFCO Secretary

The 2020 Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) and Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST) annual meeting was scheduled to be held in June in Indianapolis, IN in conjunction with the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA). Due to covid-19 health concerns and associated travel restrictions, this year's annual meeting was cancelled.

Current AOSA membership includes thirty-eight State laboratories, four USDA laboratories, one Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) laboratory, and five Associate laboratory members. Within these member laboratories, there are over 100 individually accredited seed analysts who perform various critical seed tests related to seed quality and regulatory compliance.

AOSA and SCST continue to work to merge the two organizations under the collective organization to be known as the United Seed Testing Organization (USTO). Under this plan, AOSA and SCST would become committees within USTO, to better address the needs of governmental and non-governmental seed laboratories. This merger would streamline the structure of organizations and help reduce the operational costs, while still providing AOSA full control of the "AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds".

Excellent publications are available from AOSA/SCST. AOSA will soon have a Spanish version of the 2019 "AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds" available for purchase. The plan is to have a current version available each year, thereafter. The newly written "AOSA Purity Handbook" will be available for purchase soon, as well as an updated version of the "AOSA Moisture Determination Handbook" and the "Cultivar Purity Handbook". Additionally, SCST will soon release a Spanish version of the "Seed Technologist Training Manual". Please visit <https://www.analyzeseeds.com/publications/> to view more resources.

Thanks to generous grants from USDA AMS, AOSA/SCST are developing short films to increase the awareness of the important function of seed testing and the critical role filled by AOSA and SCST laboratories. Training films will also be developed to educate seed analysts on various aspects of seed testing to increase and promote testing uniformity across all laboratories.

Due to cancellation of the annual AOSA/SCST meeting and restrictions of the organizational bylaws, members were not able to discuss and vote on AOSA rule proposals for 2020. A full list of these proposals can be viewed at [www.analyzeseeds.com/aosa-rules-2/](http://www.analyzeseeds.com/aosa-rules-2/) and then click on "2020 AOSA Rules Change Proposals" link. AOSA and SCST leadership are working to create a special bylaw provisions to address this need, should future situations arise where the annual meeting cannot be held in person.

AOSA greatly appreciates the support of NASDA members for their State seed labs. An active seed regulatory compliance program is vital to protect and serve farmers and the Seed Industry within their states. It is also needed to help protect the environment against invasive and difficult to control species and to protect and ensure a high quality seed supply that is vital for the production of food, feed, fiber, and fuel. With State seed labs in place, agricultural departments can react quickly to seed-based crisis such as the recent unsolicited "China mystery seed" packets distributed across several States.

AOSA greatly appreciates the support of NASDA and the allowance for members of their State seed laboratories to attend these vital and informative meetings. The 2021 AOSA/SCST annual meeting is currently scheduled for June 11–17 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Hope to see you there. Please visit our website at <https://www.analyzeseeds.com/> for more information regarding AOSA/SCST.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### RE: Annual Report from the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials

The past 12 months have seen continuing opportunities and challenges for the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO, or the National Assembly) in our efforts to work collectively to safeguard animal and public health as well as the food supply. Please accept this allied organization report.

### COVID 19

- The National Assembly continued to provide a forum for discussing COVID 19 impacts on agriculture and sharing best practices and lessons learned. Our One Health Committee remained engaged with CDC, State Public Health Veterinarians, the USDA One Health Office and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) through frequent coordination calls and other communication. Impacts on NAHLN laboratories running human COVID samples were shared to establish best practices. Mink farm response and surveillance was discussed, and consensus developed. Consensus comments were also submitted for federal register notices on supply chain investments and for SARS CoV2 animal testing and reporting.

### Disease Mitigation and Response

- NASAHO has been part of an African Swine Fever (ASF) Working Group that has produced several preparedness consensus documents. When ASF was detected in the Dominican Republic, the Working Group provided frequent updates to NASAHO and revisited critical initial areas of response like surveillance and movement control.
- Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) continues to be a concern for NASAHO. Members participated in FMD vaccination exercises, submitted comments in support of FMD research under specified conditions on the mainland, and prepared letters of support



for preparedness projects on outbreak typing and controlled movement during an FMD incident.

- As concerns continued related to ASF and FMD threats, Assembly members recognized the challenge that Seneca Valley Virus (SVV), a FMD look-alike, continues to pose to United States swine producers due the possibility of missing FMD lesions and draining foreign animal disease diagnostician resources. The Assembly hosted a meeting where field veterinarians from several states shared their observations – continuing SVV cases in market channels with little to no improvement over the past several years.
- To better address foreign and endemic disease that may affect pork production, the Assembly supported and participated in the inauguration of the U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP), a collaborative industry, state and federal government program modelled after the National Poultry Improvement Plan. The US SHIP initiative is intended to improve swine health, facilitate movement of hogs in commerce, and better address challenging disease issues.
- Poultry health was addressed through information exchange related to H5 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza cases, Infectious Coryza, bed bug and mite treatment challenges, and the detection of Fowl Adenovirus Type C-4.
- Imports remained a major concern with a focus on mitigating introduction of disease. After reviewing the effectiveness of detector dogs and being briefed on the magnitude of illegal imports of significant threat to U.S. producers through major U.S. ports of entry, the Assembly communicated to USDA the need for more detector dogs in cargo ports in addition to passenger areas. While participation in foreign trading partner risk evaluations with USDA was impacted by COVID, the Assembly had a chance to review cattle importation at U.S. crossings, taking a close look at new use of electronic ID technologies. Finally, the Assembly supported the Healthy Dog Act, which attempts to improve oversight of dog importations historically known to move disease into the U.S.
- The National Assembly continued to address the multi-state outbreak of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDv2) by sharing information, investigating the need for a regional laboratory, and supporting domestic vaccine development.

### **Interstate Movement:**

- The National Assembly has established a mechanism by which vendors who wish to provide electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection software to SAHOs may have their products reviewed for consistency with the US Animal Health Association data standards. This assures interoperability and will result in substantial labor savings for state animal health agencies. The team actively reviewed and approved key vendors throughout the year.
- In conjunction with other organizations, NASAHO continues to support and guide the development of [Interstatelivestock.com](https://www.interstatelivestock.com), which is an independent, one stop website that animal owners can use to sort through interstate health requirements for all U.S. States.





**Other:**

- The Assembly remained engaged with FDA on antimicrobial use topics and submitted comments on FDA's Centers for Veterinary Medicine GFI #263, *Recommendations for Sponsors of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs Approved for Use in Animals to Voluntarily Bring Under Veterinary Oversight All Products That Continue to be Available Over-the-Counter*. The Assembly also submitted detailed comments to USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) on the proposed rule, *Regulation of the Movement of Animals Modified or Developed by Genetic Engineering*.
- Designated members of NASAHO participated on the interdisciplinary team developing the National Veterinary Accreditation Module for Preharvest Food Safety, the UN Food Systems Summit animal agriculture preparation group, as well as interacting with the American Veterinary Medical Association's House of Delegates to ensure that the use of ventilation shut-down was understood and preserved for use only under the appropriate circumstances for mass depopulation. Members of NASAHO participated in annual USDA/APHIS Animal Agriculture Sector meetings.

**Current Challenges and Concerns**

- Rendering services continue to be a challenge across the country as regulations and costs escalate while the industry struggles to meet demand and/or provide for surge capacity. Coordination between environmental agencies, the Food and Drug Administration, USDA, states and industry is needed immediately to resolve growing management issues with normal daily mortalities as well as major surges.
- The National Assembly believes it is critical that USDA leaders continue to move forward with the modernization of livestock identification. While much focus has been directed to official radio-frequency identification (RFID) ear tags for cattle, it is also important to assure that the infrastructure to read these tags is in place at livestock markets and other points of livestock concentration.
- The National Assembly believes that FMD vaccine may play an important role during an FMD outbreak in the US. Accordingly, the Assembly strongly recommends that USDA/APHIS take all reasonable measures to assure US producers that there will be support for research in the development of more effective vaccines, an adequate supply of FMD vaccine along with an adequate cold chain to distribute the vaccine, and an adequately trained cadre of accredited veterinarians to administer the vaccine.
- Other issues on the horizon include animal welfare and impacts on marketing and trade; disease threats related to trade, travel and emerging disease; support for local market meat and poultry processing; and impacts of climate change.

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