

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



Subject of Policy Amendment 2: Food Safety PFAS

Section Number or Title to be Amended: 4.10 Food Regulation and Safety

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Text of Policy Amendment:

- NASDA supports federal legislation that increases state funding and resources for responding to identified and emerging toxic pollutants, particularly per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), that impact farm and range lands, groundwater, surface water, livestock, and the nation's food supply.
- NASDA encourages interagency collaboration between the USDA, EPA, and FDA in their collective efforts to support mitigation and response efforts as it relates to PFAS. NASDA also stresses the importance of establishing a universal response framework that collaboratively supports states responding to PFAS and minimizes impacts on interstate commerce while protecting public health.
- NASDA encourages the use of the best available science and appropriate risk assessment in establishing any regulatory standards of threshold levels for PFAS in food products. In connection to PFAS thresholds, NASDA supports federal funding of research into and strategies to mitigate the risk of PFAS contaminants in the food supply and cleanup efforts.
- NASDA supports federal funding for PFAS response, including testing and sampling, state staffing, enhanced DIPP and additional federal programmatic support, agronomic research, and other timely and effective actions to remediate or prevent contamination (including water filtration, waste/nutrient management, livestock management, and other effective systems to bring contaminated water, products, livestock, and soil below federally established threshold levels). We encourage the federal establishment of threshold levels for PFAS in food products and robust financial support for impacted farmers. We encourage complete toxicological evaluations and interpretations prior to any relevant federal agency releasing the data.

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