

RECOVERY RESPONSE

NASDA immediately jumped into action this winter when COVID-19 arrived. NASDA members created new partnerships with farmers and local organizations to re-route food supply chains, and NASDA staff elevated members' voices to advocate for needed changes to the broader food system. **Below are significant actions NASDA has taken to aid rural communities through the pandemic and into recovery.**

AGRICULTURE = ESSENTIAL

Within the first days of the pandemic, NASDA helped agricultural businesses achieve "critical infrastructure" status nationwide.

RELIEF FUNDS FOR FARMERS

NASDA helped advocate for relief funds that would fit farmers' needs when loans for different business models left farmers behind.

ADAPTING THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

In every state, NASDA members aided in re-directing food destined for public places to people's homes & food banks.



NASDA members have transferred over **3.4 MILLION pounds of food** from farms to food banks and developed **online programs** to connect farmers with everyday people in almost every state.



NASDA endorsed the **RAMP-UP Act** (HR 7490) to help meat processors improve inspection programs & states to transport more meat across state lines.

KEEPING WORKERS SAFE

Worker wellbeing is foundational to our food security. NASDA has taken several actions to protect them.



NASDA asked the **White House** to **prioritize PPE for agricultural workers** second only to health care workers.



NASDA worked with USDA to help state ag departments & farmers across the country **locate PPE supplies**.



NASDA's meat processing working group promoted legislation (S.4156) to provide states with **\$300 million for COVID-19 testing** and disease prevention & preparedness.

RESILIENCY THROUGH THE FARMING SUPPORT TO STATES ACT

The Farming Support to States Act would provide \$1 billion to state ag departments and enable NASDA members to ensure a strong recovery for rural America.

\$1 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR STATE AG DEPARTMENTS TO:

1. Enhance protection for the health and safety of agricultural workers
2. Improve market development for local and regional food systems
3. Expand and diversify food processing & distribution chains
4. Grow farmer mental health services
5. Fund job workshops, critical food safety trainings and more

To learn more and support NASDA's recovery efforts visit [NASDA.org/FarmingSupportToStates](https://nasda.org/FarmingSupportToStates).