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The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture hires top talent to its public policy team

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture is excited to announce the hiring of [Stephanie McBath](#) as Associate Director of Public Policy and [Josie Montoney-Crawford](#) as Manager of Public Policy.

As Associate Director, McBath will advance the organization's public policy advocacy with her experience serving the U.S. House of Representatives as a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Dan Newhouse. McBath will lead NASDA's Natural Resources and Environment Policy Committee and the Rural Development and Financial Security Policy Committee.

"I am humbled to join the NASDA team and continue their efforts to elevate the voices of those who work in food and agriculture across the United States. As our industry faces new challenges and opportunities, NASDA's critical work of advancing solutions based in sound policy and science will continue to be important. I look forward to forging new relationships, creating new opportunities and being part of an organization who works tirelessly on behalf of my favorite group of people, our nation's agricultural producers."

McBath holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Cornell University and a minor in business concentrating in communications. Previously, she served as U.S. Delegate for the 2019 Bayer Crop Science Youth Ag Summit. She also interned for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as the Secure Milk Supply Program Assistant, bringing valuable perspectives from New York state agriculture and New York state veterinarians.

Montoney-Crawford will elevate the organization's advocacy efforts through her experience in federal pesticide policy. Montoney-Crawford will lead NASDA's Food Systems and Nutrition Policy Committee and the Plant and Pesticides Policy Committee.

"I am thrilled to join the NASDA public policy team at a time when the agriculture industry faces both exciting opportunities and new challenges. I look forward to working closely with our nation's secretaries, directors and commissioners of agriculture to ensure we can continue to feed, clothe and fuel the world for generations to come."

Montoney-Crawford holds two bachelor's degrees, one in public management, leadership and policy and one in agricultural communication from The Ohio State University. Montoney-Crawford most recently served as Government Relations Coordinator and CLPAC Manager for CropLife America and holds consulting experience in government affairs from her former service at Byers, Minton & Associates in Columbus, Ohio.

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