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**The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture announces eight new members**

Arlington, Va. -- Today at the [National Association of State Departments of Agriculture 2023 Winter Policy Conference](#), NASDA CEO Ted McKinney announced the organization is welcoming eight new members since the 2022 midterm elections. Two states elected new commissioners of agriculture, and governors in six states have announced the appointment of new NASDA members.

“We are proud to create a forum through NASDA membership and our policy conference where all can come together to find the best solutions and opportunities for the agriculture and food industry. We’re excited to welcome these eight new members who we know will continue to challenge NASDA to reach new heights in our pursuit to ensure agriculture leads the way toward a healthy and resilient world,” McKinney said.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. Twelve states elect their commissioner, secretary or director of agriculture, while 42 NASDA members are appointed by their governors.

Newly Elected

Commissioner Wilton Simpson, Florida  
Commissioner Tyler Harper, Georgia

Newly Appointed

Chairperson Sharon Hurd, Hawaii  
Director Chanel Tewalt, Idaho  
Secretary Kevin Atticks, Maryland  
Director Sherry Vinton, Nebraska  
Director J.J. Goicoechea, Nevada  
Director Brian Baldrige, Ohio

To learn more about the new members and all 54 commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture, please visit [nasda.org/membership](https://nasda.org/membership).

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