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## State agriculture officials celebrate National Ag Day recognizing the contribution of each state's agriculture industry through "Feeding the Economy" report

ARLINGTON, VA -- Today on National Ag Day, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture celebrates the many contributions agriculture makes to our nation's security and prosperity. NASDA is a proud partner of the seventh annual Feeding the Economy report revealing food and agriculture industries and their suppliers contribute over \$8.6 trillion to the U.S. economy.

NASDA CEO Ted McKinney shared his support of the report and National Ag Day celebrations.

"Feeding the Economy" in concert with National Ag Day celebrates the collective impact that everyone working to grow, process and produce our food has on the economy. State departments of agriculture recognize that a thriving U.S. agricultural industry feeds our U.S. economy and nourishes the world through international trade. We're proud that today's report proves our industry's continued strength across the states and around the globe," McKinney said.

Learn more about the report at FeedingtheEconomy.com and celebrate National Ag Week all week long as NASDA <u>highlights the impact of each state's agriculture and food industry</u> on <u>social media</u> and NASDA members' efforts to ensure agriculture leads the way toward a healthy and resilient world.

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. NASDA grows and enhances American food and agricultural communities through policy, partnerships and public engagement.

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