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U.S. to host North American agriculture officials to seek trade and rural development opportunities

WHO: National Association of State Departments of Agriculture President Secretary Wes Ward is hosting the [33rd Tri-National Agricultural Accord](#) to discuss opportunities and challenges to North American agricultural trade between the three countries on Oct. 21-24, 2024. Press are invited to the opening ceremony where remarks will be given by delegates from each country along with updates from USDA Foreign Agricultural Service and a keynote address by Dr. Tom Thompson on the [Global Agricultural Productivity Report](#).

Federal Opening Remarks

Patrick Packnett, Acting Associate Administrator, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

Keynote Address: Overview of Global Agricultural Productivity Report

Dr. Tom Thompson, Associate Dean and Director - CALS Global, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Tech

WHERE:

Hilton Arlington National Landing
 2399 Richmond Highway
 Arlington, Va.

WHEN: Oct. 21, 2024, 1-2 p.m. EDT

HOW: [Please email Sarah Grace Fowler \(Sarah.Fowler@nasda.org\)](mailto:Sarah.Fowler@nasda.org) by 5 p.m. ET Friday, Oct. 18 to attend.

WHAT: The Tri-National Agricultural Accord is the primary opportunity for senior state and provincial agricultural officials of Canada, the United States, and Mexico to work together collaboratively on agricultural trade, technology and rural development issues. The accord represents a longstanding commitment to collaboration between the three countries. The current meeting arrangement dates back to 1992.

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