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The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture welcomes new policy director

ARLINGTON, Va. – The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture is excited to announce the hiring of Patrick Wade as Director of Public Policy.

As Director, Wade will advance the organization’s public policy advocacy with his nearly 10 years of experience in agricultural policy and government affairs. Wade will be the staff lead for NASDA’s Plant Agriculture and Pesticide Regulations and Rural Development and Financial Security Committees.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to join the NASDA team and help advance this organization’s essential mission. Now, more than ever, it is critical to champion nonpartisan, collaborative solutions to some of the most pressing issues in agricultural policymaking. I have seen firsthand the instrumental role state departments of agriculture play in supporting producers, consumers and the broader agriculture industry. I cannot wait to do my part to help NASDA’s members continue to protect natural resources, bolster sound regulatory frameworks and strengthen rural economies," Wade said.

Wade comes to NASDA most recently from the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers, and he holds bachelor’s degree in government and economics from The University of Texas at Austin. He has also been honored as a Nuffield Farming Scholar and conducted research on the impact of international trade policy on agricultural sustainability outcomes.

Wade’s first day with NASDA will be Nov. 12, 2024.



NASDA Director of Public Policy Patrick Wade

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