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**MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Government & Industry Leaders to Discuss Animal Agriculture Policy  
with State Agriculture Departments**

**WHO:** The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture at its 2025 annual meeting will host a committee meeting to discuss animal agriculture policy important to state agriculture departments.

**Head of Veterinary Public Health for Boehringer Ingelheim Dr. Doug Ensley** will speak to commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture in attendance on the animal vaccine regulatory process.

**USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Dr. Lauren Stump** will speak with NASDA members on enhancing U.S. preparedness and response against foreign animal disease.

**In addition to scheduled speakers, NASDA members will have time for open dialogue.** Questions for speakers, NASDA members and NASDA staff will be reserved for NASDA members only.

**WHERE:** Both virtual and in-person registered press will be able to listen in. [Registration](#) for the press is complimentary. The NASDA Annual Meeting is being held in Rogers, Arkansas, Sept. 15-17 at the Rogers Convention Center and Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025  
9-10:30 am CT  
Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas  
Room: Grand 10

For virtual attendees, please register in advance and join the committee meeting online via the virtual portal.

**Annual meeting registration for all attendees will close on Sept. 10, 2025.**

**WHAT:** NASDA annual meeting policy committee meetings are an educational opportunity for NASDA members and other meeting attendees to learn new details about current agricultural and food policy issues. To better serve our members and provide ample time for thorough policy development, NASDA has transitioned to voting on new policy once a year at the Winter Policy Conference. This change allows NASDA members to engage in more in-depth discussions and collaboration at the annual meeting, and build upon policies throughout the year. Policies on emerging issues will be voted on as needed.

The [2025 NASDA Annual Meeting](#) is themed “Securing our Future through Agriculture.” The meeting theme will guide NASDA’s conversations on agricultural and food issues. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with the entire conference, and use the hashtag #AgIsSecurity.

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