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MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Industry Leaders to Discuss Federal Policy Impacts to Rural Development and Farm Financial Security with State Agriculture Officials

WHO: The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture at its [2025 annual meeting](#) will host a policy committee meeting to discuss challenges natural disasters present to farms and federal policy recommendations to protect agriculture and the environment from PFAS contamination.

Clean Fuels Alliance America Federal Affairs Vice President Kurt Kovalik will speak to commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture in attendance on renewable fuel policy updates and opportunities.

American Farm Bureau Federation Associate Economist Samantha Ayoub will speak with NASDA members on agricultural tax changes and their impacts to the farm economy.

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: Rural Development and Financial Security Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025
3:30-5 p.m. CT
Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas
Room: Grand 9

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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