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NASDA applauds passage of bipartisan farm bill

ARLINGTON, Va. — National Association of State Departments of Agriculture CEO Ted McKinney issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026.

“NASDA applauds the House of Representatives and congratulates Chairman Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson and members of the House Agriculture Committee for passing the bipartisan farm bill,” McKinney said. “This legislation supports farmers, ranchers and consumers and provides economic growth for rural communities. NASDA stands ready to continue collaboration to advance this critical legislation.”

H.R. 7567 prioritizes provisions that strengthen local food purchasing programs, enhance international market opportunities, reauthorize the three-legged stool for foreign animal disease prevention and preserve the viability of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. These measures reflect [key priorities](#) of state departments of agriculture, reiterated in NASDA’s [letter](#) to the House of Representatives, and reinforce the importance of a unified farm bill that supports U.S. farmers, ranchers and consumers.

NASDA will use this momentum as it works with the leadership of the Senate Agriculture Committee to introduce its version of the farm bill. The goal remains the same: to sign a bipartisan farm bill into law that advances American agriculture and supports the continued production of food, fiber and fuel that communities depend on.

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