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**NASDA applauds progress on farm bill introduction**

ARLINGTON, Va. – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture CEO Ted McKinney commended U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman John Boozman for releasing the Farm Bill 2.0 discussion draft in the following statement:

“NASDA applauds Chairman Boozman for beginning the process of finalizing the Farm Bill 2.0,” McKinney said. “As this process gets underway in the Senate, NASDA remains committed to advocating for a bipartisan farm bill that will advance the food, fiber and fuel provided by American agriculture. Finishing a farm bill is vital to the food and agriculture sector, which benefits our economy, accounting for roughly one-fifth of U.S. economic activity and supporting nearly 23 million jobs. We will work closely with the Senate Agriculture Committee as they begin debating the discussion draft in the coming weeks.”

**Background**

Passing the 2026 farm bill is one of NASDA’s [policy priorities](#), citing [12 issues most critical to state agriculture departments](#). NASDA members, the state commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture, are responsible for administering many farm bill programs at the state level on behalf of farmers, ranchers and consumers nationwide.

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