National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA): The Year Ahead

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Overview of Presentation

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• Farm Bill Priorities
• Challenge Areas
• Opportunities: Cooperative Federalism
About NASDA: Who We Are
About NASDA: Our Mission

- Our mission is to grow and enhance agriculture by forging **partnerships** and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders.
About NASDA: Our Strategic Plan

• Business Objective 3: Create and maintain alignment between affiliate organizations, governance structure, staff, board, members, and the allocation of resources

• Initiative 1:
  ▫ Evaluate and enhance NASDA-affiliate relationships
About NASDA: Our Affiliates

- **Twenty-three** Active Affiliate Organizations

- **AAPFCO** is one of NASDA’s most important Affiliates & a **key partner**
  - 45 States & PR
About NASDA: Our Communications

- **NASDA News**
  - Subscribe online to receive every Tuesday!
- **NASDA website**
  - [www.nasda.org](http://www.nasda.org)
- **Twitter & Instagram**
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About NASDA: Our Meetings

- **Winter Policy Conference** held in Washington D.C. in February focuses on legislative and regulatory issues

- **Regional Meetings** held in June and July

- **Annual Meeting** hosted by the NASDA President in September

- **Tri-National Agricultural Accord** held annually in the fall and hosted by the US every three years- this year in Denver, CO!
NASDA 2017 Policy Priorities

- Cooperative Federalism
- Food Safety Modernization Act Implementation
- International Trade
- Farm Bill Priorities
Other Areas of Engagement

- Conservation Programs in the next Farm Bill
- Repeal of 2015 WOTUS rule; new replacement rule
- Water Quality (supporting state nutrient strategies, Funding for EPA 319 Grants)
Challenge Areas

- Transition
- Congress
- Funding – federal and state
- Education
- All of the above
Opportunities: Cooperative Federalism

- Advancing the role of states – as co-regulators and not simply stakeholders
- Ensuring federal legislation reflects the unique role states serve in consultation & implementation
- Increasing flexibility for state program delivery
- Enhancing resources for states and eliminating unfunded mandates
- Supporting the roles and respecting the authorities of states

Share your cooperative federalism experience using: #AgPartnerships!
About NASDA: Association Services

- As per our Strategic Plan we are offering services
- NASDA is able to offer significant savings to regionals and affiliates
  - Meeting planning and assistance (admin and financial) including processing registrations and sponsorships
  - Financial services including processing membership dues, and payment of all expenses
Questions?

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