Who is NASDA?
What is 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 Communications

- NASDA News
- NASDA website
  - www.nasda.org
- Twitter
  - @NASDAnews
- Facebook
  - https://www.facebook.com/NASDADC
About NASDA: Our Meetings

• All meetings can be found at [www.nasda.org/events.aspx](http://www.nasda.org/events.aspx)

• **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 this year in New Orleans, LA (Sept. 11-14)

• **Tri-National Accord** held annually in the fall and hosted by the US every three years—this year in Denver, CO (Oct. 17-19)
About NASDA: Our Affiliates

• Twenty-three Active Affiliate Organizations

• National Plant Board is one of NASDA’s most important Affiliates & a key partner
  ▪ 46 states & PR
About NASDA: 2017 Policy Priorities

- Cooperative Federalism
- FSMA Implementation
- International Trade
- Farm Bill Priorities
NASDA Farm Bill Priorities

1. Conservation
2. Trade Promotion
3. Specialty Crops
4. Invasive Species
5. Animal Diseases
6. Research
7. Food Safety
Challenge Areas

• New Administration
• New Congress
• Funding
• 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!
Questions?

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