

# National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA): *Overview*

**National Plant Board Annual Meeting**

*August, 2018*

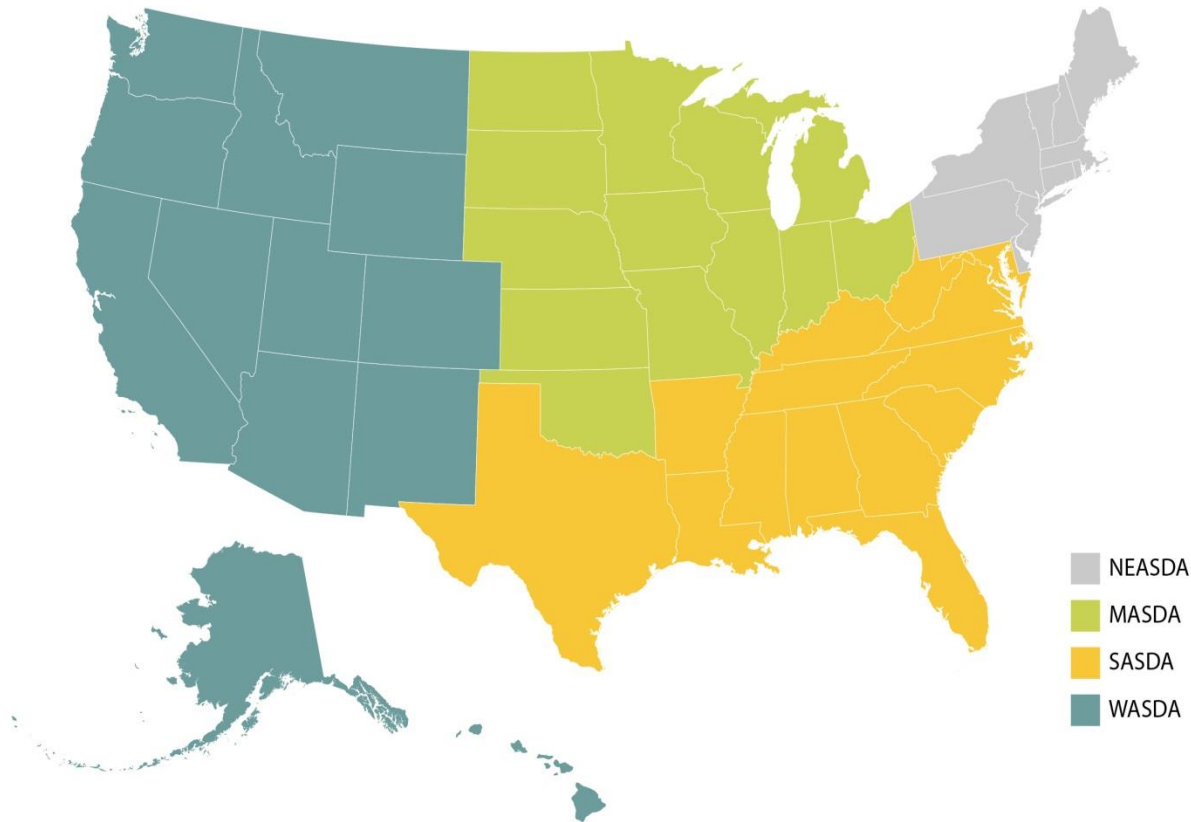


# What is NASDA?

- **National Association of State Departments of Agriculture: Founded in 1916**
- **Non-profit, non-partisan association (501c6)**
- **Washington office opened in 1968**
- **NASDA Research Foundation founded in 1981 (501c3)**
- **Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture in all 50 states and 4 U.S. territories**
  - **12 are elected, all others are appointed**



# NASDA Regions



# NASDA Mission Statement

**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.**



# NASDA Policy Committees

1. Animal Agriculture
2. Food Regulation & Safety
3. Marketing & International Trade
4. Natural Resources & Environment
5. Plant Agriculture & Pesticide Regulation
6. Rural Development & Financial Security



# NASDA Policy Priorities

- **Farm Bill**
  - **Animal Disease Prevention**
  - **Trade**
  - **Specialty Crop Block Grants**
  - **Conservation**
  - **Invasive Species**
  - **Research and Education**
  - **Food Safety**
- **Trade**
- **FSMA**



# Plant Agriculture & Pesticide Regulation Committee

- **Policy Engagement:**
  - **Farm Bill**
  - **Plant Biotechnology**
  - **FIFRA (WPS, C&T, Dicamba, ESA, etc.)**
  - **Invasive Species – support 10007**
  - **Pollinators**
  - **Affiliate Coordination (AAPCO and NPB)**



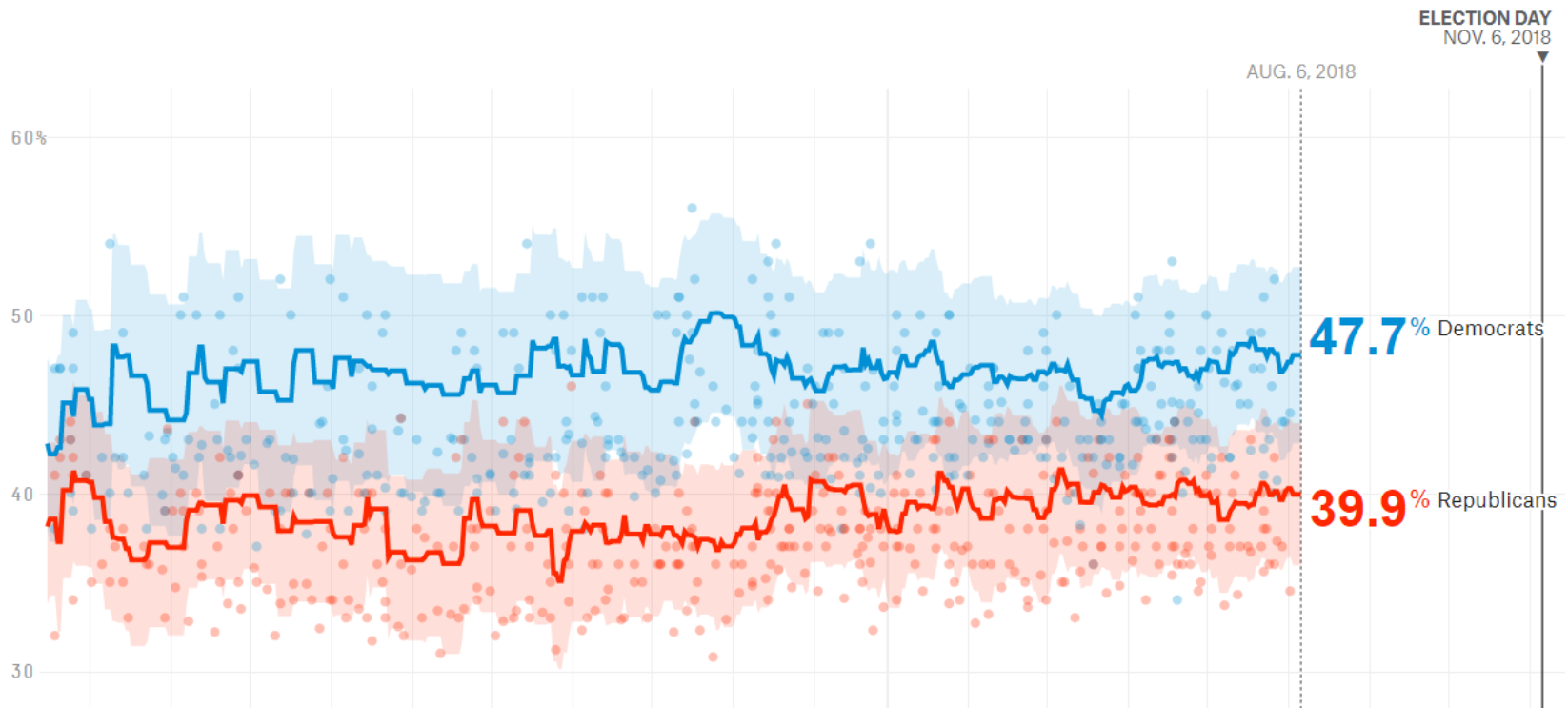
# Farm Bill

- **Conferees were announced**
- **Bill closer to Senate version**
  - **House: SNAP and Conservation**
  - **Senate Maj. Leader pushing to get it done**
  - **Trade**
- **One-year extension**
  - **Not enough legislative days**
  - **House could flip**





# Generic ballot: polls that ask people which party they would support in a congressional election



# Countdown...

- 85 days until the election (Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>)
- 11 legislative days in House (Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>)
- 26 legislative days in Senate (Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>)



# Thank you & Questions?

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