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

American Samoa
Guam
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands
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

Source: Aug. 6th - FiveThirtyEight
Countdown...

• 85 days until the election (Nov. 6\textsuperscript{th})

• 11 legislative days in House (Sep. 30\textsuperscript{th})

• 26 legislative days in Senate (Sep. 30\textsuperscript{th})
Thank you & Questions?

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