

# Advancing Agriculture in the States

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# What is NASDA?

- The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories.



# Our Mission

- NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders.



# NASDA is Celebrating 100 Years *Agriculture Amplified*

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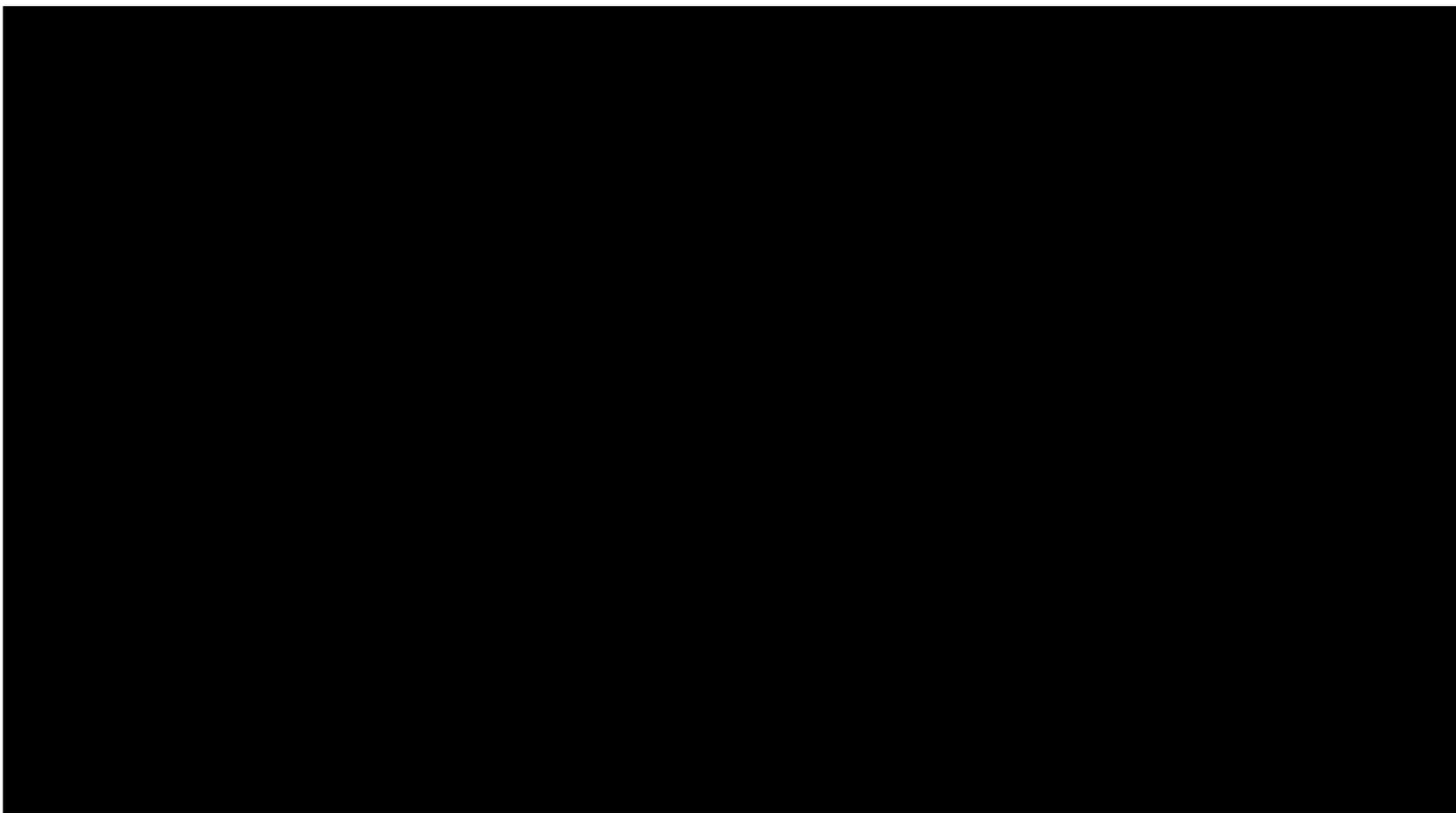


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- Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting will be September 21 – 24 in Lincoln, Nebraska.





Strategic Plan Video



# What issues are important to us?

- **Pollinator Health**
- **Food Safety and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)**
- **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)**
- **And much more!**



# Pollinator Health

- Pollinators contribute to 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat.
- NASDA members are actively engaged in communicating and identifying the various factors impacting honey bee health
- NASDA members are leading pollinator health efforts through the development of State Managed Pollinator Protection Plans.



# Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

- The final EPA and Army Corps of Engineers WOTUS rule is inappropriately expansive in scope and will deprive states of sovereignty over their water resources.
- The rule will result in unreasonable costs and significant legal vulnerability for agricultural producers.
- EPA should postpone implementation of the rule.



# Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

- Food safety is a major priority for the state departments of agriculture.
- Implementation of FSMA cannot become an unfunded mandate.
- “Educate before you regulate” is the only pathway to a preventive approach that works.



# Avian Influenza Resource Page

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## Avian Influenza

Since December 2014, USDA has confirmed several cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5 in the Pacific, Central, and Mississippi flyways. The disease has been found in wild birds, as well as backyard and commercial poultry flocks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the risk to people from these HPAI H5 infections to be low. No human cases of these HPAI H5 viruses have been detected in the United States, Canada, or internationally. USDA and NASDA member agencies are leading the response efforts and actively working with industry on surveillance, reporting, biosecurity, movement control, vaccination and depopulation efforts to effectively mitigate and control the animal health and economic impacts of this disease.

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### Michigan: Threat of Avian Influenza Returns with Wild Bird Migration Press Release

This past spring poultry farmers across the United States were affected by a highly pathogenic avian influenza virus, which has been documented as the largest domestic animal health disaster in U.S. history.

Today, the Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development and Natural ...

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### Pennsylvania: Waterfowl Season-Hunters Can Help Protect PA's Poultry Industry, Against High Path Avian Influenza Press Release

While Pennsylvania has not yet been impacted by the high path avian influenza (HPAI), state officials continue emphasizing the need for vigilance against the deadly poultry disease. Officials from the state Department of Agriculture and the Game Commission are ensuring hunters understand the ...

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## USDA's Fall 2015 HPAI Preparedness & Response Plan



Posted on 09/29/2015 by Dudley W Hoskins

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued its *Fall 2015 HPAI Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan*, which captures the results of planning efforts, organizing information on preparatory activities, policy decisions and updated strategy documents into four key areas:

1. preventing or reducing future outbreaks;
2. enhancing preparedness;
3. improving and streamlining response capabilities; and
4. preparing for the potential use of AI vaccines.

The report includes an updated biosecurity self-assessment for the poultry industry, streamlined and updated procedures for providing indemnity and other payments, a draft vaccine use strategy and many other items of interest to the Agency's stakeholders. A copy of the Fall 2015 HPAI Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan and supporting documents are available on the APHIS website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/aiupdates>.

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