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State agriculture officials vote to promote increased production of biofuels to support American economies

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Winter Policy Conference, NASDA members voted to amend the organization’s biofuels policies to increase support for domestic and global demand for American produced biofuels.

“NASDA recognizes the importance biofuels play in the future of agricultural production, energy independence and our economy,” NASDA CEO Ted McKinney said. “State agriculture departments see greater demand for biofuels as a win-win for their mission to enhance agricultural production and strengthen rural economies across the nation.”

[NASDA’s new policy](#) states that the organization supports efforts to increase production of biofuels, expanding the range of biofuels to include renewable diesel, sustainable aviation fuels and other emerging energy products. In addition, the policy calls for NASDA to become more involved in helping to eliminate trade barriers to increased international demand for U.S.-produced biofuels.

The policy also reaffirms NASDA’s support for the Renewable Fuels Standard and calls for the organization to support the year-round sale and use of E15 fuel.

The amended policy maintains the organization’s commitment to investing in biofuels research and responsible Clean Air Act emission standards.

Background:

In support and response to the organization’s [policy](#) on the bioeconomy, biofuels and energy, NASDA has served as an active member of the [Ag Bioeconomy Coalition](#) since 2022. Learn more about NASDA’s policy and the coalition on [NASDA’s website](#).

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