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NASDA members urge Congress to initiate labor reform for agriculture

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Today at the [2025 Winter Policy Conference](#), members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture called on the Congress to develop strategies to address agricultural labor stability challenges along with border security.

The new [policy item](#) states comprehensive agricultural labor reform is needed to allow access to the H-2A program for year-round agriculture industries, create a pathway to legal status for agriculture and agri-business workers who are employed and provide greater border security.

“Labor shortages in the agricultural industry affect the entire supply chain, making it more difficult for the country to compete in the global marketplace and weakening our local economies,” NASDA CEO Ted McKinney said. “Given the range of agricultural production represented by NASDA members and the nonpartisan nature of our organization, NASDA intends to continue to be actively engaged on labor reform at the national level.”

Read more about NASDA’s work to seek labor reform at nasda.org.

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