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## Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Elected Second Vice President of NASDA

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward was elected second vice president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) for 2022-23 at their annual conference this week in Saratoga Springs, New York.

“It’s a great honor to be elected as second vice president of NASDA,” said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. “I am proud to represent Arkansas within the organization and look forward to working with our nation’s states and territories in supporting U.S. agriculture.”

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, founded in 1916, 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. NASDA grows and enhances American agriculture through policy, partnerships, and public engagement.

NASDA is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors which includes Executive Committee members who serve as officers of the association. Officers for the upcoming year are Doug Miyamoto, Wyoming, President; Bruce Kettler, Indiana, Vice President; Wes Ward, Arkansas, Second Vice President; and Amanda Beal, Maine, Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary Ward served as the 2020-2021 President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA), one of the four NASDA regions, and chairman of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee from 2020-2021 and Secretary-Treasurer of NASDA from 2021-2022.

Learn more about NASDA at [nasda.org/](https://nasda.org/).

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit [agriculture.arkansas.gov/](https://agriculture.arkansas.gov/). The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.