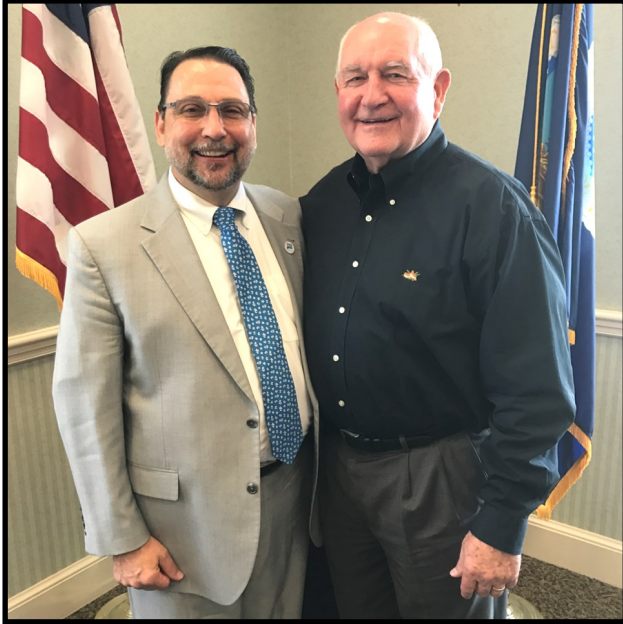


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Above left: Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky with USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue at a meeting in Washington D.C.

Above right: Ben Marchukaitis of March Farm in Bethlehem discusses the farm's methods for growing greenhouse tomatoes, peppers, and greens during a meeting of the Connecticut Pomological Society earlier this month.

CMSR. REVICZKY, COLLEAGUES SEEK COMMON GROUND WITH USDA SECRETARY PERDUE

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and several of his colleagues from around the country recently met in Washington, D.C. with USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue and other officials to discuss the states' agricultural priorities and urge federal cooperation in acting on them.

The meeting between Perdue and the group of chief agricultural officials and executive officers from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) earlier this month was designed to seek common ground on a variety of issues, challenges and concerns.

"It was an honor and privilege to sit down with Secretary Perdue in the first few weeks after his confirmation to discuss initiatives and issues important to farmers and agriculture," Reviczky said. "With a new administration in Washington and the Farm Bill advancing in Congress, we wanted Secretary Perdue to know our priorities and that we are ready to help advance a thoughtful agenda." NASDA's priorities, as presented to Perdue, include:

- **COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM**

NASDA encourages the Administration and Congress to make a commitment to Cooperative Federalism – a robust partnership and role for states in the federal policymaking

process. States have a unique role in implementing both federal and state programs. A critical component of Cooperative Federalism is regulatory reform to ensure the states' unique roles are respected.

- **FOOD SAFETY**

Proper implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is a major priority for NASDA. While FDA has a long history of enforcing food safety laws and reacting to outbreaks of public health significance, FSMA focuses on preventive controls and gives FDA new authority to regulate produce growers and many animal food producers for the first time.

These new authorities will require robust cooperation with state and local regulatory agencies and long-term investment by Congress and the Administration into the financial resources for states for many years into the future.

- **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Securing new export market access, ensuring a level international playing field, and fostering increased har-

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	71.00	75.50
boners 80-85% lean	70.00	75.50
lean 88-90% lean	63.00	69.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	132.00	137.50
Choice 2-3	128.50	132.00
Select 1-2	123.00	128.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	110.00	114.00
Choice 2-3	96.00	105.00
Sel 1-2	86.00	94.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-130 lbs	215.00	215.00
No 1 96-118 lbs	242.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 1-2		
40-50 lbs	255.00	275.00
60-70 lbs	230.00	245.00
70-80 lbs	222.00	245.00
80-90 lbs	230.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	262.00	280.00
110-130 lbs	255.00	260.00
130-150 lbs	217.00	217.00
150-200 lbs	195.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	80.00	120.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	90.00	125.00
60-80 lbs	200.00	250.00
80-100 lbs	255.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	190.00	240.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	245.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	290.00	345.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	54.00	58.50
	300-350 lbs	46.50	48.00
	350-400 lbs	46.00	46.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	48.00	52.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	48.00	51.00
	500-650 lbs	50.50	54.00
Boars	400-700 lbs	5.00	5.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS & HERBS

Wholesale price. \$/unit.

Basil, Florida, 1 lb bag	4.00	5.00
Fenugreek, NJ, 24 bn	24.00	24.00
Lemon Grass, CA, 30 lbs, 24	36.00	40.00
Mint, NJ, 1 lb film bag, 12	10.00	12.00
Peony, Netherlands, 10 long	25.00	30.00
Peony, Oregon, 10 long	20.00	30.00
Peony, New Jersey, per stem	2.50	2.50

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CHIVES, 1 LB FILM BAG	8.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	55.00	75.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZA,50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1, SZB,50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO,RNDRED,NG,SZA,50LB	10.00	11.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,CHF,50LB	13.00	14.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,10-5LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO,YLLW,#1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO,YELLOW,#1,SZA,50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO,YLLW,#1,CHEF,50LB	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB,OPN FIELD, 20 LB	36.00	38.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 11 LBS	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, NJ, L, 28 BN	65.00	68.00
BASIL, GA, 2 - 1-1/2 LB FILM	15.00	20.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, HNDPK, BU	15.00	2.100
BEANS, CRNBRY, GA, BU	50.00	50.00
BEANS, FAVA, CA, BU	42.00	42.00
BEANS, WAX, GA, BU	56.00	36.00
BEETS, RED, TX, 25 LBS	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	40.00	40.00
BLUEBERRIES, ORG, CA, 12-1PT	38.00	39.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 50 LBS	32.00	32.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BN	12.00	13.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, FL 4.5 DOZ	15.00	18.00
CUKES, GA, 1-1/9 BU	26.00	30.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 24	17.00	22.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	20.00	24.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	18.00	20.00
KALE, MIXED COLORS, NJ, 12	18.00	18.00
KALE GREENS, NJ, 12 BN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	12.00	15.00
LETT,BSTN,GHS,CAN,12- 4 OZ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LETT, MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3LB	5.50	7.50
LETT, MESC MIX, ORG, CA, 3LB	8.00	9.00
LETTUCE, OAKLF, CA, 2.2 LB	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24	12.00	16.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MUSTARD, CURLY, 12 BN	14.00	15.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ 60	35.00	40.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	40.00	50.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	55.00	58.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CTN, NJ, 24	22.00	22.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	11.00	13.00
STRAWBS, ORG, CA, 8-1 LB	32.00	32.00
SWISS CHARD, NJ, 12	16.00	16.00
TOMATO, GHS, OH, 15 LBS	15.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ORG, FL, 1 PT	29.00	29.00
TURNIP TOP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	14.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 29, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	55.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	70.00	75.00
76-90 lbs.	170.00	175.00
91-105 lbs.	180.00	185.00
106 lbs. & up	202.50	245.00
Farm Calves	225.00	230.00
Starter Calves	140.00	150.00
Veal Calves	n/a	n/a
Feeder Heifers	95.00	140.00
Beef Heifers	76.00	78.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	90.00
Beef Steers	90.00	124.00
Feeder Bulls	90.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	88.00	96.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	20.00
Sows	1@	35.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	120.00	150.00
Lambs each	100.00	210.00
Goats each	100.00	330.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	300.00
Canners	up to	71.00
Cutters	72.00	75.00
Utility Grade Cows	76.00	79.00
Rabbits each	7.00	31.00
Chickens each	4.00	37.50
Ducks each	4.00	20.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.69	.89
LARGE	.63	.77
MEDIUM	.51	.64

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.29
LARGE	1.06	1.19
MEDIUM	.78	.89
SMALL	.48	.58

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

Sold by the head.

FRESH COWS:		
SUPREME	1675.00	1775.00
APPROVED	1300.00	1700.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1250.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1300.00	1600.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1250.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1450.00	1525.00
APPROVED	1100.00	1475.00
MEDIUM	925.00	1100.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1000.00	1325.00
MEDIUM	750.00	1025.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS (1-3 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	900.00	1200.00
MEDIUM	850.00	900.00

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-monization are vital to U.S. agriculture. Bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and a much-needed Asia-Pacific trade agreement, are critical to creating markets and eliminating trade barriers for U.S. agricultural products.

- **FARM BILL**

Agricultural producers, the rural economy, and communities of every size rely on a robust, forward looking, and fully funded Farm Bill. NASDA calls on Congress to craft, in a timely manner, a new Farm Bill that provides farmers important tools and new opportunities.

NASDA's priorities focus on enhanced funding for invasive species programs, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBG), the Market Access Program.

SCBG provides important tools to enhance specialty crop production, while also advancing foods with critical health benefits. To the extent additional funding is available, funding for SCBG should be increased and Congress should ensure a flexible, locally responsive, and state-led program.

Building on the successes of the invasive species programs created by the 2014 Farm Bill, Congress should bring additional tools to bear on this serious economic threat.

Funding for the highly successful Plant Pest and

Disease Management & Disaster Prevention program and the National Clean Plant Network should be increased to provide additional tools for domestic invasive species issues.

A proactive, multi-faceted animal disease program is needed to safeguard animal agriculture, promote sustainable economic development and prevent catastrophic events that could threaten our nation's food supply.

Expanding on the authorization for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, and modeled after the aforementioned invasive species programs, this program will bring together the federal government with states, industry, universities, and other agricultural stakeholders to reduce the impact of high-consequence animal diseases.

Its goals would be to provide rapid detection and response capabilities, develop disease prevention and mitigation technologies, support a vaccine bank infrastructure, prevent the entrance and spread of foreign animal diseases into the U.S., and identify & support critical research needs.

Robust funding for agricultural research and extension programs, and infrastructure, particularly within our nation's many outstanding agricultural colleges and universities, is vital to ensuring producers remain competitive domestically and globally.

The Farm Bill must also ensure adequate funding for research focusing on the safety of the food system and improving and protecting our natural resources.

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NASDA STATEMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Following President Trump's release of the administration's budget request, Dr. Barbara P. Glenn, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) issued the following statement:

"We are disappointed that many of the proposed cuts in the president's budget request would negatively impact agriculture, particularly at a time when many in agriculture are facing a serious economic downturn.

Agriculture made significant contributions to deficit reduction in the 2014 Farm Bill and we urge Congress and the administration to ensure the programs on which agriculture depends across the federal government—from USDA, FDA, and even EPA—are adequately funded.

Many of the priority areas NASDA hopes Congress will advance in the next Farm Bill would be completely eliminated by the President's proposal. The Market Access Program (MAP) and the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBG) are just two examples of this.

MAP expands access to the global marketplace to not only farmers and ranchers, but small, family-owned businesses while the SCBG provides critical research,

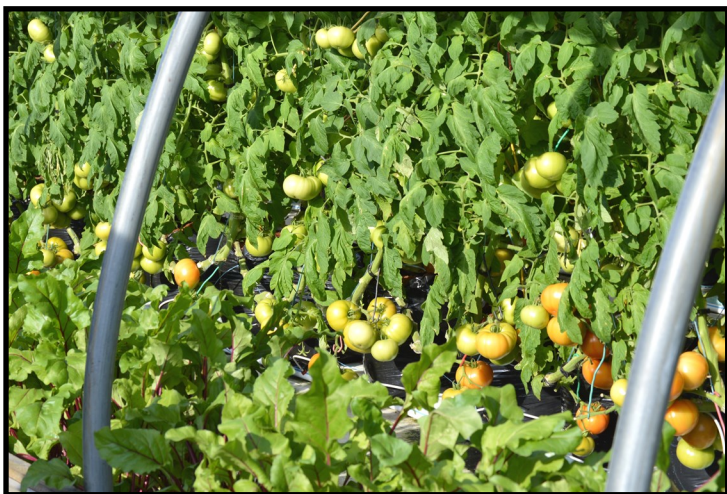
education, and promotion tools to the fruit and vegetable community.

We are also disappointed in the president's proposed cuts and addition of user fees to funding for implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

Safe food is a matter of national security. The programs needed to implement FSMA must be fully funded, or states will be left with significant unfunded mandates. We are committed to working with Congress and the administration to ensure these important programs for agriculture and rural America are funded."

Glenn also signed a letter to the legislative leaders of both parties that outlined many of the same concerns, and was co-signed by the executive directors of the National Governors Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association representing elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. Learn more about NASDA at www.nasda.org.



Left: Greenhouse tomatoes ripening at March Farm in Bethlehem. Right: Some of the season's first strawberries, picked at Strong Family Farm in Vernon.



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