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Agriculture Commissioner Gipson Elected To NASDA Board Of Directors

JACKSON, Miss. — The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Board of Directors recently elected Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson to fill a vacant board position. Gipson will serve as the Southern Representative on the board.

Gipson is looking forward to serving on the board as it strives to make a positive impact on the agriculture industry.

“I look forward to working with other commissioners, secretaries and directors from around the country to move agriculture forward as we focus on supporting the passage of a bipartisan Farm Bill and an agreement on a modernized North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA),” Gipson said. “Agriculture is Mississippi’s largest industry, and the decisions made regarding these key issues can have significant implications on agriculture making it crucial that our farmers and ranchers have a voice in these matters.”

NASDA is governed by a 10 member Board of Directors consisting of a five member Executive Committee; one At-Large member; and the presidents of the four NASDA regions. Gipson serves as the President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA).

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

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