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NDA DIRECTOR GREG IBACH ASSUMES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE

KONA, HAWAII – Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Greg Ibach has been elected president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). Ibach assumed the office of president at the NASDA annual meeting being held in Hawaii, after having served as the organization’s vice president over the past year.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. The association is dedicated to the development, implementation and communication of sound public policy and programs that promote the American agricultural industry, while protecting consumers and the environment.

“NASDA has been vital in providing a direct voice for agriculture to members of Congress and federal government agencies,” said Ibach. “I plan to work diligently in the year ahead to make sure state departments of agriculture continue to present a unified front on key issues facing our nation’s farmers and ranchers. We have a great deal of work to do to advance the best interests of agriculture each day.”

Ibach has been active in NASDA since taking over as the director of NDA in 2005. Most recently Ibach has served as chair of the Marketing and International Trade Committee.

“I know Greg will represent American agriculture well, while at the same time protecting and supporting farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses in Nebraska,” said Gov. Pete Ricketts. “Nebraskans can be proud to have our agriculture director in another position of national influence.”

As president, Ibach will host the 100th Anniversary of the association’s annual meeting, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, Sept. 21-24, 2016.

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