



2011 Sector Critical Infrastructure Annual Report Attachment B:

Food and Agriculture Sector Government and Sector
Coordinating Council Membership



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B.1 FA Sector Government Coordinating Council (FASGCC)

This section provides a brief description of the FASGCC organizations and agencies.

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) is a not-for-profit professional organization that: disseminates information on the diagnosis of animal diseases; coordinates diagnostic activities of regulatory, research, and service laboratories; establishes uniform diagnostic techniques; improves existing diagnostic techniques; develops new diagnostic techniques; establishes accepted guidelines for the improvement of diagnostic laboratory organizations on personnel qualifications and facilities; and acts as a consultant to the United States Animal Health Association on uniform diagnostic criteria involved in regulatory animal disease programs. Additional information is available at: <http://www.aavld.org/>.

Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) is an international leader and trusted resource for building consensus and promoting uniformity on public health and consumer protection issues related to the regulation of foods, drugs, devices, cosmetics, and consumer products. Additional information is available at: <http://www.afdo.org/>.

Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) works to safeguard the public's health through advocacy for State public health laboratories and their Federal partners. APHL provides expert testimony and guidance on legislative proposals and also feedback on Federal rulemaking. Additional information is available at: <http://www.aphl.org>.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and assuring excellence in State-based public health practices. The ASTHO mission is "to transform public health within States and territories to help members dramatically improve health and wellness." Additional information is available at: <http://www.astho.org/>.

Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) promotes change in Indian agriculture by promoting the conservation, development, and use of agricultural resources for the betterment of Indian people. IAC works among Federal Government agencies and the agricultural field on behalf of individual Indian producers and tribal enterprises. Additional information is available at: <http://www.indianaglink.com/>.

Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture (MSP) was originally funded by a DHS Urban Areas Security Initiative grant to Iowa, which acted as the fiduciary and helped to provide the organization and leadership. The Partnership has grown to 14 States in the central United States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) and has done remarkable work, particularly in the areas of training, planning, and exercising. When funding from the initial grant ran out, MSP turned to each of the member States to contribute through the

DHS State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). Additional information is available at: <http://www.multistatepartnership.org/>.

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is the national organization representing local health departments. NACCHO supports efforts that protect and improve the health of all people and communities by promoting national policy, developing resources and programs, seeking health equity, and supporting effective local public health practices and systems. Additional information is available at: <http://www.naccho.org/>.

National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO) members are the chief animal health officials of the 50 States. Additional information is available at: <http://www.usaha.org/>.

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) represents the State departments of agriculture in the development, implementation, and communication of sound public policy and programs that support and promote the American agricultural industry, while protecting consumers and the environment. Additional information is available at: <http://www.nasda.org/>.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) encourages environmental health and protection professionals to provide a healthful environment for all. The basis for NEHA activities is the belief that the professional who is educated and motivated is the professional who will make the greatest contribution to the healthful environmental goals being sought. Additional information is available at: <http://www.neha.org/>.

The Southern Agriculture and Animal Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA) is an interactive collaboration of 10 States at risk from similar natural, intentional, technological, and/or disease disasters affecting agriculture and animals. Participating states include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Additional information is available at: <http://www.agrosecurity.uga.edu/index.cfm?page=saadra>.

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) has a broad mandate to advance economic growth and jobs and opportunities for the American people. It has cross-cutting responsibilities in the areas of trade, technology, entrepreneurship, economic development, environmental stewardship, and statistical research and analysis. Additional information is available at: <http://www.commerce.gov/>.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management principles. Additional information is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/>.

U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for providing the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country. Additional information is available at: <http://www.defense.gov/>.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for protecting public health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, the

Nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. The FDA is also responsible for advancing public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public obtain the accurate, science-based information it needs to use medicines and foods to improve health. Additional information is available at: <http://www.fda.gov/>.

U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) has the mission to protect and manage the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; to provide scientific and other information about those resources; and to honor its trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated Island Communities. Additional information is available at: <http://www.doi.gov/>.

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) enforces the law and defends the interests of the United States according to the law; ensures public safety against threats, foreign and domestic; provides Federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; seeks just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and ensures fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans. Additional information is available at: <http://www.justice.gov/>.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the mission to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment—air, water, and land—upon which life depends. Additional information is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/>.

B.2 FA Sector Coordinating Council (FASCC)

This section provides a brief description of FASCC members.

Agricultural Retailers Association serves as the national voice for agriculture retailers and advocates before Congress and the Executive Branch to ensure a profitable business environment for members. Additional information is available at: <http://www.aradc.org/>.

American Farm Bureau Federation is the unified national voice of agriculture, working through a grassroots organization to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong and prosperous agricultural communities. The purpose is to “make the business of farming more profitable, and the community a better place to live.” Additional information is available at: <http://www.fb.org/>.

American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association that promotes and represents the interests of all segments of the frozen food industry. It fosters industry development and growth, is an advocate on behalf of the industry before legislative and regulatory entities, and provides additional value-added services. Additional information is available at: <http://www.affi.com/>.

American Meat Institute is a national trade association representing the companies that process 95 percent of red meat and 70 percent of turkey in the United States, as well as their suppliers. It keeps a finger on the pulse of the legislation, regulation, and media activity that impact the meat and poultry industry and provides rapid updates and analyses to its members to help them stay informed. Additional information is available at: <http://www.meatami.com/>.

CF Industries, Inc., is one of North America's largest manufacturers and distributors of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products in North America. CF Industries corporate vision reads, "We will be recognized as a leading global marketer, producer and supplier of high-quality, low-cost fertilizer products and services, creating sustained value for shareholders, customers and employees." Additional information is available at: <http://www.cfindustries.com/>.

CropLife America is a trade organization for agriculture and pest management representing more than 80 developers, manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of crop protection products used by American farmers and growers. CropLife America works to ensure the safe and responsible use of pesticides to provide a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply. Additional information is available at: <http://www.croplifeamerica.org/>.

Food Marketing Institute represents food retailers and wholesalers. It develops and promotes policies, programs, and forums supporting its members and their customers in the areas of government relations, food safety and defense, public and consumer information, research and education, and industry cooperation. Additional information is available at: <http://www.fmi.org/>.

Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) represents leading food, beverage, and consumer products companies around the world. GMA promotes sound public policy, champions initiatives that increase productivity and growth, and helps ensure the safety and security of consumer packaged goods through scientific excellence. The GMA board of directors is composed of chief executive officers from the association's member companies. The \$2.1-trillion food, beverage, and consumer packaged goods industry employs 14 million workers and contributes more than \$1 trillion in added value to the Nation's economy. Additional information is available at: <http://www.gmaonline.org/>.

International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses (IARW) started in 1891 when a number of conventional warehousemen realized the increased challenge and complexity of operating temperature-controlled storage facilities for storing perishable foods. Today, IARW promotes more efficient distribution services, aids members in adopting new technology, advises members of legislation and regulations affecting the food industry, assists members in complying with U.S. and international regulations, and participates in alliances with industry and international organizations having a common interest in the safe and efficient flow of food products around the world. Additional information is available at: <http://www.iarw.org/index.asp>.

International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) represents the Nation's dairy manufacturing and marketing industries and their suppliers, with a membership of 530 companies representing a \$110-billion/year industry. IDFA is composed of three constituent organizations: Milk Industry Foundation; National Cheese Institute; and International Ice Cream Association. Additional information is available at: <http://www.idfa.org/>.

International Foodservice Distributors Association helps foodservice distributors succeed by providing research, educational opportunities, and business forums to make them more competitive. Members operate more than 700 distribution facilities and represent annual sales of more than \$110 billion. Additional information is available at: <http://www.ifdaonline.org/>.

International Flight Services Association is a global professional association created to serve the needs and interests of airline and railway personnel, in-flight and rail caterers, and suppliers responsible for providing passenger foodservice on regularly scheduled travel routes. The mission is to “lead, develop and represent the global business interests of the onboard service industry.” Additional information is available at: <http://www.ifsanet.com/>.

International Warehouse Logistics Association is a trade association of warehouse logistics providers that helps members run high-quality and profitable businesses by focusing on the warehouse logistics business, providing ideas and information that make it easier for member companies to succeed. Additional information is available at: <http://www.iwla.com/>.

Kraft Foods Global, Inc., markets nine brands with revenues exceeding \$1 billion through the vision “make today delicious.” More than 80 percent of Kraft Foods revenue comes from products that hold the number one share position in their respective categories. Additional information is available at: <http://www.kraftfoodscompany.com/>.

McCormick & Company, Inc., is a global leader in the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of spices, seasonings, and flavors to the entire food industry. Customers range from retail outlets and food manufacturers to food service businesses. Additional information is available at: <http://www.mccormick.com/>.

National Association of Convenience Stores is an international trade association representing more than 2,200 retail and 1,800 supplier company members. It serves the convenience and petroleum retailing industry by providing industry knowledge, connections, and advocacy to ensure the competitive viability of its members’ businesses. Additional information is available at: <http://www.nacsonline.com/>.

National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) is the marketing organization and trade association for America’s 1 million cattle farmers and ranchers. NCBA is a consumer-focused, producer-directed organization representing the largest segment of the Nation’s food and fiber industry. Additional information is available at: <http://www.beefusa.org/>.

National Corn Growers Association represents approximately 36,000 dues-paying corn growers and the interests of more than 300,000 farmers who contribute through corn check-off programs. Additional information is available at: <http://www.ncga.com/>.

National Grain and Feed Association is a broad-based, not-for-profit trade association that represents and provides services for grain, feed, and related commercial businesses. Activities focus on enhancing the growth and economic performance of U.S. agriculture. Additional information is available at: <http://www.ngfa.org/>.

National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) provides a forum through which dairy farmers and their cooperatives formulate policy on national issues that affect milk production and marketing. The contribution of NMPF to this policy is aimed at improving the economic well-being of dairy farmers, thus assuring the Nation’s consumers an adequate supply of pure, wholesome milk and dairy products. Additional information is available at: <http://www.nmpf.org/>.

National Pork Board (NPB) is a 15-member body that was established by Congress under the provisions of the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (Pork Act). NPB has responsibility for check-off-funded research, promotion, and consumer information projects. In addition, NPB oversees communications with pork producers and the public. Additional information is available at: <http://www.pork.org/>.

National Restaurant Association's goal is to lead America's restaurant industry into a new era of prosperity, prominence, and participation, enhancing the quality of life for all it serves. It creates value to its members in five ways, including: advocacy and representation; tools and solutions; education and networking; research and insights; and responsible stewardship. Additional information is available at: <http://www.restaurant.org/>.

National Retail Federation is the world's largest retail trade association with membership that comprises all retail formats and channels of distribution. It represents an industry with more than 1.6 million U.S. retail establishments and 24 million employees. Additional information is available at: <http://www.nrf.com/>.

National Food Service Security Council brings together loss prevention and risk management professionals of the major casual dining and quick service restaurant chains for educational networking and professional development opportunities. The mission is "to educate its members on those topics that can help improve and enhance the safety and security of employees and customers alike; to protect its member companies from erosive effects of crime on company assets; to address the public's and government's concern about security-related issues; and, to be an advocate for the food service industry." Additional information is available at: <http://www.nfssconline.org/>.

United Fresh Produce Association represents the interests of member companies throughout the global fresh produce supply chain, including family-owned, private, and publicly traded businesses; as well as regional; national; and international companies. The Association merged with United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association and International Fresh-Cut Produce Association in 2006. Additional information is available at: <http://www.unitedfresh.org/>.

USA Rice Federation is the global advocate for all segments of the U.S. rice industry, with a mission "to promote and protect the interests of producers, millers, merchants, and allied businesses." Additional information is available at: <http://www.usarice.com/>.