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Greetings,

Thank you for taking a few moments to catch up on recent and upcoming National Agricultural Law Center research and information activities. We appreciate your interest and the opportunity to share updates on the NALC and its partners.



We recently created a contact list of attorneys who practice in various areas related to agriculture. We hope you'll share this list in your networks, and if applicable be sure to add your information [here](#).

To be clear, inclusion does not constitute endorsement or referral; it's simply a resource for the community.

In September, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), the NASDA Foundation, and the NALC signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the NASDA Annual Meeting to expand collaboration on agricultural law, policy, research, and student development. The MOU includes enhancing collaboration on the NASDA Next Generation student program initiative as well as a law-focused student fellowships/scholarships, the first of which will be the "Scott E. Fancher Agricultural Law NALC-NASDA Summer Fellowship". You can read more about the Fancher Fellowship below. In the coming weeks, we'll announce other initiatives under the MOU designed to better serve state agriculture departments and the broader agricultural industry. Read more [here](#).

We've hosted several webinars this past quarter, with topics as diverse as western water markets, ag labor, and tax provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. We also have several scheduled for upcoming months. On October 15, our partners at the Ohio State University Extension's Agricultural & Resource Law Program discussed their recently published "Beginner's Guide to Farmland Ownership." Then in November, John Dillard and Kyla Kaplan from OFW Law will be highlighting extended producer responsibility laws, with a focus on what food and packaging producers need to know to navigate rapidly evolving regulatory requirements. Many

- **Ag Law Reporter**
- **General Resources**

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thanks to our presenters for helping to create these valuable resources! More information about the recordings and registration for upcoming webinars is available [here](#).

Finally, "Save the Date": June 4-5 at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. We'll be back in Memphis for the 13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference, and we'll have registration available by early January. Over the next few weeks, we'll begin announcing presenters and topics.

As always, let's be sure to stay connected. If you haven't already, check out our other NALC direct communications [here](#). And follow us on X, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Reach out any time we can be of any assistance to you in any way.

Respectfully,

Harrison M. Pittman, NALC Director

Harrison Pittman discusses foreign investments on C-SPAN

In July, National Agricultural Law Center Director Harrison Pittman appeared on C-SPAN's **Washington Journal** to discuss foreign ownership of U.S. farmland, an issue that continues to play out at both state and federal levels. Citing data from the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA), Pittman noted that roughly 3.5% of U.S. land is foreign-owned, with Canada, the Netherlands, Italy, the U.K., and Germany accounting for most investments, primarily in forestry. The discussion followed the Trump administration's announcement of the **National Farm Security**

Action Plan, which aims to curb foreign investment from adversarial countries, enhance AFIDA enforcement, and address concerns about agricultural data access. Watch the recording [here](#).

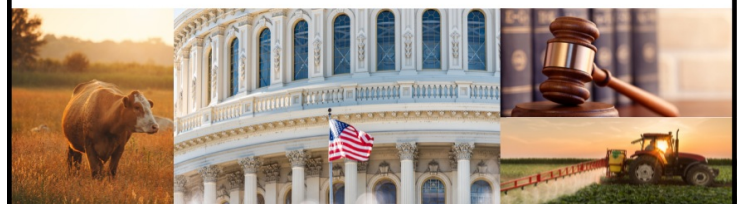


Agricultural Law Contact List

At the NALC, we receive frequent requests for the names of attorneys with experience in various areas of agricultural law. Year over year, those requests continue to increase. While we often refer people to bar associations or other similar organizations, we recognize those resources don't fully reflect the range of legal professionals working in agriculture.

To better serve stakeholders, we are beginning to compile a contact list of private practice attorneys who have professional experience or a

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practice focus in areas of law affecting agriculture. Attorneys or firms who wish to be included can enter their information [here](#).

We hope that this resource will make it easier for producers, landowners, and industry professionals to connect with legal professionals who understand the unique challenges of agriculture. Please note that inclusion on the list does not constitute endorsement or referral. It is intended solely as a resource for the agricultural community.

Update in Ag Law at NASDA Annual Meeting



NALC staff attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)'s annual meeting in Rogers, Arkansas in September. The theme of this year's meeting was 'Securing our Future through Agriculture.' At the meeting, Director Harrison Pittman, Senior Staff Attorneys Elizabeth and Rusty Rumley, and Staff Attorney Brigit Rollins led a Q&A on critical laws and regulations affecting the ag industry. Several NALC attorneys also participated in NASDA's agricultural attaché tour at the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station (where NALC is headquartered).

Save the Date: 2026 Mid-South (June 4–5)

Join us June 4-5 for the 13th Annual Mid-South Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. This year's conference is co-hosted with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Foundation. We will host the annual "Beer & BBQ" dinner on the evening of June 4 and the conference will be held June 5. We hope you can join us in Memphis to listen to practical insights from experts in the ag, environmental and water law arenas, as well as plenty of networking opportunities with others in the field. Conference will have both in-person and livestream option and CLE/CE credit as well.



We'll have more details, including speakers and topics, available in the near future. For information on NALC conferences, including both past and upcoming events, click [here](#).

Legal Issues Facing the Poultry Industry

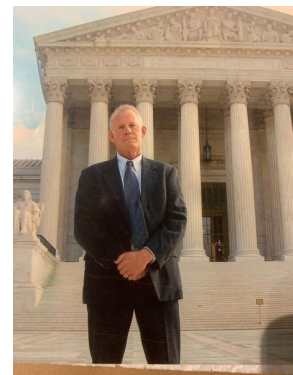
Senior Staff Attorney Elizabeth Rumley presented the WPSA Lecture, *"Legal Challenges in Animal Agriculture: Implications for the Poultry Industry,"* at the 2025 Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting in Raleigh, N.C. this July. The event drew more than 1,200 attendees, comprising researchers, educators, students, and industry professionals, with a focus on science, professional development, and networking within the poultry industry.

Drawing on her extensive experience in agricultural and food law, Elizabeth explored legal issues facing the poultry industry, with a focus on laws and regulations affecting animal welfare and food safety. Attendees gained insights into how legal frameworks influence scientific research and the broader agricultural landscape.

2025 PSA Annual Meeting			Poster Session
Time	#	Title	Location
8:00 M	5275	Legal challenges in animal agriculture: implications for the poultry industry Elizabeth Kuntley** *The National Agricultural Law Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States	Grand Ballroom B
10:30 M	1	Immunology, Health and Disease Intradermal injection of peptidoglycan stimulates local and systemic inflammatory responses in turkeys: insights from a dual approach window Abdalla A. Abu***, Chrysa N. Beck*, Aaron Fogel*, Katelyn A. Matlack*, Delaney Roberts*, Diego Cortez*, Melissa Martinez*, James Hagalta*, Karen Echeverria*, Danielle Graham*, Gisela F. Erf*, Jessie M. Santamaría* *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States	301A-B
2:30 M	62	Characterization of Lyd1 protein in <i>Histomonas meleagridis</i> , a protozoan pathogen in turkeys Ariana Bucher***, Alessandro J. Rocchi*, Danielle Graham*, Billy M. Hargill*, Zhicheng Dou* *Kansas University, Manhattan, Kansas, United States; *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States	302C
1:30 W	317	Lymphocyte populations in the liver and secondary lymphoid organs of White Leghorns and UC2700/0* Salmonella/Synergistic, vaccine-expressing chickens differ after vaccination with Salmonella Typhimurium bacteria Chrysa N. Beck**, Jessie M. Santamaría*, Gisela F. Erf* *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States	306B-C
1:45 W	318	The effects of primary and secondary immunizations with a histomonas meleagridis collagen protein recombinant protein in different vehicles on local and systemic immune responses in turkeys Jessie M. Santamaría*, Chrysa N. Beck*, Aaron Fogel*, Katelyn A. Matlack*, Diego Cortez*, Melissa Martinez*, James Hagalta*, Karen Echeverria*, Zhicheng Dou*, Gisela F. Erf*, Danielle Graham* *University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States; *Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas, United States	306B-C
10:30 Th	360	Impact of selected pharmacological and nutritional interventions on histomonas meleagridis transmission in turkey poult	302C

NALC–NASDA Foundation partner for new fellowship opportunity

The NALC, NASDA, and the NASDA Foundation are launching the inaugural "Scott E. Fancher Agricultural Law NALC-NASDA Summer Fellowship". The Fancher Fellowship is a paid fellowship that is tailored to 2L (or equivalent) law students with a demonstrated interest in agricultural law and policy. The Fellowship will be located at the NASDA headquarters in Arlington, Virginia and will last from mid-May to early August. The application period will open November 1 and run through February 15. Be sure to check the NALC website and social media for announcements. In the meantime, inquiries can be sent to NALC Director Harrison Pittman at hmpittm@uark.edu.



Webinar Series

Our webinar series offers a variety of presentations relating to agricultural law and policy. All webinars are recorded and archived on [our website](#). See below for a list of recent and upcoming webinars.

Recent Webinars



Western Water Markets: Overview of Legal & Policy Considerations

During our July "Western Water" webinar, **Brett Bovee**, Intermountain Regional Director at WestWater Research, and **Brian Hamilton**, water rights attorney at Downey Brand, provided an introductory understanding of Western water markets, with a focus on legal and policy considerations of these markets.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Ag Labor Pointers & Pitfalls for Farming Operations:

A Conversation with Ag Attorney William L. Mencer

During our August webinar on ag labor, ag law attorney and farmer William Mencer gave a presentation on the importance of keeping good records, especially if employing foreign labor under the H-2A visa program.

[Watch the Recording](#)



Reviewing New OBBBA Tax Provisions Impacting Agricultural Producers

In our September webinar, agricultural tax expert Kristine Tidgren from our partners at Iowa State University's Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation (CALT) gave a breakdown of the key tax changes introduced by the OBBBA legislation and how the provisions may affect your operation as you close out 2025 and prepare for the 2026 tax year.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Upcoming Webinars

So Now You Own a Farm:

A Beginner's Guide to Farmland Ownership

During our October 15 webinar, Peggy Kirk Hall, Associate Professor with OSU Extension's Agricultural & Resource Law Program, and Robert Moore, Research Attorney with OSU's Agricultural & Resource Law Program, will share practical insights for new farmland owners, including land valuation, leasing or selling options, preservation strategies, and managing legal and economic risks.



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Redefining Responsibility Over Packaging:

An Overview of U.S. Extended Producer Responsibility Laws

During our November 20 webinar, Kyla Kaplan,



Associate Attorney at OFW Law, and John Dillard, Principal at OFW Law, will provide an overview of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws, covering their origins, key terms, enacted state laws, compliance deadlines, and pending legislation, with a focus on what food and packaging producers need to know to navigate rapidly evolving regulatory requirements.

[Register](#)

Publication Highlights

As part of its mission, the NALC continues to deliver webinars, articles, fact sheets, and state compilations on numerous agricultural and food law topics. These resources are free to the public and serve as a research tool for both attorneys and non-attorneys.

The NALC publishes weekly posts about current issues in agricultural and environmental law. Posts from the past quarter are outlined below.

**July
2025**

- **Cottage Food Laws: Recent Trends and Major State Changes**
- **A New Era in Texas Real Estate: Foreign Investment Restriction Under New State Law**
- **'MAHA' Movement: New Texas and Louisiana Laws**
- **Challenge to California's Hen Housing Laws**
- **One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Nutrition Title**
- **One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Resource Roundup**
- **Supreme Court Clarifies Scope of NEPA Review**
- **House Passes Legislation to Increase Monitoring of Certain Foreign Investments**

**August
2025**

- **Food Foundations: FDA Human Food Inspections**
- **The Deal with Dicamba: EPA Proposes Unconditional Registration for Over-the-Top Use**
- **Food Foundations: Standards of Identity**
- **Federal Court Upholds Reporting Exemption for Livestock Emissions**

**September
2025**

- **Solar Smarts for Landowners: Property Owner Rights/Use**
- **FTC Files Suit Against John Deere**
- **Lawsuit Challenges Registration of Enlist One and Enlist Duo**
- **Federal Court Dismisses Challenge to Texas' Newly Enacted Foreign Ownership Law**
- **'MAHA' Movement: State Agency Actions and Consumer Legal Challenges**
- **2023 AEWR Rule Vacated**
- **Water Users Ask Supreme Court to Consider Whether Bureau of Reclamation Violated the U.S. Constitution**
- **Alternative Proteins: 2025 Litigation Update**

Outreach

NALC attorneys speak and present at events in order to provide agricultural and food law research and

information to the public. If you are interested in having an attorney from the NALC speak to a group, either in person or virtually, please do not hesitate to contact us. Learn more about the NALC staff and find our contact information [here](#).

Below are some outreach activities from the past quarter.

July 2025

- Harrison Pittman, NALC Director
 - July 11 - Live interview via Zoom with Greta Brawner on C-SPAN's Washington Journal discussing foreign investments in U.S. land. Link to interview [here](#).
 - July 18 - In-person presentation on "MAHA and Agriculture: Overview, Update, & Looking Ahead" at the 2025 Arkansas Farm Bureau's Officers and Leaders Conference in Rogers, AR.
 - July 24 - In-person presentation on "State of Play on USDA Reorganization, Foreign Ownership, & Pesticides" at the 2025 Southern Crop Protection Association's Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL
 - July 30 - In-person presentation on "State and Federal Checkoff Landscape" at the Indiana Ag Policy Summit for the Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Growers Association in Lebanon, IN
- Elizabeth Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney
 - July 14 - In-person keynote address on agricultural law as it affects poultry production, processing research, marketing, and regulatory activities at the 2025 Poultry Science Association Annual meeting in Raleigh, NC
- Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney
 - July 7 - In-person presentation on ag labor at the Center for Arkansas Farms and Food at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR
 - July 28 - In-person presentation on landowner liability at the Center for Arkansas Farms and Food at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR
- Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney
 - July 31 - In-person joint presentation on "MAHA and ESA Update" at the 2025 Northeast Rice and Research and Extension Center Rice and Row Crop Field Day in Harrisburg, AR
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For the full July Monthly Roundup, click [here](#).

August 2025

- NALC Staff
 - August 18-19 – In-person meetings with agricultural stakeholders and state government representatives to discuss current legal issues impacting agriculture in Little Rock, AR
- Harrison Pittman, NALC Director
 - August 6 – In-person presentation on “Energy Security in the Age of Foreign Land Ownership” panel at the National Conference of State Legislators 2025 Summit in Boston, MA
 - August 14 – Online panel presentation on ‘Emerging Issues Facing Agriculture’ for the 2025 Agri-Law Summit held by The Ohio State University Agricultural & Resource Law Program via Zoom
 - August 15 – In-person interview on “The Director’s Cut” with Arkansas Extension Director Dr. John Anderson to discuss the resources that NALC provide, the help the attorneys give to stakeholders of all populations, and what are the big topics in ag law, at the Division of Agriculture studio in Little Rock, AR
 - August 20 – Online moderator of NALC webinar (recording link above) on ‘Ag Labor Pointers & Pitfalls for Farming Operations: A Conversation with Ag Attorney William L. Mencer’ via Zoom
 - August 25 – In-person presentation on “MAHA and agriculture” dinner speaker for Missouri Farm Bureau in Jefferson City, MO
- Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney
 - August 6 – In-person presentation on landowner liability for rural landowners at an Armed to Farm training in Augusta, Maine
 - August 19 – Online webinar presentation on “What We Know – and What We Don’t Know...at the Moment” ag law update for the American Society of Agricultural Consultants via Zoom.

For the full August Monthly Roundup, click [here](#).

- Harrison Pittman, NALC Director
 - September 3 - In-person joint presentation panel "Critical Issues Facing Members - 2024 Election and New Trump Administration" with Val Dolcini, head of Public Affairs North America - Syngenta, and Ron Seeber, President and CEO - Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, for the Mid America CropLife Association 2025 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO
 - September 9-10 - In-person presentation on "Agricultural Law Update" focusing on ongoing litigation, legislative proposals, and related issues pertinent to FCC attorneys at the 2025 Farm Credit Council Attorney's Conference in Denver, CO
 - September 14-17 - Attended and presented via Q&A session with NASDA members and attendees in plenary session; also signed new MOU between NALC, NASDA, and NASDA Foundation, at 2025 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting in Rogers, AR
 - September 18 - Participated in Q&A session with several dozen foreign attachés hosted by NASDA while in Arkansas in Rogers, AR
 - September 22-23 - In-person presentation on "Legal Issues & Agriculture" at the annual South-Central National Association of Conservation Districts Regional Meeting in Hot Springs, AR
 - September 25 - In-person joint presentation panel with Roger McEowen, Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation - Washburn University School of Law, and Paul Neiffer, Farm CPA Report, on "Everything You Need to Know About New Tax Law Changes" at the 2025 Ag Outlook Forum for the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City, MO
 - September 29-30 - Presenting/Q&A to two different policy meetings of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
- Elizabeth Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney
 - September 10 - Online presentation to University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture administration discussing landowner liability via Zoom.
 - September 14 - 17 - Attended and presented via Q&A session with NASDA members and attendees in plenary session at 2025 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting in Rogers, AR
 - September 19 - In-person presentation on the regulations and legal issues of "Cell-Based Meat" at the 7th Annual Bock Food Law and Policy Conference at SIU Simmons Law School in Carbondale, IL
- Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney
 - September 9-10 - In-person presentation on landowner liability for rural landowners at an Armed to Farm training in Madison, WI
 - September 14-17 - Attended and presented via Q&A session with NASDA members and attendees in plenary session at 2025 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting in Rogers, AR
 - September 21 - In-person presentation on "So You're Interested in Ag Law and/or Politics?" to Texas Collegiate Farm Bureau Regional Meeting in Lubbock, TX
 - September 29 - In-person presentation on pesticides at the Center for Arkansas Farms and Food at the University of Arkansas Extension, Fayetteville, AR
- Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney
 - September 10 - In-person presentation on recent changes to administrative law, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent Loper Bright opinion and what it could mean for food safety regulation and relevant regulatory agencies at the Arkansas Association for Food Protection Annual Education Conference in Fayetteville, AR
 - September 14-17 - Attended and presented via Q&A session with NASDA members and attendees in plenary session at 2025 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Annual Meeting in Rogers, AR

For the full September Monthly Roundup, click [here](#).

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