

# ACDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Coming Together to Nourish the Nation**



**April 21 - 24, 2024  
Marriott St. Louis Grand  
St. Louis, Missouri**

# ACDA FIRST TIMER SESSION

## WELCOME

# Today's Speakers



**Kyle Jordan**  
*ACDA President*



**Deborah Cameron**  
*Incoming President*



**Alex Dinova**  
*Distributor, Ohio*



**Noelle Sanchez**  
*State, New Mexico*



**Craig Hempel**  
*Garland ISD,  
Texas*



**Robin Bowman**  
*CORE Group*



**Tom Ferris**  
*East Side  
Entrees*



**Ross Sinicropi**  
*Feeding Texas*



**Jose  
Quinones**  
*JTM*



**Lena Wilson**  
*TX Department of  
Agriculture*



**A** – American  
**C** – Commodity  
**D** – Distribution  
**A** – Association

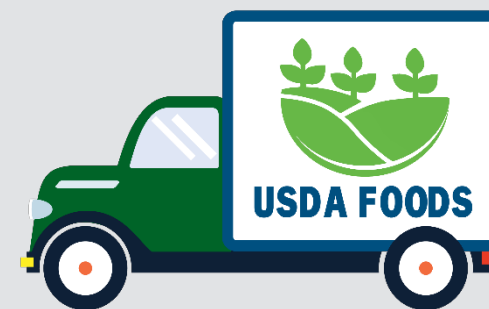
**Mission** - *Strengthening the impact of domestic USDA Foods programs*

**Vision** - *Working together to nourish the nation*

# ACDA History

- ❑ 1975 - Formed with USDA and state agencies as National Association of State Agencies for Food Distribution.
- ❑ 1991- Name changed to American Commodity Distribution Association – ACDA.

*Has improved communication between state agencies and USDA.*



## WHAT IS ACDA?

ACDA is a professional association with the purpose of strengthening the impact of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs.

ACDA is an organization that promotes growth, consumption and access of United States agriculture from Farm to the Table!



## HISTORY OF ACDA

ACDA is celebrating 49 years of successfully promoting the USDA Foods Distribution Programs as a means of strengthening the American agricultural economy and providing access to food to all Americans. There's more work to be done and our collective voice can continue to grow stronger with YOU.

**Please join us today!**

## WHAT DOES ACDA DO?

A **collective voice** for legislative and administrative policy decisions impacting USDA Foods Distribution Programs designed to provide food assistance and access to all Americans.

Provides up-to-date **relevant information** on USDA Foods Distribution Programs Policies.

A hub of experts that provide **education, training, knowledge, and resources** for successful and efficient management of USDA Foods Distribution Programs.

Facilitates **collaboration of stakeholders** working to manage the food supply chain cycle.

Acts as a bridge for partnerships amongst **diverse groups of leaders** in the field of USDA Foods Distribution Programs.

Networking and promoting relationship building with stakeholders **across the country.**

# ACDA

AMERICAN COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION ASSOCIATION



**Working Together  
to Nourish the  
Nation**

## ACDA PILLARS OF SUCCESS

### GUIDANCE

Be the respected resource and voice of the domestic USDA food supply chain in guiding public policy development.

### COLLABORATION

Provide access and facilitate the exchange of information among a diverse alliance of stakeholders.

### STRENGTH

Sustain a dynamic, nationally recognized organization.

### EDUCATION

Serve as the definitive resource for domestic USDA Foods Distribution Programs through a variety of educational opportunities.

## WHY JOIN ACDA?

### 1 MEMBER BENEFITS

- Up-To-Date News on Current & Upcoming Policy and Guidelines
- Access to ACDA Processing Forms
- State Developed WBSCM Training Guides
- Participation on Committees Impacting Supply Chain
- Reduced Rates to the Annual Conference

### 2 CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACDA offers a Food Distribution Specialist (FDS) Credential program to support comprehensive knowledge in six core competency areas of the USDA Foods Programs.

### 3 NETWORKING

ACDA provides access and facilitates the exchange of information among a diverse alliance of stakeholders through various in-person and online platforms.

### 4 JOIN TODAY!

Join ACDA today by visiting [commodityfoods.org/membership](http://commodityfoods.org/membership) or contact our team at [info@commodityfoods.org](mailto:info@commodityfoods.org)

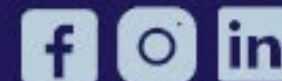
## WHO ARE ACDA MEMBERS?

Agricultural Associations  
Community Feeding Agencies  
Consultants  
Distributors  
Food Banks  
Food Manufacturers  
Food Service Brokers  
Non-Profit Organizations  
Recipient Agencies  
(Schools & Co-ops)  
State Distribution Agencies  
United States Farmers  
USDA Agencies  
& More!

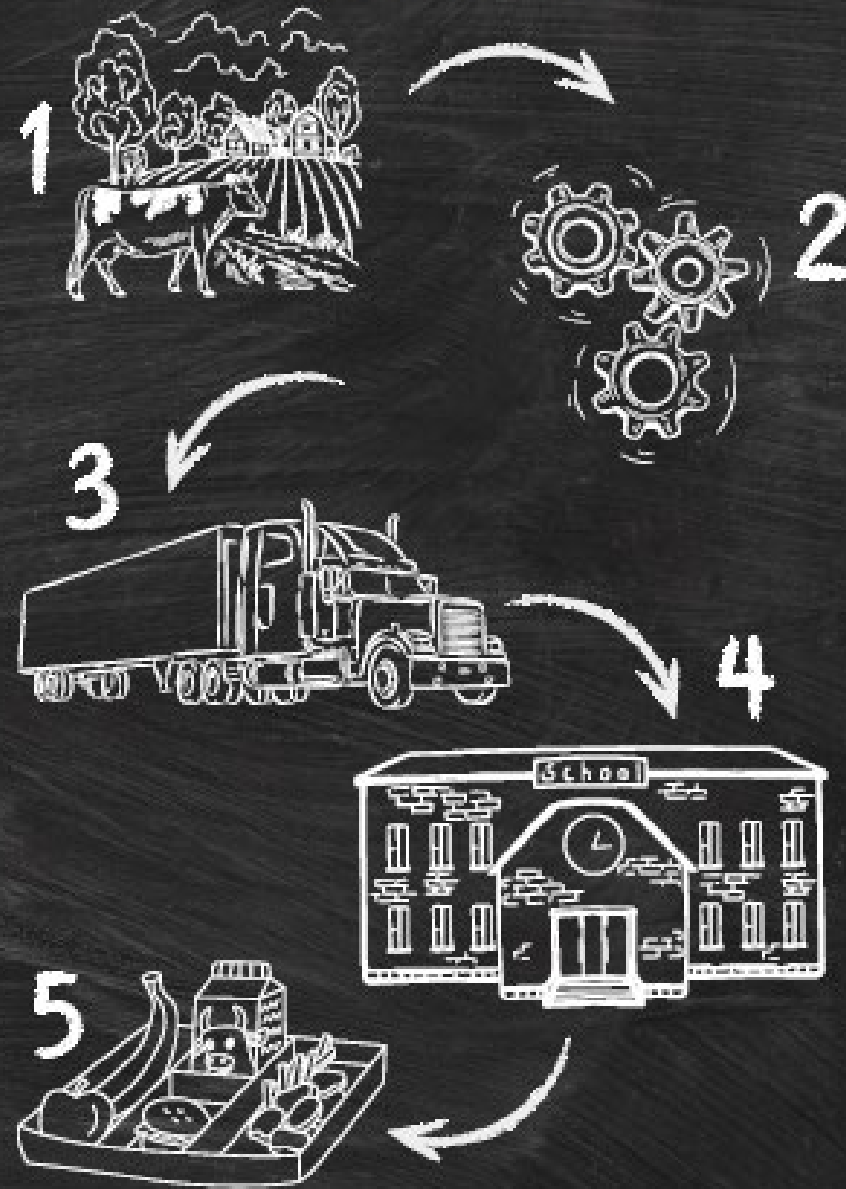
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# Broad Coalition

Industry

Agriculture

Government

Community

# ACDA Strategic Plan

**Created 2018 – Updated 2023**

- Sustain dynamic organization
- Guide public policy development for USDA food supply chain
- Provide information exchange among diverse stakeholders
- Provide educational resources for members, stakeholders

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# ACDA Advantage

## Network of Support



- ❑ Guidance for compliance with USDA initiatives
- ❑ Training through conference and webinars
- ❑ Open communication between USDA, States, Brokers, Recipient Agencies, Distributors, Community Programs
- ❑ Knowledgeable professionals deciphering regulations and issues related to USDA Foods
- ❑ A collective and powerful voice for all members

# Membership Categories



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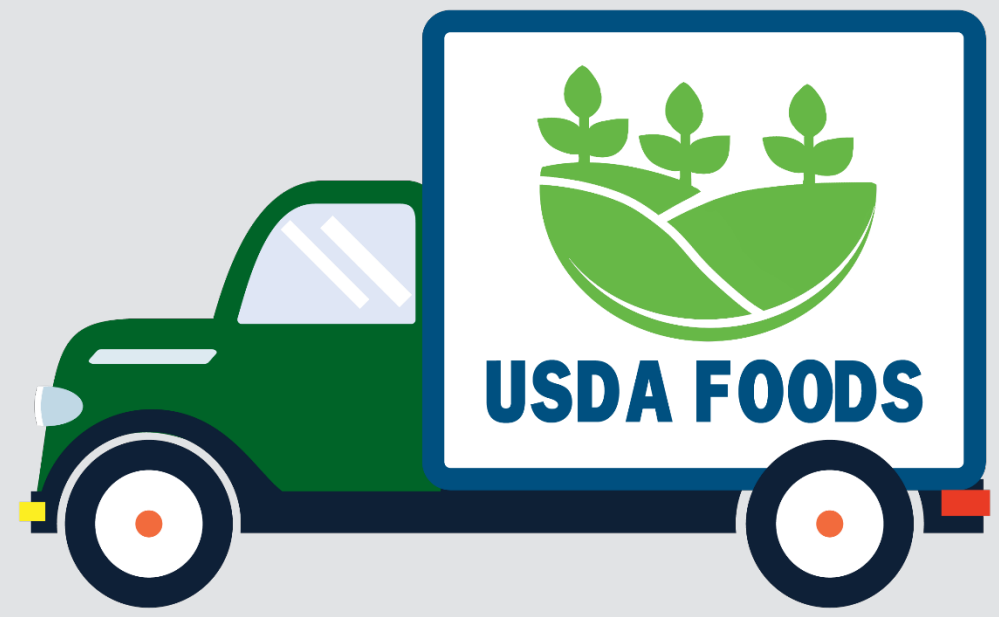
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- Non-Profit Organization or School
- For-Profit Organization
- State Government Organization

# Let's Learn More



# QUESTIONS?

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