The Partnership for Food Protection:

Safeguarding the Food Supply Since 1998

The Partnership for Food Protection

- IFSS
- Lab Capacity
- RRTs
- FoodSHIELD
- FPTF
- Standards
- DMR
- Workgroups
- New Era

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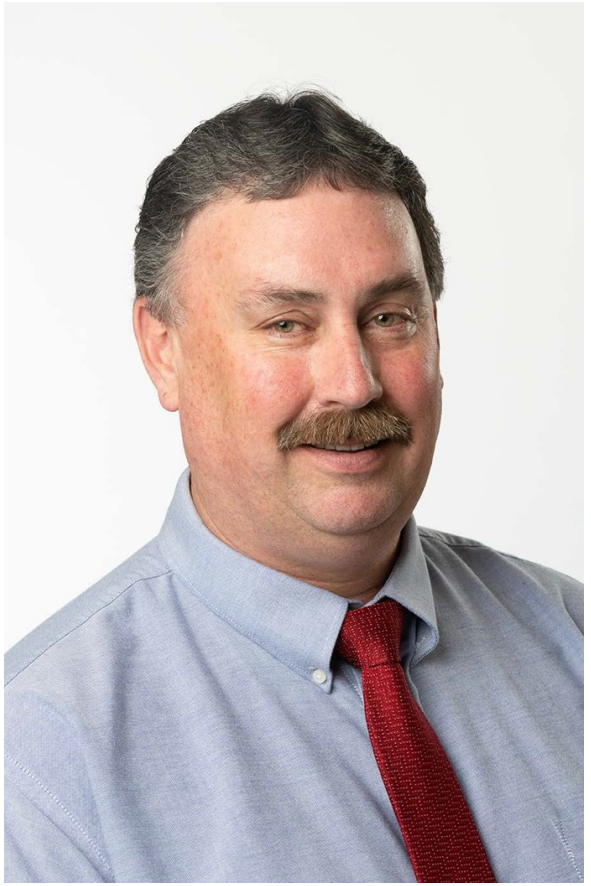

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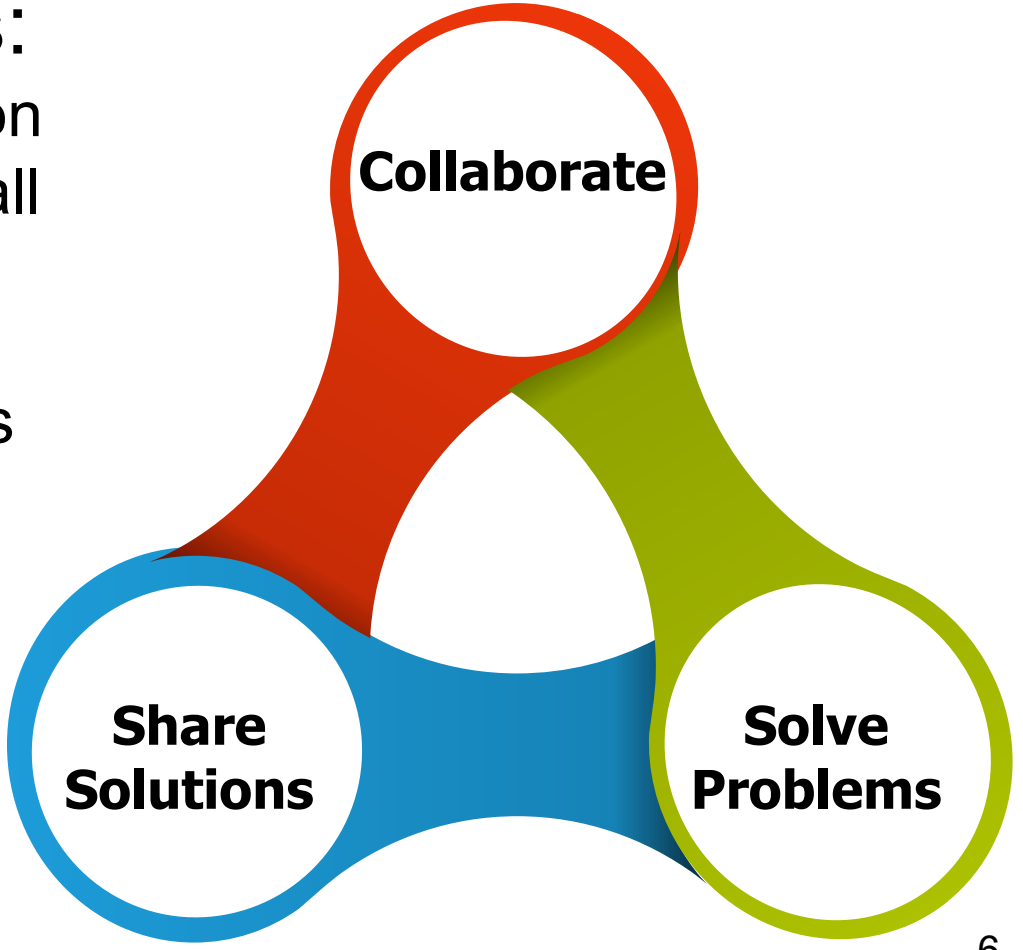
The mission of PFP is:

- To promote communication and integration between all jurisdictions
- To provide resources, insight, and best practices
- To inform and enhance public health



The Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)

Key Components:

- Provides vision, guiding principles, and key components of a coordinated approach to food safety.
- Includes seamless partnerships and operations among governmental agencies, academia, industry, consumer groups, and foreign partners.
- Leverages the participation, coordination, resources, and authorities of strategic partners to protect the food supply.

PFP and IFSS

- PFP is a leader in the development and implementation of an IFSS
- Established in 2009 to help implement the recommendations from the 2008 50-State Workshop
- PFP is a group of dedicated professionals from strategic partners
  - Experts in human and animal food, epidemiology, laboratory science, animal health, environment, and public health

Surveillance

Use food safety surveillance data to update and evaluate the effectiveness of evidence-based food safety policies and programs

Outreach

Share the knowledge, data, experience, and processes among government, industry, academia, and consumer groups

Training

Utilize national training and certification programs to attain consistency and competency amongst the IFSS workforce

Information Technology

Provide a collaborative IT vision and approach for a sustainable and uniform electronic data exchange with Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) partners

Laboratory

Create uniform food safety policies that leverage novel technology based on standardized best practices and regulations

Compliance

Implement efficient, prevention-focused, risk-based inspections and sample collections

1998

IFSS Formed

In 1998, FDA hosted the first 50-State Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, that included State, Local, and Federal officials with a mission to identify ways to coordinate efforts of foodborne outbreak investigations and responses..

2008

PFP Formed

At the second 50-State Meeting, held in 2008, public health partners were asked to make recommendations on implementing the FPP.

2015-2021

History of Strategic Plans

The PFP Governing Council sees the PFP as a unique resource to strategic partners for obtaining the tools and knowledge available and to support integration.

2022

Face to Face

Inherent within the plan is the advancement of domestic mutual reliance (DMR). DMR is a seamless partnership that enables FDA and states with comparable regulatory public health systems, as trusted partners, to rely on, coordinate with, and leverage one another's work, data, and actions to meet the public health goal of a safe national food supply.

Shari Shea
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Advancing the Laboratory Mission Through the Partnership for Food Protection

Shari Shea

Oct 26, 2021

Mission Driven

The Partnership for Food Protection Supports State Laboratories in their Mission to Produce Defensible Data for Action and Strengthen Laboratory Systems Serving the Public's Health, including Food Testing

Mission

Shape national and global health **outcomes by promoting** the value and contribution of **public health laboratories** and continuously **improving** the public health laboratory **system and practice**.

What I'll Talk About Today

- Supporting Integration since the 2008 50-State Meeting in St Louis
- Contributing to PFP work groups and creating products that facilitate regulatory action from laboratory data
- Supporting the new PFP Strategic Plan

Laboratory Scientists have been actively building the Integrated Food Safety System through the PFP for many years

State laboratory attendees, Nashville, 2012

Laboratory Participation in the PFP

- Representation in St Louis 2008 and since
- APHL Committee Member engagement
  - Meeting attendance
  - Work Group representation
- Initiation of the Laboratory Curriculum Framework efforts
  - Training & Certification Work Group Collaboration

Partnership Enabled

Much of the work APHL and our members have engaged in through the PFP has been in close collaboration with AFDO and AAFCO.

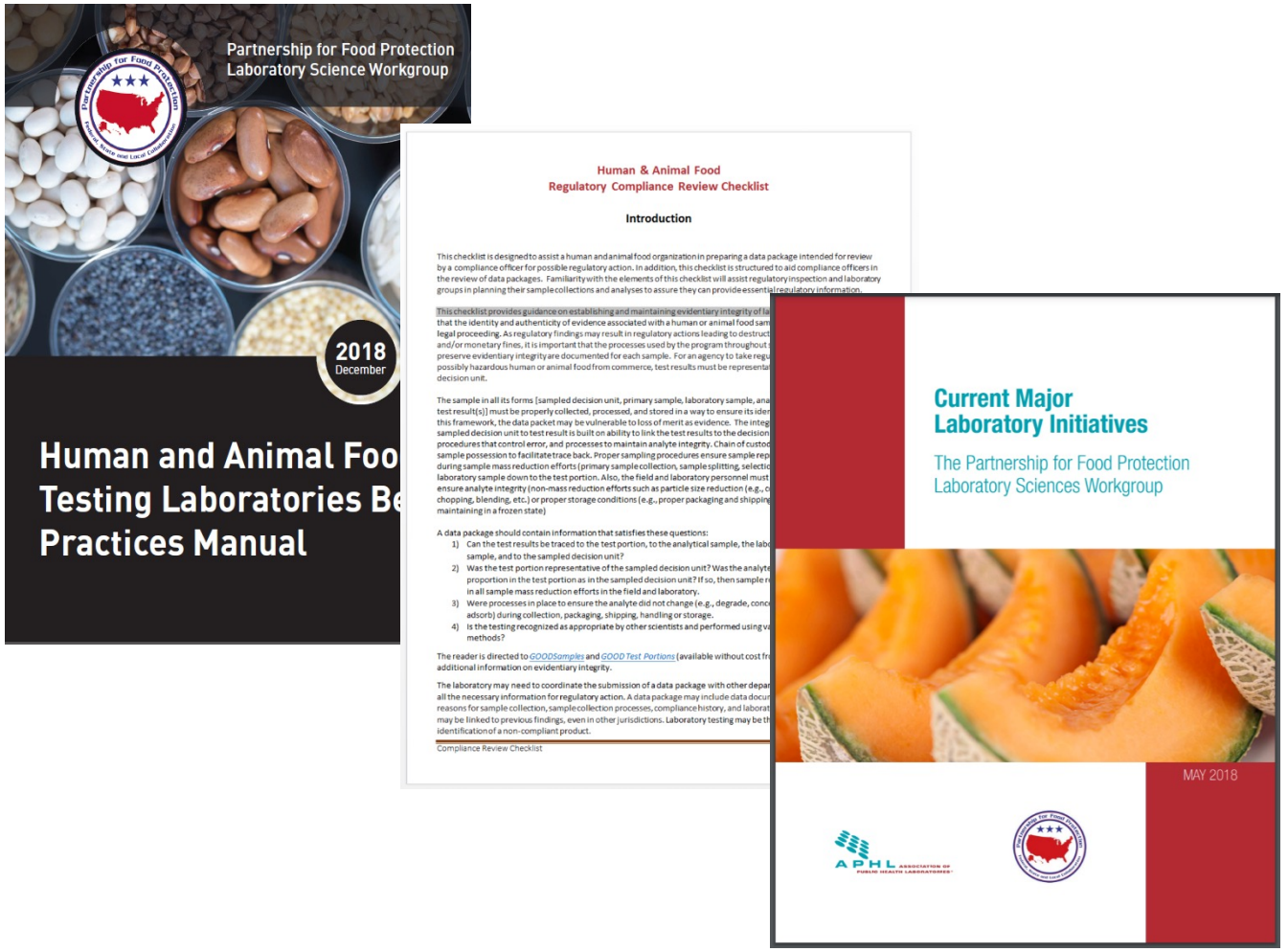
These partnerships continue, for the benefit of all three member constituencies.

Partnership across Work Groups is also strong

Laboratory Science Work Group Goals

- Promotes the use of national laboratory best practices
- Supports efforts to achieve laboratory accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard
- Supports development of a laboratory data system for sharing results between strategic partners

Laboratory Science WG Accomplishments



- HAF Testing Laboratory Best Practices Manual
- Compliance Checklist
- Current Major Laboratory Initiatives Document
- ISO accreditation
- Data Sharing Collaboration

New Strategic Goals of the Laboratory Science Work Group

In collaboration with the Surveillance, Response & Post-Response Work Group:

- Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Pandemic Response
- Improving Communication of WGS Data between Laboratory and Regulatory Partners
  - A focus of the New Era of Smarter Food Safety Podcast, episode 2

People Focused

- Your laboratory partners have been active in the PFP for many years, achieving early successes through the Laboratory Science Work Group
- A cohesive group of talented laboratory volunteers are engaged and contributing to the PFP today
- The PFP Laboratory Science Work Group, in collaboration with other WG's and partners, is enabling regulatory actions on defensible data.

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Thank you from APHL

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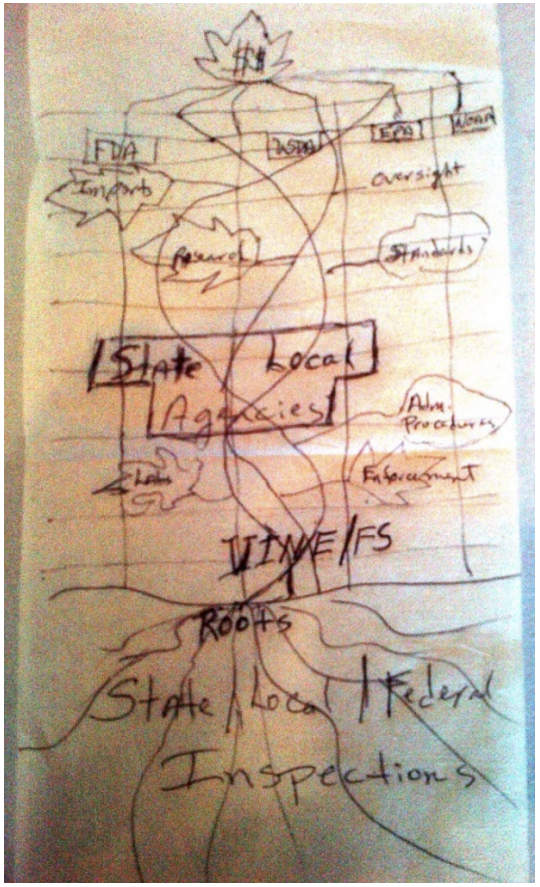
"The greatest single program of work before the Association is to follow through with its efforts for uniformity in state legislation until this whole nation has an integrated system of similar Food, Drug and Cosmetic Laws, interpreted, administered, and enforced in a single spirit of uniformity.

E.G. Woodward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oversight
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HEALTH PROMOTION
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DISEASE PREVENTION

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Division Director,
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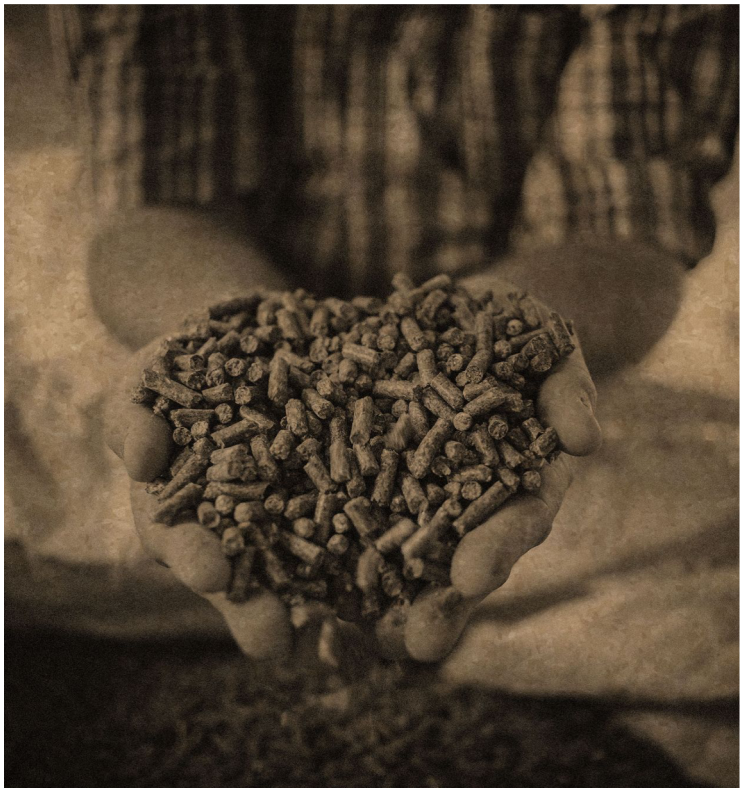
Colorado Department of Agriculture

AAFCO Director

AAFCO's PAST

- Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)
- 112 years of unified standards
  - Feed ingredients
  - Laboratory methods
  - Labeling
  - Regulatory inspection and sampling
- Essential Partnerships
  - Between states programs
  - FDA (CVM, ORA, OP)
  - NASDA
- Animal Feed Reg. Program Standards (AFRPS)

AAFCO's Present



- Innovation of ingredients
- Modernizing pet food labels
- Proficiency testing and advance laboratory methods
- 16/23 states fully implemented with AFRPS. Ready for next phase
- Federal inspections
  - VFD, BSE, CGMP, Lab. Flex. Funding Model Testing

AAFCO's Future

- Advance Preventative Controls Inspections
  - PC Cooperative Agreement-FDA
  - Agreements with 13 states programs currently
  - 7-9 states to soon apply
  - Implementation Collaboration with NASDA
- System for Food, Agriculture, Health, E-inspection, and Registration (SAFHER)
  - Standard Database across state reg. programs
  - Partnering with AFDO and human food programs
  - Aligns with New Era in Smarter Food Safety, Mutual Reliance and IFSS

How has PFP advanced the mission of AAFCO?

Mission:

AAFCO is a collaborative association that supports members and stakeholders and promotes a safe feed supply through unified system-based regulation, feed ingredient standards, and laboratory operations.

Four Pillars in our Message:

Trust
Education
Leadership
Membership

•Adulterated feed has great impact on Ag industry.

•States can't address outbreaks alone. Need partnerships and support:
- •Inspector training
- •IT system-data sharing
- •Work planning tools
- •Outbreak response
- •Lab. Methods

•AAFCO is grateful to be part of PFP and believe PFP support and resources help our members take program to next level

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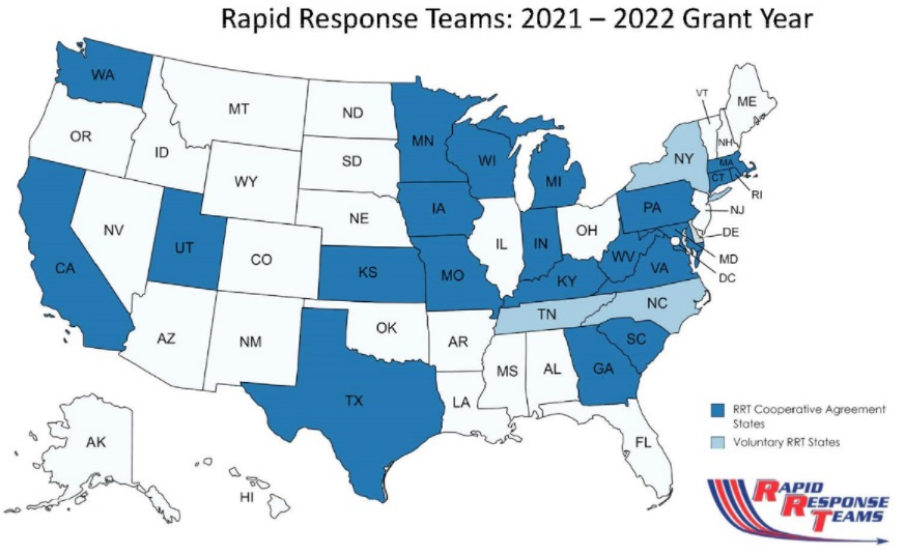
Our Mission

The Food Safety and Inspection Service is responsible for ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS-Rapid Response Team (RRT) Collaboration

- RRTs are multi-agency teams built to respond to human and animal food emergencies
- FSIS routinely joins State, regional, and National RRT meetings to discuss ongoing work, including outbreaks



Source: FDA

FSIS-RRT Shared Goal

FSIS and RRTs work to minimize the time between identifying an outbreak and implementing control measures.

Identify an Outbreak

Investigate to determine source

Implement controls to prevent additional illnesses

FSIS-RRT Collaboration Example

- FSIS, CDC, and State partners investigated a multistate *Salmonella* Enteritidis outbreak associated with stuffed chicken products
- Indiana RRT partners identified a case with leftover stuffed chicken in their freezer
- FSIS collected the product, which tested positive for the outbreak strain
- The producer recalled approximately 59,000 pounds of stuffed chicken products

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Company A Recalls Frozen Raw Breaded Stuffed Chicken Products due to Possible Salmonella Enteritidis Contamination

FSIS Announcement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9, 2021 - establishment, is recalling approximately 59,251 pounds of frozen, raw, breaded and pre-browned stuffed chicken products that may be contaminated with *Salmonella* Enteritidis, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. FSIS issued a public health alert on June 2, 2021 related to these products.

The frozen, raw, breaded and pre-browned, stuffed chicken items were produced on February 24, 2021 and February 25, 2021. The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels]

- 5-oz individually plastic-wrapped packages of "Dutch Farms Chicken with Broccoli & Cheese" with lot code BR 1055 and BEST IF USED BY FEB 24 2023.
- 5-oz individually plastic-wrapped packages of "MILFORD VALLEY CHICKEN WTH BROCCOLI & CHEESE" with lot code BR 1055 and BEST IF USED BY FEB 24 2023.
- 10-oz box of two individually plastic-wrapped packages of "MILFORD VALLEY CHICKEN CORDON BLEU" with lot code CB 1055 and BEST IF USED BY FEB 24 2023.
- 5-oz individually plastic-wrapped packages of "KIRKWOOD Raw Stuffed CHICKEN, BROCCOLI & CHEESE" with lot code BR 1055 and BEST IF USED BY FEB 24 2023.
- 5-oz individually plastic-wrapped packages of "KIRKWOOD Raw Stuffed CHICKEN CORDON BLEU" with lot code CB 1056 and BEST IF USED BY FEB 25 2023.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distributors nationwide.

FSIS has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and public health partners to investigate a multistate outbreak of 28 *Salmonella* Enteritidis illnesses in 8 states, with onset dates ranging from February 21 through June 28, 2021. Unopened intact packages of raw, frozen, breaded chicken stuffed with broccoli and cheese were collected from an ill person's home and tested positive for the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Enteritidis. FSIS continues to work with the CDC and state and local public health partners on this investigation.

Information Sharing: Learning from FDA 20.88 Agreements

FDA utilizes 20.88 agreements to share non-public information, such as confidential commercial information with State and local governments.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC

FSIS DIRECTIVE	2620.5	9/25/18

SHARING INFORMATION WITH STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

I. PURPOSE

This directive provides the Office of Public Health Science (OPHS) with procedures needed to share information concerning FSIS regulated products with State or local agencies, foreign government officials, and international organizations responsible for food inspection programs and laboratories. The Agency's openness to sharing information on FSIS-regulated products must be balanced with the public's interest in preserving the privacy and confidentiality of sensitive, personal, and certain commercial information and the integrity of the Government's decision-making and law-enforcement proceedings. This directive describes a process that will promote transparency and strengthen information sharing while preventing disclosure of proprietary information that may result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, or compromise the integrity of governmental decision-making processes. Using this process, OPHS employees can share information with State or local agencies, foreign government officials, and international organizations without requiring these agencies, officials, and organizations to submit written requests for the information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This directive will not affect any existing information sharing agreements that the Agency has made with other agencies.

In September 2018, FSIS issued a Directive outlining procedures on how certain information can be shared with State and local governments in lieu of submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Food Emergency Response Network (FERN)

FERN is jointly operated by FDA and FSIS, and plays a critical role in food safety and food defense

The network has capabilities in microbiological, radiological, and chemical disciplines for foods regulated by FDA and FSIS

Both agencies work to integrate food testing laboratories to detect, identify, respond to, and recover from a bioterrorism or public health emergency/outbreak

Animal Cell Culture

Partnership for Food Protection

Federal, State, and Local Collaboration

USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service

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PFP Strategic Plan 2021-2026

A Panel Discussion

Questions?

Mutual Reliance Pilot Projects

Integration in Action

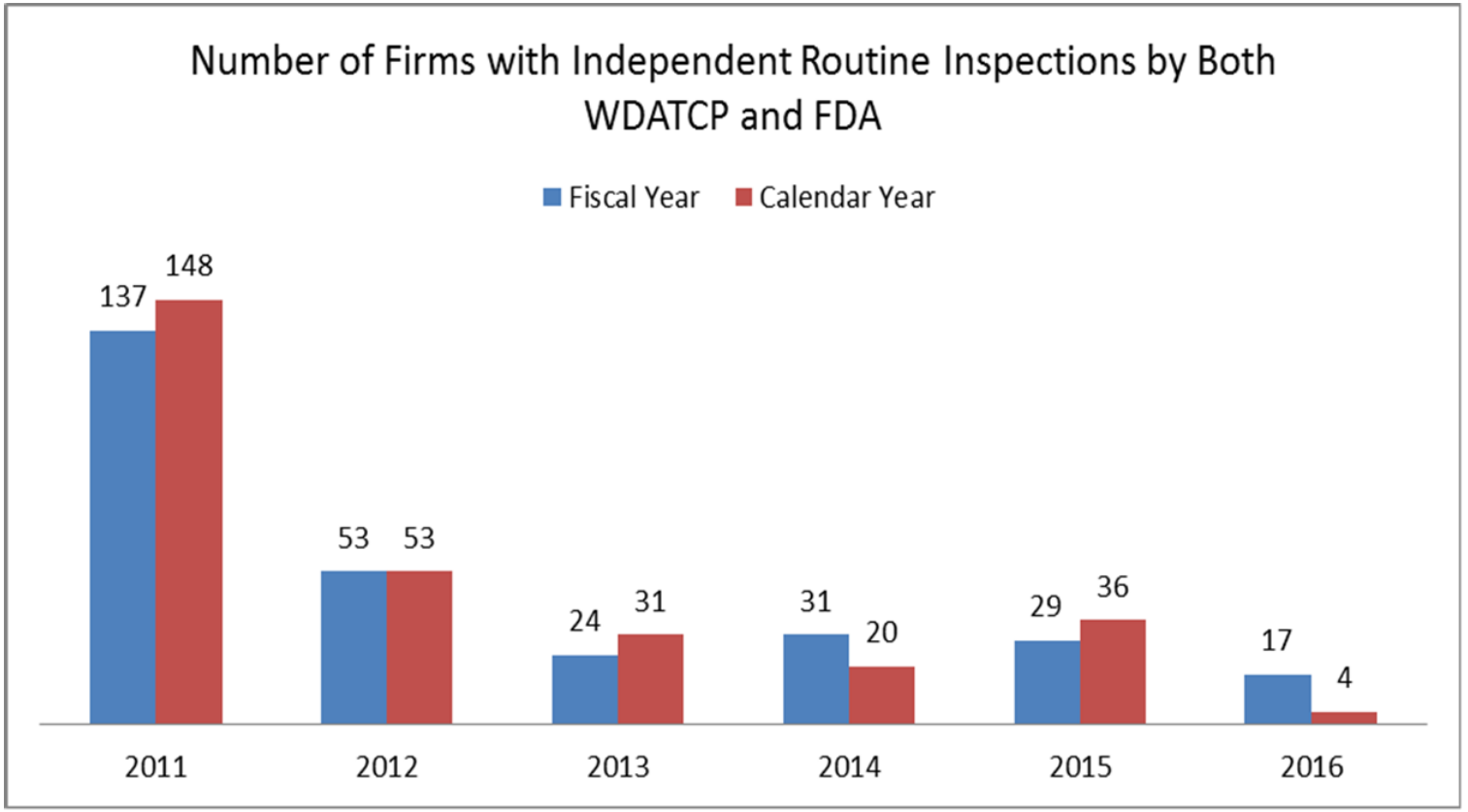
Mutual Reliance Pilots - California

- Scope
  - Manufactured Food Program
- Coordinated Activities
  - Regularly scheduled communications to coordinate work planning activities
  - Sharing of Inspection, Complaint, Recall, and Enforcement Data
  - Sharing of Inventories

Mutual Reliance Pilots - Wisconsin

- Example of the IFSS at work - reduction in duplicative inspections
- Gap analysis and continuous improvement:
  - Found that the majority of the inspection overlap came recently in the FY.
  - Found that sharing Inspection Summary reports quarterly was not adequate.
  - Sharing on a monthly basis is expected to reduce duplication even further.

Mutual Reliance Pilots - Wisconsin



Mutual Reliance Pilot – NY AGM

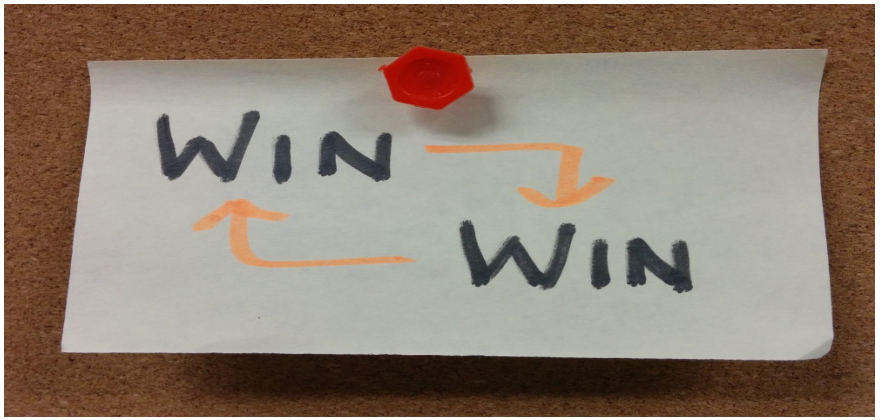
- Goals and accomplishments
  - Established a process for submission of state laboratory analytical packages for review and FDA regulatory follow-up on domestic imports
  - Work collaboratively with HAFE1 and DNBI on package submissions and traceback investigations
  - NY AGM submitted a total of 25 analytical packages for evaluation
    - 13 packages positive for sulfites, lead, *L. monocytogenes*, allergens, and colors were submitted under the pilot and added to **import alert**
    - 6 packages positive for sulfites, lead and allergens resulted in the **addition of screening criteria** for the suspect firms (documentation was not able to verify responsible party)

Positive Outcomes

- Strengthened working relationship between the FDA and State
- Developed strategies to coordinate inspectional, response, and compliance activities
- Improved information sharing and reduced duplication of work

Positive Outcomes

- Sharing of firm inventories allowed for improved alignment of workload between state and FDA
- Coordination of compliance activities
- Communications enhanced opportunities for collaboration on common work products



Positive Outcomes

- Efficient resource allocation
- Development of MOU to address process for coordinated activities
- Cost savings through elimination of duplication
- Comparability of specific sample collection and analytical methods to ensure comparability across agencies has been initiated

Positive Outcomes

- Laboratory datasheet acceptance process has been reviewed and accepted by multiple FDA programs to provide the framework for completing compliance & enforcement actions across jurisdictions

PFP Governing Council: State and Local Agency Reps

Representative	Agency
Gary Horvath – IT Rep	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Pamela Miles - Workplanning, Inspections and Compliance Rep	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Mark Sestak -Training and Credentialing Rep and Workplanning, Inspections and Compliance Rep	Alabama Department of Public Health/AFDO
Hollis Glenn – IT Rep	Colorado Department of Agriculture
Roy Kroeger -Training and Credentialing Rep	Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department (WY)
Pieter Sheehan – IT Rep	Fairfax County Department of Health (VA)

PFP Governing Council: Federal Agency Reps

Representative	Agency
Barbara Cassens – Outreach Rep	FDA – Office of Partnerships
Douglas Stern	FDA – Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Jeff Farrar – Surveillance, Response and Post Response Rep	FDA – Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine
Tracey Forfa – Outreach Rep	FDA – Center for Veterinary Medicine
Capt. Kis Robertson Hale	USDA – Food Safety and Inspection Service
Sherri McGarry – Lab Science Rep	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Michael Rogers – Surveillance, Response and Post Response Repand Workplanning, Inspections and Compliance Rep	FDA – Office of Regulatory Affairs

PFP Governing Council: Association Reps

Representative	Association
Bob Ehart – Outreach Rep	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
Pat Kennelly – Workplanning, Inspections and Compliance Rep	Association of Food and Drug Officials

Information Technology Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Lisa Creason, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
  - Phillip Fruechting – Arkansas Department of Health
  - Jacob Fleig – Missouri Department of Agriculture
- Major Accomplishments:
  - Participation 200+ members and 49 states
  - Published Newsletters, Articles, and FAQs
  - ORA DX IT Systems in production (System-to-System, Partners Portal, and Enhanced DX Client)
    - Inventory, Inspection, and Sample domains
    - Secure and role-based access
  - Strategic outreach activities and interactive training courses

Laboratory Science Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Don Burr, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
  - Cindy Mangione, NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Major Accomplishments:
  - List of current major laboratory initiatives
  - Updates to the PFP Laboratory Best Practices Manual

Outreach Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Ryan Cates, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
  - Jessica Badour, AFDO
  - Randy Young, AFDO
  - Kimberly Birklin- MFRPS Coordinator, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Food Safety and Inspection
- Major Accomplishments:
  - Drafted Communications Plan
  - Updated the PFP Website
  - Developed and shared newsletters
  - Social media presence

Surveillance, Response, & Post-Response Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Katie Blackshear, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
  - Brian Saunders, NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets

- Major Accomplishments:
  - Best Practices (FoodSHIELD During Incidents; Improving FDA and State Communication During Recalls)
  - Recommendations for improving FDA and state communication during recalls
  - Quick start food emergency response job aids
  - RRT capacity building and mentorship framework
  - Model food emergency response framework

Training and Credentialing Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Melissa Kincaid - ORA/OTED/DTMC/TMB
  - Angela Montalbano - NY Dept of Agriculture and Markets
  - Christopher Sortino - Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Major Accomplishments:

- Frameworks identifying competencies for various position levels
- Key Performance Indicators
- 2015 FDA/ORA Regulatory and Public Health Food and Feed Training Summit
- 2016 Regulatory and Public Health Partner Training Summit

Work Planning, Inspection and Compliance Workgroup

- Co-Chairs:
  - Jessica Hopson – FDA/ORA/Office of Strategic Planning and Policy
  - Randy Pack – ORA/OHAFO/DHAFOEII
  - Marti Myrick - ORA/OHAFO/OHAFOW/DDHAFO/DHAFOB
- Major Accomplishments:
  - Obtained feedback on adoption & use of the Model Work Plan Best Practice (worked with MFRPS Alliance)
  - Redistributed model work planning document to FDA and State Work Planners

PFP WG Project Managers

- Albright Hien – Training & Credentialing
- James Betz– Work Planning, Inspections and Compliance
- Robyn Randolph – Laboratory Sciences
- Kim Livsey– Surveillance/Response/Post Response
- Barbara Thiel – Information Technology
- Brenda Munoz - Outreach

Thank You!

- Thank you to all the guest speakers today
- For more information and to participate in PFP www.pfp-ifss.org