

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet - Colorado

FDA Presence: 94 FDA employees in Colorado Denver District, Denver who report to: Southwest Region, Dallas, Texas

Industry Presence in State

There are 2,064 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Colorado

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 38 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments - 30 percent

Human drug establishments – 19 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 10 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 3 percent

Industry Highlights

- Colorado is a major cattle producer and also raises large numbers of hogs and sheep. Weld, Morgan, Larimer, and Boulder counties are the national center for the production of cattle fattened in feedlots rather than on the open range.
- Colorado ranks high among the U.S. states in the amount of land under irrigation. Corn (maize), wheat, and hay are the major crops.
- Colorado has a major food and food product industry.
- Imports into Colorado - The Southwest Import District (SWID in Dallas) received 43,643 line entries for fiscal year 06 through Colorado ports of entry. SWID import assignments are performed by Denver District staff. Primary products are medical devices, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, and medical devices.

Contracts & Partnerships

State Contracts

Colorado Department of Health

- Conduct food sanitation inspections.
- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities
- Conduct inspections of medical device manufacturers.

Colorado Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections of feed mills for medicated feed and BSE Rule Compliance

State Partnerships

Colorado Department of Health & Environment

- Conduct inspections of artificial tanning facilities
- Conduct federal compliance testing of new assemblies or re-assemblies of x-ray equipment

Southwest Import District Public Affairs Specialist: Focus on Import issues.

Conducts education and outreach to the import industry, state, and other government officials and supports border health programs.