

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Florida

FDA Presence: 98 employees in Florida (includes 6 students)

Resident Posts: Boca Raton, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Miami (Domestic), Tallahassee, Tampa, Miami (Imports), Port Everglades (co-located with USCBP)

Major Import Ports: Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa

report to: Florida District Office, Maitland, FL

reports to: Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia

Industry Presence in Florida

There are 8,137 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Florida

Medical devices and Radiological establishments –38 percent

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 35 percent

Human drug establishments – 19 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 6 percent

Biologics establishments – 2 percent

Industry Highlights

- 354 high risk food firms of which 238 are high risk seafood firms
- Miami is the largest port in U.S. for importation of fresh seafood
- Miami is fifth largest port in U.S. for importation of FDA regulated commodities
- 359 class II & III medical device firms

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State Contracts/Memoranda of Understanding:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- Conduct feed mill/BSE, food sanitation and seafood HACCP inspections.
- Florida Ruminant Feed Ban Enhancement project-Cooperative Agreement Grant
Award: Ruminant feed ban support project for increased feed mill/BSE inspections and feed sample collection and analysis for prohibited materials.

Florida Department of Health:

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

State Partnerships:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- Coordinate efforts to collect and analyze imported and domestic food for pesticide residues.
- Coordinate the regulation of imported and domestic fish and fishery products.

Florida Department of Health:

- Conduct inspections of new x-ray assemblies and re-assemblies.

Local Activities

- Central Florida Food Safety Education Partnership, a coalition of Federal, state and county agencies established to educate and promote accurate food safety information to low-income, limited English, elderly, academia, health professionals, and industry audiences.
- Seminole and Orange County Healthy Kids Partnerships promote positive opportunities for school aged children to learn healthy nutrition and value of increased daily physical activity.
- Close alliance with U.S. Customs making Florida District's highly successful import operation a trendsetter in the areas of enforcement and customer service.

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and FDA Florida District's Import Operations work together on sampling projects such as potentially violative honey imported from China.