

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Illinois

FDA Presence: 61 FDA employees in Illinois

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report to: Chicago District, Chicago, Illinois
reports to: Central Region, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Industry Presence in State

There are 4,951 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Illinois
Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 46 percent
Medical device and Radiological establishments - 37 percent
Human drug establishments - 10 percent
Animal drug and feed establishments - 4 percent
Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 3 percent

Industry Highlights

- Pharmaceuticals – Home to several multi-national manufacturers
- In-vitro diagnostics – Largest manufacturer in the world
- Pumpkins – Nation's only pumpkin cannery
- Candy – Concentration of large manufacturers.
- Significant import operations with a cross-section of FDA regulated commodities.

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State Contracts

Illinois Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections of feed mills to ensure safety and BSE control

Illinois Department of Public Health

- Conduct food safety inspections

State Cooperative Agreements (Grants)

Illinois Department of Agriculture

- Conduct 200 inspections of renderers, protein blenders, commercial animal feed manufacturers, distributors, transporters of animal feed and feed ingredients, on-farm mixers, and ruminant feeders to ensure safety and BSE control
- Collect and analyze 500 surveillance samples of feed from renderers, protein blenders, and feed mills to ensure safety and BSE control

State Partnerships

Illinois Department of Public Health

- Conduct inspections of low acid canned food and acidified food establishments and seafood under the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) requirements.
- Collect samples to test foods for contaminants including microbiology and pesticides.
- Conduct joint Seafood HACCP training

Local Activities

- Cooperative program with the City of Chicago Department of Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and USDA to test foods supplied to the Chicago Public School lunch program.
- Cooperative program with the City of Chicago Department of Health regarding testing for lead in imported foods.