

## **Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Louisiana**

**FDA Presence:** 28 FDA employees in Louisiana

Resident Posts in Louisiana: Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Mandeville, Metairie, and Shreveport  
report to: New Orleans District (temporarily relocated to the Nashville, TN office), who  
report to: Southeast Region: Atlanta, Georgia

### **Industry Presence in State**

There are 2,154 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Louisiana

Food establishments –58 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments – 20 percent

Human drug establishments – 14 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) – 5 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 3 percent

### **Industry Highlights**

- Seafood –a primary industry supplying large volumes of shrimp, crawfish, oysters and fish. Fish include both native and farm-raised, marine and fresh water species.
- Imports – New Orleans is a major port, with green coffee the leading commodity.
- Agriculture – major portions of Louisiana are supplying agricultural products, such as rice, soybeans, sugar cane and cattle.
- Exports – Using the Mississippi River for transportation, the mid continent of the United States markets its grain products to the world through port facilities located along the river in the vicinity of New Orleans.
- The Gulf was affected by Hurricanes Katrina & Rita. The industry is still recovering and will be for a number of years.

### **Contracts & Partnerships**

#### **State contracts**

Department of Health and Hospitals

- Conduct inspections of food for sanitation and seafood for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) requirements.

Department of Environmental Quality

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

- Conduct follow-up investigations of violative tissue residues in food animals at the time of slaughter.

#### **State Partnerships**

Department of Health and Hospitals

- Coordinate public health emergencies in mutual areas of responsibility.
- Conduct inspections of seafood processors.
- Share oversight and authority of regulated dairy manufacturing facilities

Department of Environmental Quality

- Maintain a program for federal compliance testing of new assemblies or re-assemblies of x-ray equipment.

Department of Agriculture & Forestry

- Maintain a program for monitoring pesticide residues in raw agricultural commodities.