

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Minnesota

FDA Presence: 65 FDA employees in Minnesota

Resident Post: International Falls

reports to: Minneapolis District: Minneapolis

reports to: Central Region, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Industry Presence in State

There are 3,542 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Minnesota

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 36 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments - 26 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 27 percent

Human drug establishments - 9 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 2 percent

Imports

- There are 11 ports of entry in the State of Minnesota.
- FDA regulated import entries are predominantly human food whole grain and milled products and non-medicated feed.
- Minnesota FDA regulated import entries are predominantly handled out of the Minneapolis District Office and one Resident Post on the Canadian border – International Falls.

Industry Highlights

- Leads the nation in production of sugar beets, green peas for processing, sweet corn for processing, and turkeys
- Second in the nation in production of cultivated wild rice and canola. Other key crops/products include corn, oats, sunflowers, soybeans, spring wheat, all wheat, barley, dry edible beans, all hay, potatoes, flaxseed, total cheese, American cheese, milk, ice cream, honey, milk cows, and hogs.
- Minnesota ranks fifth nationally in agricultural exports
- Minnesota is home to such major firms as Medtronic, General Mills, 3M, Pillsbury, Land O'Lakes, Boston Scientific, and St. Jude Medical
- The University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic are very active in medical bio-research

Contracts & Partnerships

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (contracts)

- Conduct GMP inspections of licensed medicated feed mills and BSE inspections at licensed and unlicensed feed facilities.
- Conduct food safety inspections, seafood HACCP, and elevator inspections.

Minnesota Health Department (contract)

- Conduct MQSA audits of mammography facilities.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (grant)

- BSE cooperative agreement to develop and improve the infrastructure of the state feed safety and BSE prevention programs.
- Food Safety Task Force to coordinate and address food safety and defense issues among regulated industry and regulators within the state.