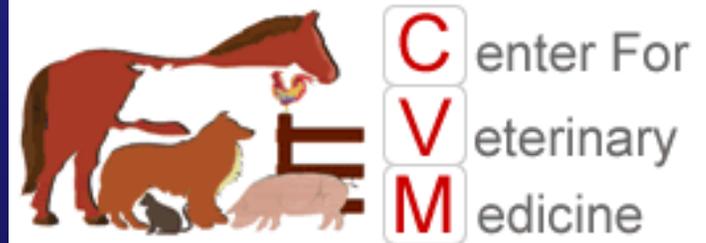




CVM's Food Protection and Import Safety Role

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Food Protection and Import Safety Action Plans



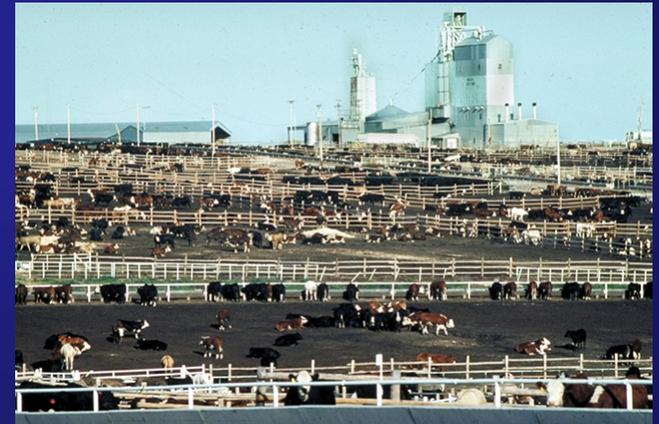
- Melamine recall highlighted broad responsibility to protect feed and pet food.
- Recall dominated FDA activities for several months.





Feed, Pet Food Industries

- Increasingly complex, international, and fast-paced industry
- Fast product distribution
- Variety of ingredients





Food for people and animals

- Food Protection Plan and the Import Safety Action Plan applies to food for people and animals.
- Center for Veterinary Medicine has responsibility for feed safety.
- Initiatives underway to address intent of food protection and import safety programs.





Implementing Legislation

- FDAAA legislation (Title X) calls for regulations to establish:
 - ingredient standards and definitions
 - processing standards
 - labeling standards (nutritional and ingredient information)
- Public meeting planned for later this year.
- Docket is open for FDA to accept comments from individuals, companies, and organizations both domestic and international.





Additional Requirements

- Establish an early warning surveillance and notification system to:
 - identify adulteration and outbreaks of illness
 - notify veterinarians and stakeholders
- Develop and place on the FDA web site a searchable database listing all recalled pet foods
- Establish a “reportable” animal food registry





Animal Feed Safety System

- Covers a spectrum of FDA activities:
 - labeling
 - distribution
 - administration of all feeds and pet foods
- Involves all stages of production from ingredient sourcing to final use.





Animal Feed Safety System

- Risk-based prioritization
 - for inspection decisions
 - for deciding what sectors require oversight
- Extends to ingredients
- Incorporates counterterrorism concerns





Conclusion

- Food safety means feed safety:
 - CVM is implementing pet food ingredient safety regulations
 - CVM is developing a comprehensive feed safety program
- Partnerships are key to the success of the Food Protection and Import Safety Action Plans.
- Applying science and modern technologies will enable us to integrate these plans and keep pace with today's fast moving food industry.



Thank You!