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ANIMAL FEED REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (AFRPS) PROGRAM

Program Description

AFRPS Promote Mutual Reliance and Strengthened Partnerships

- Enhance capacity of animal feed safety regulatory programs and laboratories, serving as the foundation for mutual reliance.
- Promote internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other programs.
- Provide tools to help programs build a capacity management system to measure and improve performance and accountability.
- Strengthen consumer awareness and confidence in animal feed safety programs.

FDA Support for State Programs

- Offers dedicated FDA staff to work with state program staff.
- Provides information-sharing forums through the AFRPS Resource Center on the FoodSHIELD website.
- Furnishes opportunities to regulatory programs enrolled in the AFRPS to apply for funding, and when available, to assist in their implementation efforts.

Leveraging Resources

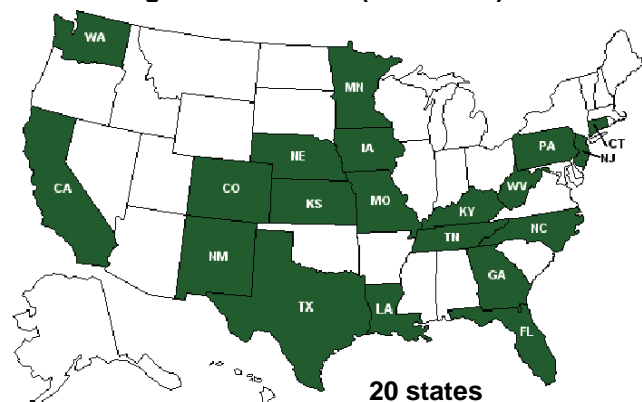
- Assess gaps and sets priorities for program improvements through AFRPS' self-assessment approach.
- Uses AFRPS tools to complete a resource assessment to help justify existing resources or to request increased resources.
- Utilizes advantage of opportunities for states to network, learn, and work with other state regulatory programs.

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Intended Outcomes

- To enhance animal feed safety.
- Provide the tools and resources to enable state feed regulatory programs to build strong infrastructures and systems that complement national uniformity and promote an integrated food safety system.
- Promote quality regulatory programs through continuous self-improvement.
- Improve communication among regulatory partners.

Figure 1. AFRPS Cooperative Agreement States (2016-2017)



What participants are saying

“AFRPS provide much needed support for critical components of the animal feed program, including a legal foundation for action, enhanced inspection training, stronger laboratory services, effective emergency response, and improved community outreach.” – **Erin Bubb, PA Department of Agriculture, Agronomic & Regional Services Division Chief**

“AFRPS represent the best ideas of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and FDA. All state views have been incorporated into the standards. I’m very glad I got involved. When you see something important coming to fruition, that’s a really good feeling.” – **Ali Kashani, WA State Department of Agriculture and AAFCO representative on standards workgroup**

“Implementing standards is hard work, but I have no regrets. AFRPS provide a vehicle to work towards lab accreditation, to improve our quality systems, and to standardize and track how we operate day to day.” – **Jacob Fleig, MO Department of Agriculture, Program Coordinator**

“Our regulatory programs cannot remain static and effectively oversee complex industries and new and evolving risks. Our investment in AFRPS recognizes the need for engagement with all stakeholders to help advise on these challenges.” – **Dr. Steven M. Solomon, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs**

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