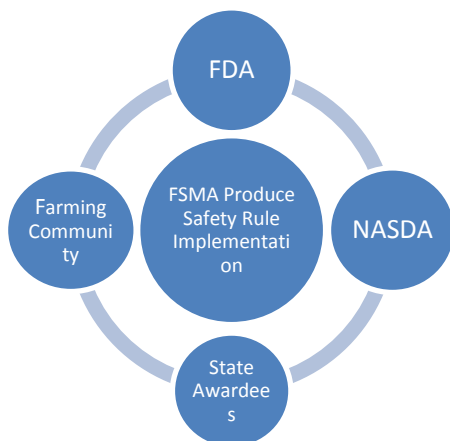


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ASSOCIATION PRODUCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- This cooperative agreement provides funding to develop a National Consortium to assist States and Territories as they seek to establish or enhance their individual produce safety and regulatory programs reflective of the Produce Safety Rule.
- The Consortium will facilitate long-term improvements to the national food safety system by providing consultation, information, and technical assistance to awardee states in support of their produce safety initiatives.
- NASDA will coordinate with states to provide learning opportunities to their jurisdiction’s farming community and/or regulators in the form of On-farm Advisory Reviews.
- The Association Produce cooperative agreement creates a community for states receiving this funding to exchange ideas and receive input from their colleagues, and provides enhancement services to review standardization of guidance and develop resources.



Intended Outcomes

- Serve as a nationwide resource while working in partnership with state, local, tribal, and territorial entities to identify, share, and utilize data and research to improve the effectiveness of produce safety programs.
- Coordinate with state regulatory and food safety entities and farming communities to develop tools and processes so that states may conduct On-Farm Advisory Reviews.
- Foster a cooperative state, local, tribal, and territorial relationship which will leverage the expertise, knowledge, and enforcement authority of both Federal and State regulatory staff, resulting in aligned, consistent, and successful on-farm regulatory programs for produce as envisioned by FSMA and the FDA.

Framework

- The cooperative agreement was designed for a national association and was an expansion of a former produce implementation study.
- The current awardee is the National Association for State Departments of Agriculture.
- The program awards \$1,000,000 and is set to conclude in 2019.

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