

FDA FACT SHEET

MANUFACTURED FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (MFRPS) PROGRAM

Program Description

- Enhance the nation’s food safety, as directed by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
- Provide the tools and resources to enable state food 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 and public health partners.

MFRPS Promote Mutual Reliance and Strengthened Partnerships

- Enhance capacity of food safety regulatory programs by serving as the foundation for mutual reliance.
- Promote internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other regulatory and public health programs.
- Provide tools to help programs build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability.
- Promote consumer confidence in food protection programs

FDA Support for State Programs

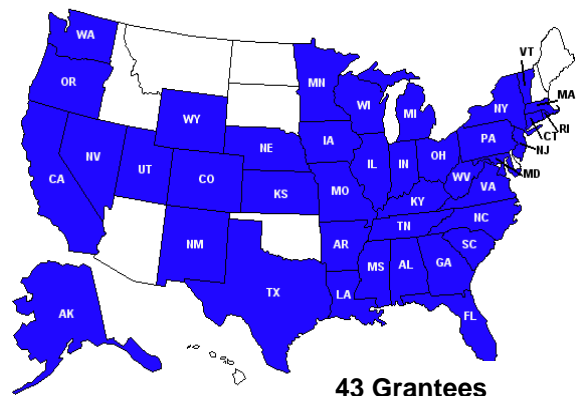
- Offers dedicated FDA staff to work with State program staff.
- Provides information-sharing forums through the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA) portal and FoodSHIELD website.
- Furnishes opportunities to regulatory

programs enrolled in the MFRPS to apply for funding to assist in their implementation efforts.

Leveraging Resources

- Assess gaps and set priorities for program improvements through MFRPS’ self-assessment approach.
- Use MFRPS tools to complete a resource assessment to help justify existing resources or to request increases resources.
- Facilitate opportunities for states to network, learn, and work with other state regulatory programs by facilitating information-sharing and improved communications.

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



What Participants are Saying

“At their core, the Standards support the development of a robust, quality management system for how FDA and our regulatory partners help ensure uniform and consistent oversight of a regulated industry. This investment results in a strengthened national food safety system and improved public health protection.”
– **Steven M. Solomon, DVM, MPH, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), FDA**

“MFRPS have elevated our regulatory foundation, especially our inspector competency. The quality of inspections has increased, meaning that we are providing a better service to consumers and to industry.” – **Anita Travis, Kentucky Department of Public Health**

“Working towards full conformance has absolutely been worth the effort. We now have highly trained staff performing high quality inspections, and the funding associated with MFRPS has allowed us to develop a new electronic inspection system, purchase equipment, and send staff to numerous trainings. But that’s not a stopping point. The standards are a continuous improvement system that allow us to implement policies and procedures above and beyond the requirements in the standards.” – **Matt Colson, MPH, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

“MFRPS have led us to conduct a more robust inspection and sampling program and to continuously advance our capacity. FDA has been really supportive in sharing best practices and has held us keep abreast of changes and prepare for them.” – **Jasmine Ha, MS, Massachusetts Bureau of Environmental Health/Food Protection**

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