

FDA FACT SHEET

STATE/TERRITORY PRODUCE IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- As part of the implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), FDA established science-based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables grown for human consumption as outlined in FDA's Regulation, "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption" (commonly referred to as the Produce Safety Rule).
- The new legislation requires an increased level of cooperation between federal, state, territory, and food safety produce entities.
- Eligible applicants for this cooperative agreement include state/territory government agencies with actual or potential regulatory oversight and responsibility over their respective jurisdiction's commodities regulated in FDA's Produce Safety Rule.
- Applicants may apply for either Competition A only or Competition A/B.
 - Competition A includes Infrastructure, Education, Technical Assistance, and Inventory Program
 - Competition A/B includes Competition A components, and an Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Program
- Potential applicants have been classified into 5 tiers of funding ceilings based on the number of farms growing covered produce within the jurisdiction.

Intended Outcomes

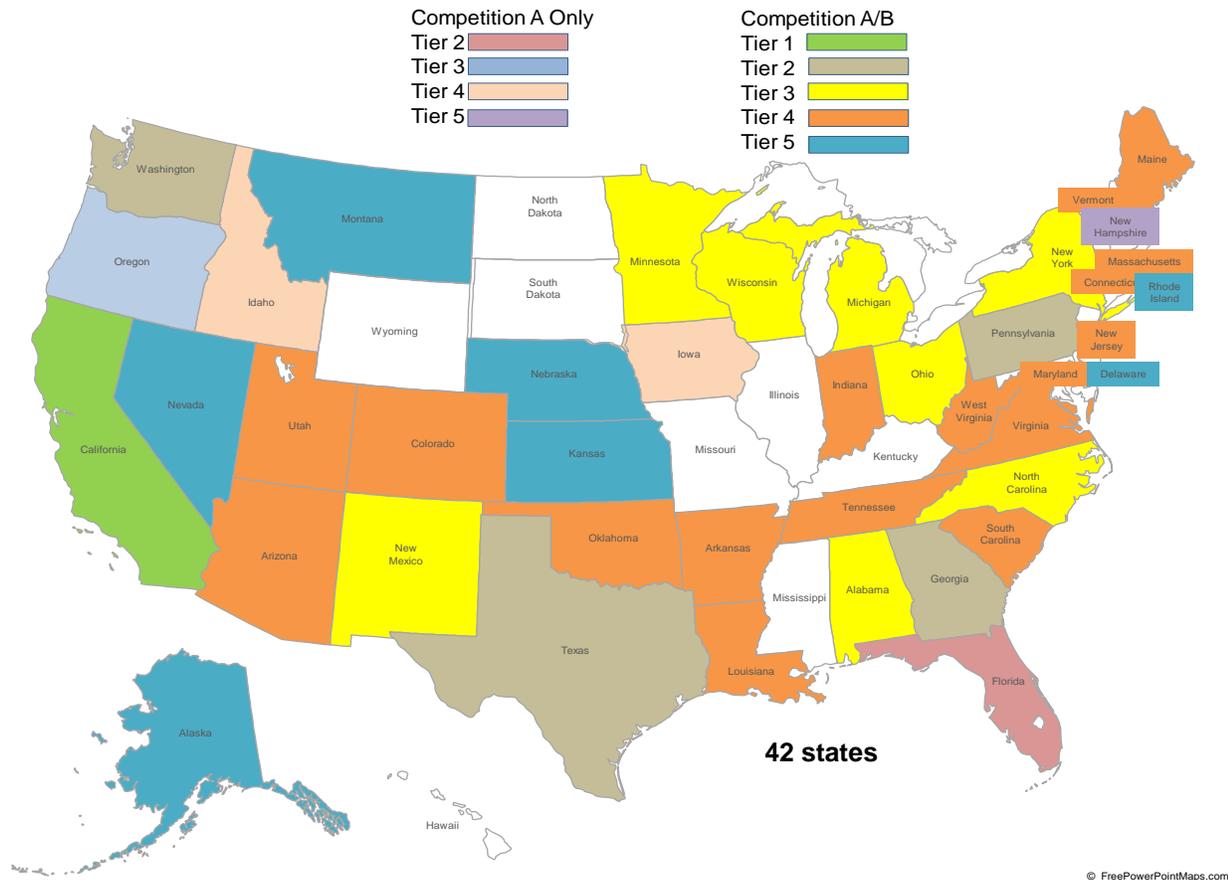
The outcomes of this cooperative agreement are to provide awardees with the resources to:

- Establish a process to develop and maintain a produce farm inventory.
- Provide resources for, and invest in, their program's infrastructure.
- Coordinate with other local, state, territory, and federal agencies for produce safety activities.
- Formulate a multi-year plan to implement a produce safety system.
- Develop a performance measurement system, plan and/or process system to measure the progress towards the goals of this cooperative agreement.
- Evaluate produce legislative or regulatory authority.
- Develop and/or provide education, outreach, and technical assistance, prioritizing farming operations covered by the rule.
- Develop and/or provide education, outreach, and technical assistance to the jurisdictional produce safety regulators.
- Design and implement a compliance program for applicable produce safety regulations at the jurisdictional level.
- Advance efforts for a nationally integrated food safety system.
- Plan, establish, and/or enhance state and Territory Produce Safety Programs.
- Encourage the safe production of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Promote understanding and compliance with the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$21.8M
- Current number of awards: 42
- Avg. cost per cooperative agreement: \$525K

Figure 1. State/Territory Produce Implementation States



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