

FDA FACT SHEET

Animal Food Regulatory Program Standards Implementation Cooperative Agreement Program

Program Description

- This cooperative agreement will facilitate long-term improvements to the national food safety system by providing information to assist states in aligning their authorities and identifying needed changes (such as inspection programs and enforcement mechanisms) and resources to enforce requirements of the FDA's Preventive Controls for Animal Food rule (PCAF rule).
- Assist FDA in ensuring consistent implementation of the PCAF rule throughout the United States.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$300K annually
- Current Awardee: National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
- Project Period – Up to 5 years

Intended Outcomes

- Strengthen federal-state relationships by leveraging existing expertise, knowledge, and enforcement authorities of state regulatory staff.
- Identify the resources needed to conduct activities under a state animal food safety rule that has been aligned with FDA's PCAF rule so states can serve in the leadership role in implementing the PCAF rule.
- Identify areas where major revisions of state laws and/or regulations are needed to align with FDA's PCAF rule.
- Assist FDA and states in making long term improvements to the national integrated food safety system by strengthening federal and state collaboration and enhancing state capability relating to animal food safety.

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