

# FDA FACT SHEET

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## ANIMAL FEED REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (AFRPS) PROGRAM

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### Program Description

- 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.
- Offers dedicated FDA staff to work with state program staff.
- 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.

### 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.

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