

FDA FACT SHEET

EGG SAFETY CONTRACT PROGRAM

Program Description

- This contract program is designed to obtain state assistance for the inspectional coverage of egg producing facilities covered by FDA's final *Salmonella Enteritidis* (SE) egg rule.
- On July 9, 2009, FDA published a final rule requiring shell egg producers to implement certain measures to prevent SE from contaminating eggs on the farm and prevent growth during storage and transportation.
- The rule requires producers with 3,000 or more laying hens to implement these measures.

Intended Outcomes

- To conduct inspections of egg layer farms to assess compliance with 21 CFR 118: Production, Storage and Transportation of Shell Eggs, "The New Egg Rule."
- To monitor or inspect persons involved in holding or transporting eggs for shell egg processing or egg product facilities in order to verify compliance with refrigeration requirements during storage and transport.
- To provide a coherent and comprehensive system to eliminate or reduce the risk of SE contaminated eggs and egg products in each link of the farm-to-table chain.

Program Metrics:

- Current program funding: \$507,805
- Current number of awards: 7
- Current partners: Arkansas, California, Iowa, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan

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