As of January 2022, the FDA provides funding to 44 state programs enrolled in the MFRPS. 36 state programs have achieved full conformance with the standards.

Due to enrollment in the MFRPS, state food safety programs have expanded their capacities to protect public health. Currently, 91% have a written inspection auditing program, 86% have a written compliance and enforcement review system, 98% have access to an ISO or other accredited laboratory and 93% have written food recall procedures.

41 MFRPS enrollees, or 93%, currently have written procedures that ensure collaboration with partner agencies during emergencies. 95% of MFRPS enrollees conduct routine outreach to partners and industry. 93% of MFRPS enrollees currently have formal agreements with the laboratory they utilize for regulatory samples.

States enrolled in the MFRPS are also more likely to enroll in other partnerships and agreements to enhance food safety as a whole. Currently states enrolled in MFRPS are dually enrolled in the following: 23 are enrolled in the Animal Food Regulatory Program Standards, 25 maintain Food Protection Task Forces, 24 have Rapid Response Teams, and 2 are enrolled in the new Egg Regulatory Program Standards.

“The systems and regulatory foundations developed through MFRPS, have enabled a quicker shift to address the unique inspectional needs of our COVID-19 environment. Prior to the pandemic, MFRPS encouraged us to build proper networks, update contact information and develop virtual trainings. This has allowed for everything from virtual “teams” meetings for emergency response and illness outbreak discussions to virtual style inspections that include the necessary touch points. The established MFRPS systems have enabled us to quickly update and change our systems to account for COVID-19.”

-- Sandra Craig, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control