

Produce Regulatory Program Standards (PRPS) Program

Program Description

- Establishes a uniform foundation for state and territory government agencies who have actual or potential regulatory oversight and responsibility over their respective jurisdiction's farms, produce commodities, and activities covered under FDA's Produce Safety Rule.
- Enhances capacities of produce regulatory programs, serving as the foundation for mutual reliance.
- Promotes internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other programs to further an integrated food safety system.
- Provides the tools to help programs build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability.
- Offers dedicated FDA staff with specialization in standards implementation to work with state program staff in the PRPS implementation process.

Intended Outcomes

- Establish a uniform basis for measuring, evaluating, and improving the performance of state produce regulatory programs.
- Promote development of risk-based inspection programs and increased consistency of inspections across the nation.
- Provide opportunities for programs to network, learn, and work with other regulatory programs by facilitating information-sharing and improved communications.
- Enhance tools and resources to help programs build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability through continuous self-improvement.
- Identify strengths, gaps, and needs of programs via PRPS tools.
- Strengthen consumer awareness of and confidence in produce regulatory programs.

Program Metrics

- Current PRPS funding: No dedicated funding is available under the current cooperative agreement. Formal enrollment in the PRPS and funding that could include PRPS-related activities is anticipated to be available in future funding opportunities.
- Number of voluntary pilot enrollees: Nine programs engaged in the [State Produce Safety Implementation Cooperative Agreement](#) and the FDA have elected to complete some foundational PRPS work as part of a pilot program.

PRPS Voluntary Pilot Enrollees (2024-2025)

Colorado Department of Agriculture
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
Michigan Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services



Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Texas Department of Agriculture
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
U.S. FDA