

## WHAT LEADERS ARE SAYING

“The Produce Regulatory Programs Standards (PRPS) define the critical components and processes a state Produce Regulatory agency needs while administering a holistic Produce Safety program. The PRPS outlines a uniform and consistent approach to achieving effective programs and achieving adherence to the PRPS across the nation.”

Jim Melvin  
National Association of  
State Departments of  
Agriculture

“The Produce Safety Program Standards (PRPS) address all of the major elements for a holistic regulatory program and essentially focus on continual program improvement. Your program will benefit and improve through aspects of programmatic consistency, document control, quality assurance, risk identification and prevention. Time and dedication are needed, but the reward is well worth the effort and conformance will help to establish a defensible program as well as result in greater national uniformity through best practices.”

Erik Bungo  
Virginia Department of  
Agriculture and Consumer  
Services

“Implementing the PRPS for CO has been a very positive experience. We have only begun and already we've found some efficiencies, documented processes to make the program more sustainable through staff changes, and we've identified legislation and rule changes we will want to address.”

Duane Sinning  
Colorado Department  
of Agriculture

“The PRPS provide Texas with a clear direction to move forward as we constantly look for ways to improve our program. As we work through the standards, we are addressing gaps, building a quality management system, building confidence in our team and providing methods for accountability. When we discuss this program with industry, industry appreciates the steps we are taking to improve our staff and build a program that understands the produce safety rule and is taking steps to build a consistent program that is in line with other states and understands agriculture.”

Richard De Los Santos  
Texas Department of  
Agriculture

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Produce Regulatory Program Standards** (includes link to funding announcement): <https://www.fda.gov/food/regulatory-programstandards-food/produce-regulatory-programstandards-prps>
- **Food Safety Modernization Act** (includes link to the Technical Assistance Network): [www.fda.gov/FSMA](http://www.fda.gov/FSMA)
- **Other FDA Regulatory Program Standards:** [www.fda.gov/regulatoryprogramstandards](http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryprogramstandards)



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# PRODUCE REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS (PRPS)

The PRPS establish 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.

## STRENGTH OF THE PRPS AND PARTNERSHIPS



**Improve the nation's produce safety** as directed by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)



**Lessen redundancies and inconsistencies of regulatory oversight** of produce and support continuous program improvements



**Provide a foundation for mutual reliance** between state programs and FDA in an effort to further an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)



**Promote quality regulatory programs** through continuous self-improvement



**Improve communication** among regulatory and public health partners



**Promote the sharing of information via forums** such as National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

## FDA SUPPORT FOR STATE PROGRAMS



**Dedicated FDA staff are available to work with State program staff** to provide expertise and technical support including annual meetings



**Builds collaboration** between state programs, divisions within FDA and other outside agencies



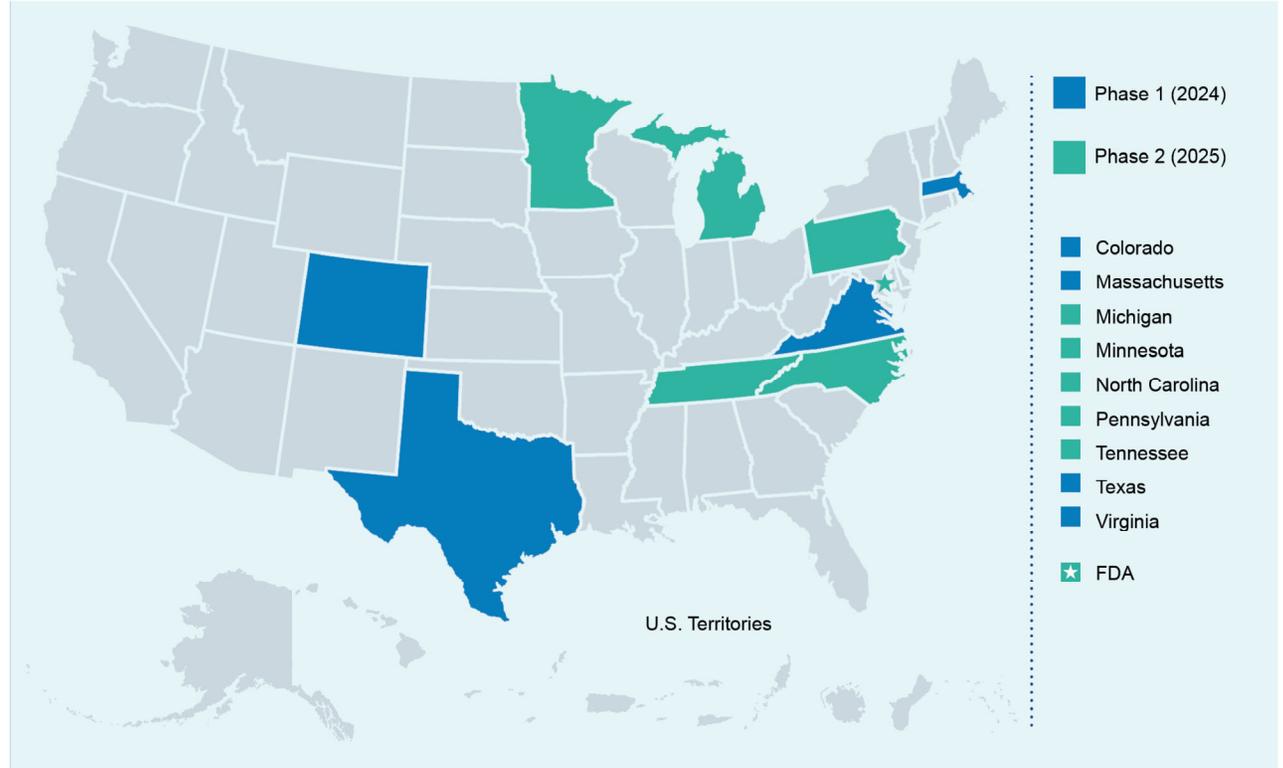
**Encourages information sharing** to improve interoperability and collaboration between FDA and state programs



## PRPS VOLUNTARY PILOT PARTICIPANTS

**Nine state regulatory programs and the FDA have elected to participate in the PRPS Pilot Program.**

The ten total PRPS pilot participants will be able to provide input, data, and feedback to effectively prepare for future formal enrollment in the PRPS.



## PILOT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES TO BUILD FOUNDATIONAL AND QUALITY STATE PROGRAMS

**The goal of the PRPS Pilot Program is to provide insight** on the PRPS self-assessments process and **the alignment of the PRPS with current produce safety program activities** to effectively prepare for future formal enrollment in the PRPS.

**Nine programs engaged in the State Produce CAP and FDA have elected to complete some foundational PRPS work** as part of a pilot program.

**These ten PRPS pilot programs are completing PRPS self-assessments** and using the results to develop PRPS strategic improvement plans. They are also **providing input, data, and feedback about these processes to the FDA, NASDA, AFDO, and other Pilot Programs.** FDA joining the pilot provides a self-reflective capability and **will strengthen FDA's processes.**

Formal enrollment in the PRPS and funding for PRPS-related activities is anticipated to be available in future funding opportunities.