

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



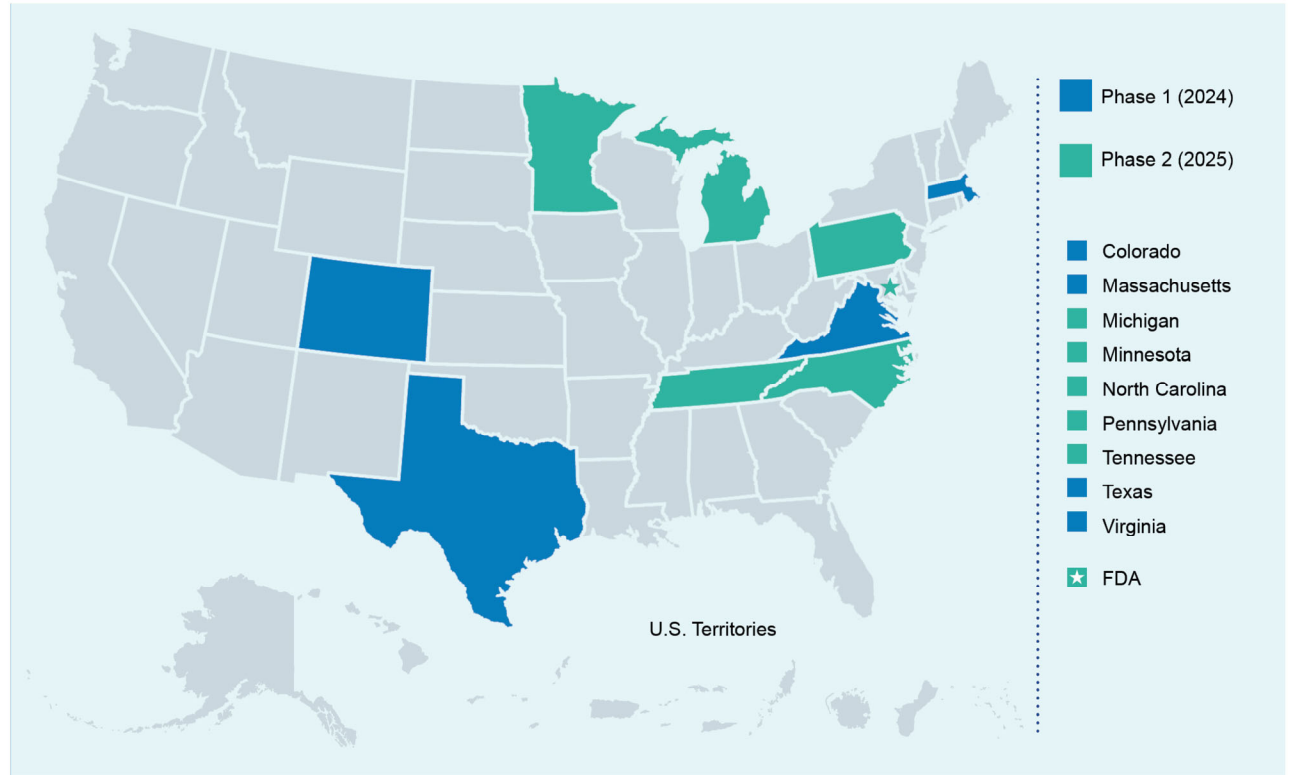
Encourages information sharing to improve interoperability and collaboration between FDA and state programs



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.