

FDA FACT SHEET

STATE/TERRITORY PRODUCE IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- As part of the implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), FDA established science-based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables grown for human consumption as outlined in FDA's regulation, "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption" (commonly referred to as the Produce Safety Rule).
- The new legislation requires an increased level of cooperation between federal, state, territory, and food safety produce entities.
- Eligible applicants for this cooperative agreement include state/territory government agencies with actual or potential regulatory oversight and responsibility over their respective jurisdiction's commodities regulated in FDA's Produce Safety Rule.
- Applicants may apply for either Competition A only or Competition A/B.
 - Competition A includes Infrastructure, Education, Technical Assistance, and Inventory Program.
 - Competition A/B includes Competition A components, and an Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Program.
- Potential applicants have been classified into 5 tiers of funding ceilings based on the number of farms growing covered produce within the jurisdiction.

Intended Outcomes

- Establish a process to develop and maintain a produce farm inventory.
- Plan, establish, and/or enhance state and territory produce safety programs.
- Coordinate with other local, state, territory, and federal agencies for produce safety activities.
- Formulate a multi-year plan to implement a produce safety system.
- Develop a performance measurement system, plan and/or process system to measure the progress towards the goals of this cooperative agreement.
- Evaluate produce legislative or regulatory authority.
- Develop and/or provide education, outreach, and technical assistance to jurisdictional produce safety regulators.
- Design and implement a compliance program for produce safety regulations at the jurisdictional level.
- Advance efforts for a National Integrated Food Safety System.
- Plan, establish, and/or enhance state and territory produce safety programs.
- Encourage the safe production of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Promote understanding and compliance with the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$30.9M
- Current number of awards: 44

State Produce CAP Awardees (FY2017)							
Connecticut	New Hampshire	New York	Maryland	Massachusetts	West Virginia	Vermont	Rhode Island
Pennsylvania	Maine	Delaware	New Jersey	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Michigan
Minnesota	Ohio	Wisconsin	Nebraska	Alaska	Arizona	California	Colorado
Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Nevada	Oregon	Utah	Washington	Alabama
Missouri	Idaho	Florida	Tennessee	Louisiana	Oklahoma	Virginia	Arkansas
Georgia	North Carolina	South Carolina	Texas				

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