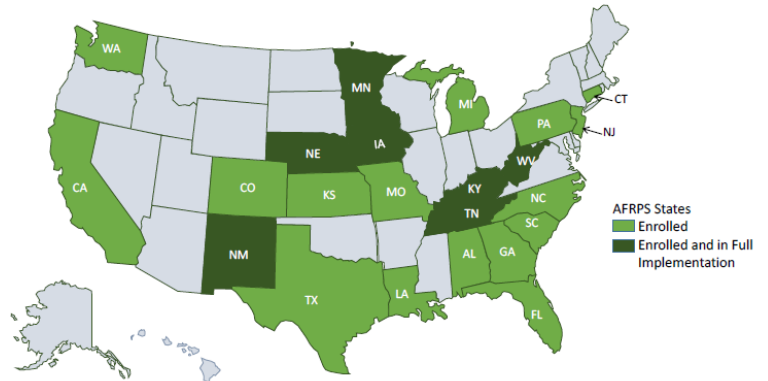


## Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS)

### THE PURPOSE OF AFRPS

- Aim is to enhance animal food safety
- Provides the tools and resources to enable state feed regulatory programs to build strong infrastructures and systems that complement national uniformity and promote an integrated food safety system
- Promotes quality regulatory programs through continuous self-improvement
- Improves communication among regulatory partners

### STATES ENROLLED IN AFRPS (2020)



23 states

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

*"AFRPS provide much needed support for critical components of the animal feed program, including a legal foundation for action, enhanced inspection training, stronger laboratory services, effective emergency response, and improved community outreach."* – Erin Bubb, PA Department of Agriculture, Agronomic & Regional Services Division Chief,

*"AFRPS represent the best ideas of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and FDA. All state views have been incorporated into the standards. I'm very glad I got involved. When you see something important coming to fruition, that's a really good feeling."* – Ali Kashani, WA State Department of Agriculture and AAFCO representative on standards workgroup

*"Implementing standards is hard work, but I have no regrets. AFRPS provide a vehicle to work towards lab accreditation, to improve our quality systems, and to standardize and track how we operate day to day."* – Jacob Fleig, MO Department of Agriculture, Program Coordinator

*"Our regulatory programs cannot remain static and effectively oversee complex industries and new and evolving risks. Our investment in AFRPS recognizes the need for engagement with all stakeholders to help advise on these challenges."* – Dr. Steven M. Solomon, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AFRPS

Visit [www.fda.gov/AFRPS](http://www.fda.gov/AFRPS) or contact [OP-ORA@fda.gov](mailto:OP-ORA@fda.gov)

## THE AFRPS PROMOTES MUTUAL RELIANCE AND STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS

- Enhances capacity of animal feed safety regulatory programs and laboratories, serving as the foundation for mutual reliance
- Promotes program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other programs
- Provides tools to help your program build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability
- Strengthens consumer awareness and confidence in animal food safety programs

## FDA SUPPORT FOR STATE PROGRAMS

- Offers dedicated FDA staff to work with state program staff
- Provides information-sharing forums through the AFRPS Resource Center on the FoodSHIELD website
- Furnishes opportunities to regulatory programs enrolled in the AFRPS to apply for funding, when available, to assist in their implementation efforts



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## LEVERAGING RESOURCES

- Assess gaps and set priorities for program improvements through AFRPS' self-assessment approach
- Use AFRPS tools to complete a resource assessment to help justify existing resources or to request increased resources
- Take advantage of opportunities for states to network, learn, and work with other state regulatory programs by facilitating information-sharing and improving



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **FDA Funding available for AFRPS:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and search "AFRPS"
- **FoodSHIELD:** [www.foodshield.org](http://www.foodshield.org)
- **FSMA:** [www.fda.gov/FSMA](http://www.fda.gov/FSMA)
- **FDA Office of Partnerships:** [www.fda.gov/regulatorypartners](http://www.fda.gov/regulatorypartners)
- **FDA FSMA Technical Assistance Network:** [www.fda.gov/fsma](http://www.fda.gov/fsma) and click "FSMA Technical Assistance Network (TAN)"
- **FDA Office of Operations Audit Staff:** [ORA00Audits@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ORA00Audits@fda.hhs.gov)
- **FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine:** <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/default.htm>

## OTHER REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS

To learn more about other FDA Regulatory Program Standards, please visit [www.fda.gov/regulatoryprogramstandards](http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryprogramstandards)