

MFRPS Success Stories

“In a growing marketplace, the FDA recognizes the importance of leveraging our state partners to achieve our shared responsibility of protecting the public health. The MFRPS provide the framework for our federal/state cooperative work, broaden uniform and consistent regulatory foundations and oversight of the regulated industry, recognizes comparable regulatory public health systems with trusted partners, and leveraging of one another’s work and data. Through the collaborative efforts of the MFRPS, we’ll continue to advance our goals of reaching domestic mutual reliance and best protect the health and safety of our American people.”

-- **Timothy Weigner**, Director of the FDA’s Office of Partnerships, Division of Standards Implementation (OP/DSI)

The FDA/OP/DSI collects success stories from the MFRPS enrollees during our annual meetings with each program. The following comments documented in 2021 are reflections on how conformance with the MFRPS has improved the quality of state programs.

Inspector Competencies

A uniform training curriculum that promotes consistency amongst state programs is a pivotal cornerstone of the integrated food safety system and elevates the expertise of all inspectors.

- **Improvement** in the quality of inspection reports after corrective actions were taken.
- **Consistency** and uniformity amongst inspectors.
- **Increased** training opportunities and easier onboarding process for inspectors.
- **Access** to the PC expansion grant allowed the program to conduct full scope PC field experiences and evaluation opportunities in-house.

Samples and Response

- The MFRPS auditing system has greatly improved sample uniformity.
- MFRPS helped standardize the inspection program and easily adapt to the changes necessary to thrive through the pandemic.

Quality Program

- MFRPS offers a systematic way to address gaps and work towards continuous improvement.
- Resolution of each objective the team sets helps move the program forward.
- MFRPS has helped develop the compliance assistance tools needed to improve relationships with industry.

Inspections

- Improved quality of inspections.
- High quality inspection and enforcement actions taken helped remove a very dangerous product from the market. This was due in large part to the MFRPS systems in place.

Domestic Mutual Reliance

- MFRPS provides a framework and forum for working with agency staff, both internal and external to the division, and helps direct the improvements needed.
- MFRPS has allowed for more collaboration with sister agencies and neighboring states.
- MFRPS has helped coordination of programs, agencies and MOUs leading to increased efficiencies within the state.