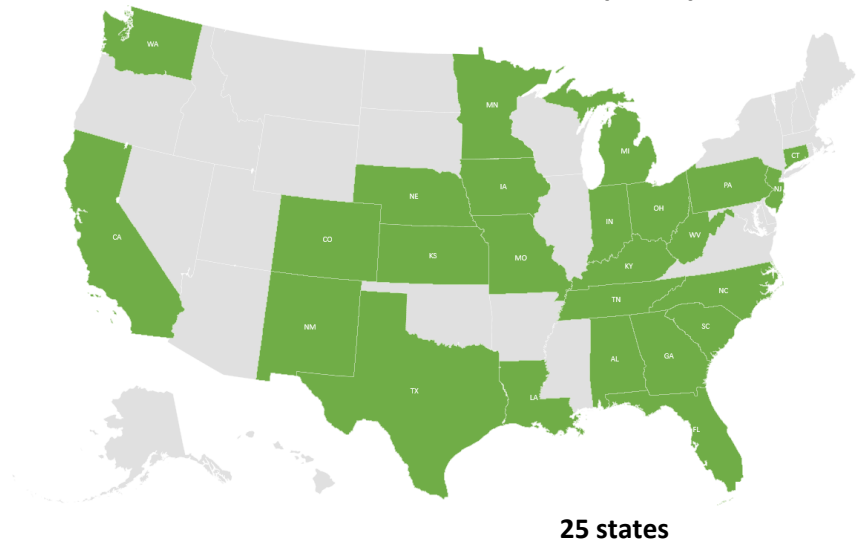


## Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS)

### THE PURPOSE OF AFRPS

- Aim to enhance animal feed safety
- Provide 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
- Promote quality regulatory programs through continuous self-improvement
- Improve communication among regulatory partners

### STATES ENROLLED IN AFRPS (2023)



### 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 is the pinnacle of an integrated food safety system and domestic mutual reliance. Stakeholders come together with different perspectives to determine the core elements needed to ensure we're working cohesively in a very complex world. AFRPS supports proactivity, consistency, increased communication and continuous improvement. This not only advances interoperability for the state regulatory programs and the FDA, it also benefits the pets, animals and people we are serving."* – Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, RS, Program Manager, WSDA and Secretary- Treasurer, AAFCO

*"The U.S. animal food supply is safer because of the ongoing work and partnerships between State agencies and FDA. The AFRPS is a foundational piece to our partnerships. It provides state programs a consistent approach to coordinate and leverage work, data, and actions to meet our shared public health goal of a safe animal food supply."* –Tracey Forfa, J.D., M.Div., Director, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine

### 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)

## AFRPS PROMOTE MUTUAL RELIANCE AND STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS

- Enhance capacity of animal feed safety regulatory programs and laboratories, serving as the foundation for mutual reliance
- Promote internal program consistency, a highly trained workforce, and partnerships with other programs
- Provide tools to help your program build a quality management system to measure and improve performance and accountability
- Strengthen consumer awareness and confidence in animal feed 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 "How to Contact FDA About FSMA"
- **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>
- **Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO):** [www.aafco.org](http://www.aafco.org)

## OTHER REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS

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