

CURRENT ISSUES FACING STATE MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAMS

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BUDGET ISSUES

- **DECLINING STATE REVENUES**
 - HIRING FREEZE
 - TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS
- **INCREASING EXPECTATIONS**
 - DO MORE WITH LESS

IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRATION

- MULTIPLE REGULATORY JURISDICTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION
- MANY OF OUR TASKS/DUTIES COMPLEMENT OR OVERLAP THOSE OF OTHER AGENCIES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLES

- FDA
 - FOODS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (NON MEAT AND POULTRY),
 - COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS(RETAIL, DAIRY, EGG, SHELLFISH),
 - ANIMAL FEEDS AND INGREDIENTS,
 - HEALTH OF FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLES

- **USDA-FSIS – MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCTS INSPECTION**
 - **MANDATORY – AMENABLE SPECIES**
 - **VOLUNTARY – EXOTIC ANIMALS AND RABBITS**
 - **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATES**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLES

- **USDA-AMS**
 - AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY GRADING
 - SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
 - NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM
- **USDA-APHIS VS**
 - ANIMAL HEALTH

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLES

- **USDA-GIPSA**
 - **FACILITATES THE MARKETING OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, MEAT, CEREALS, OILSEEDS AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**
 - **PROMOTES FAIR AND COMPETITIVE TRADING PRACTICES**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLES

- CDC
 - FOOD BORNE DISEASE INVESTIGATION AND EPIDEMIOLOGY
- EPA
 - AIR QUALITY
 - SAFETY OF CHEMICALS
 - WATER QUALITY

USDA-FSIS/ State Meat Inspection Program

USDA-FSIS State Meat Inspection Program

USDA-AMS

FDA, State & Local Health Departments

Livestock Harvesting Meat Production

Livestock Production

Retail

Rendering

EPA State Agency

USDA-GIPSA

(Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration)

FDA

- Ingredients for animal feed
- Cosmetics
- etc.

FDA

- Feed
- Drugs
- Drug Withdrawals
- Drug Residues

State Veterinarian

- Animal Disease
- USDA-APHIS VS supports State Veterinarian

- Retail Exemption

- Grading
- School Lunch Program
- National Organic Program

- Food Code

- Environmental Pollution



BARRIERS TO INTEGRATION

- IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO INTEGRATION
- HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE BARRIERS TO INTEGRATION?

INTEGRATION

- THE KEY TO INTEGRATION IS COMMUNICATION
- DEVELOP LINES OF COMMUNICATION BEFORE A CRISIS OCCURS

FORM A FOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE

- MEMBERS

- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- FDA & FSIS
- ACADEMIA
- INDUSTRY
- PRODUCER GROUPS
- TRIBAL ENTITIES

- FDA HAS PROVIDED GRANT MONEY

DEVELOP LABORATORY COOPERATION/INTEGRATION

- AGRICULTURE LAB – SEROTYPE
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAB –
GENOTYPE
- DEQ LAB – POTABLE WATER

ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR INTEGRATION

- ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ENTITIES INVOLVED IN FOOD SAFETY
 - SHARE 24/7 CONTACT INFORMATION
 - SHARE OTHER INFORMATION OF CONCERN
 - ESTABLISH A JOINT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM
 - CONDUCT JOINT TRAINING

INTEGRATION

- **THROUGH INTEGRATION WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE THAN WE CAN AS INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES**