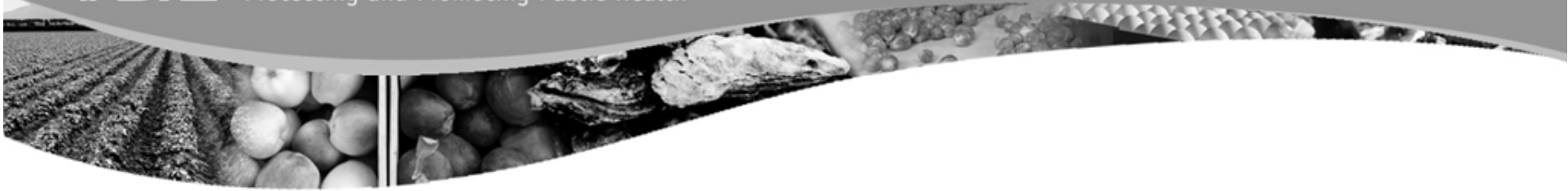




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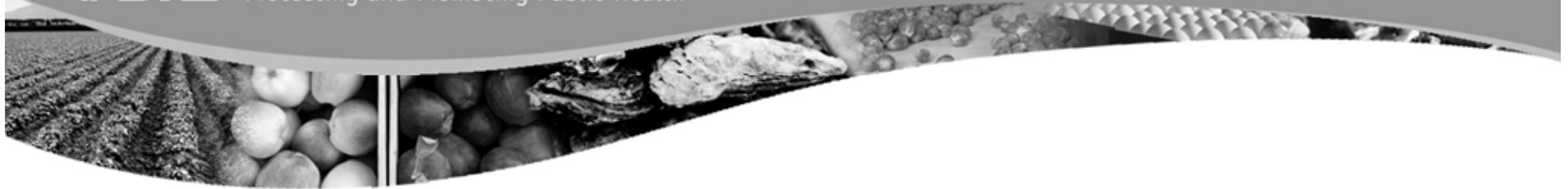
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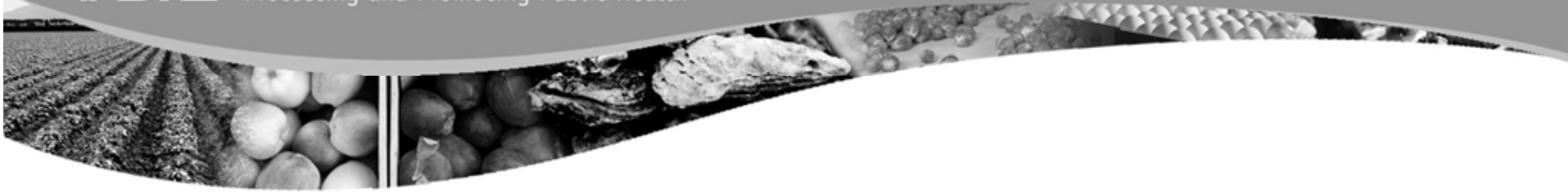
***Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial partners
working collaboratively to:***

- Implement national uniform standards
- Develop a national work plan to assure coverage of the food supply
- Establish training and certification programs
- Ensure quality systems and mechanisms to generate and share consistent and meaningful data
- Provide oversight and accountability
- Sustain the program



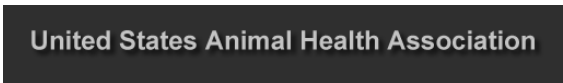
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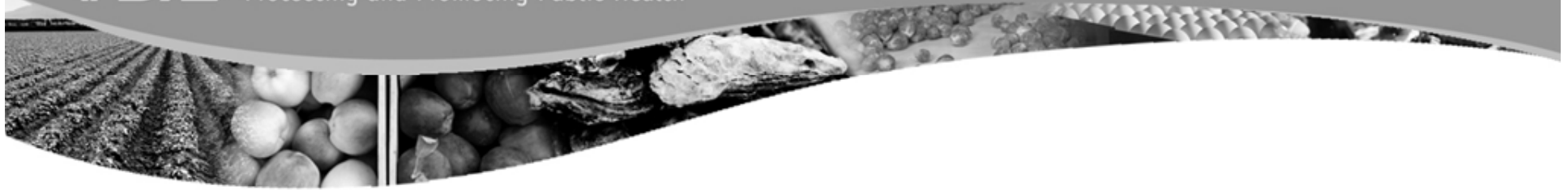
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Supporting a Common Vision

Federal, State and Local partners are joining forces to refine and implement a shared vision for an integrated food safety system.

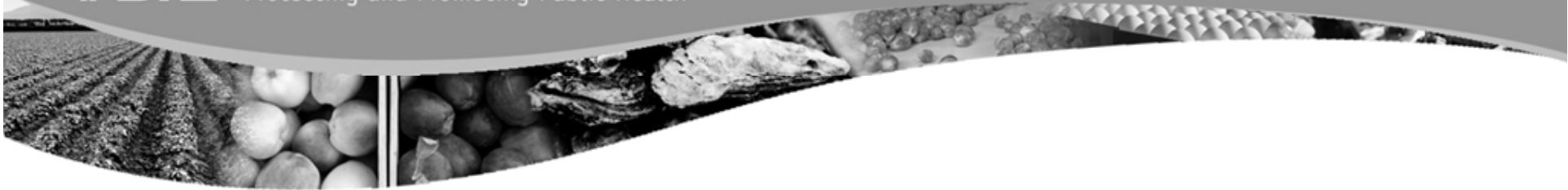




Institute of Medicine Report: Enhancing Food Safety, The Role of FDA

Recommendation 7-1:

“The FDA should utilize the surveillance, inspection, and analytic systems and resources of state and local governments in a fully integrated food safety program. As a prerequisite to such integration, the FDA should work with the states and localities to harmonize their programs by providing adequate standards and overseeing their implementation, beginning with those states that meet such standards.”



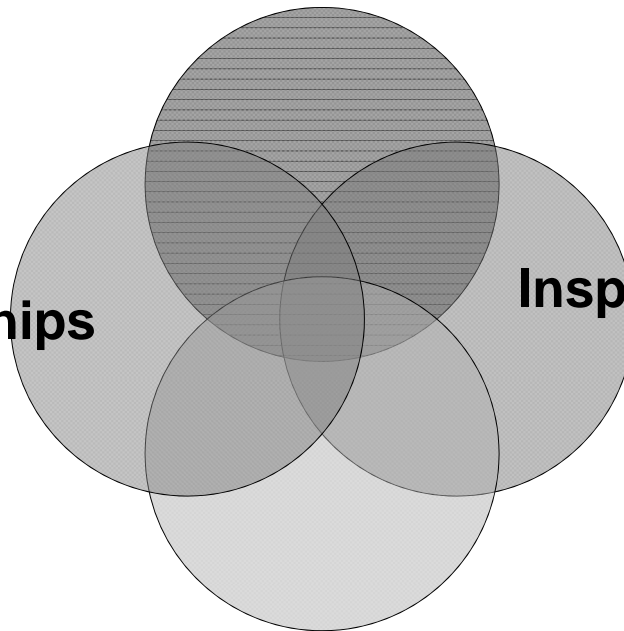
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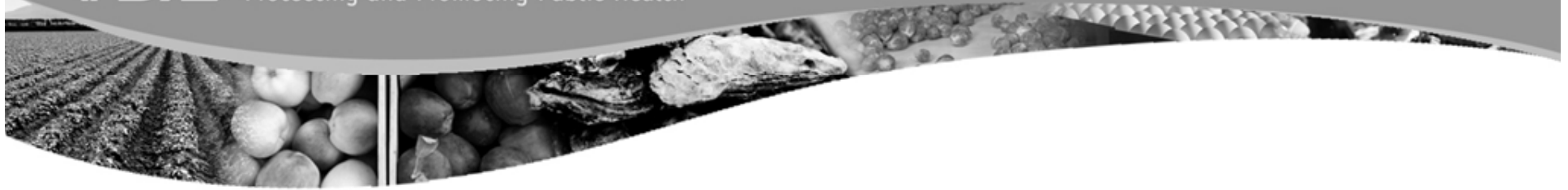
Prevention

Enhanced Partnerships

**Inspections, Compliance,
and Response**

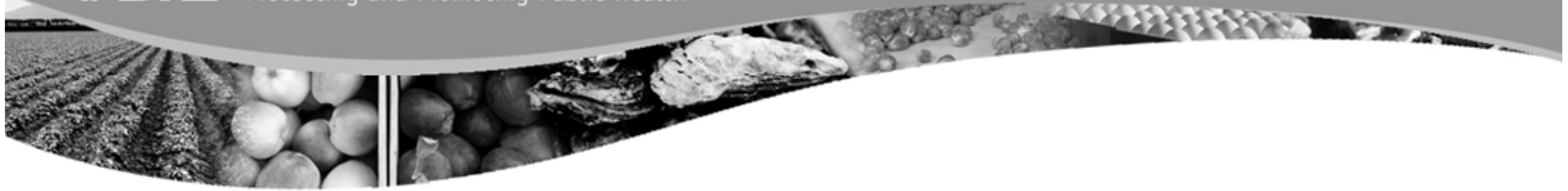
Import Safety





Enhanced Partnerships: Vital to Success

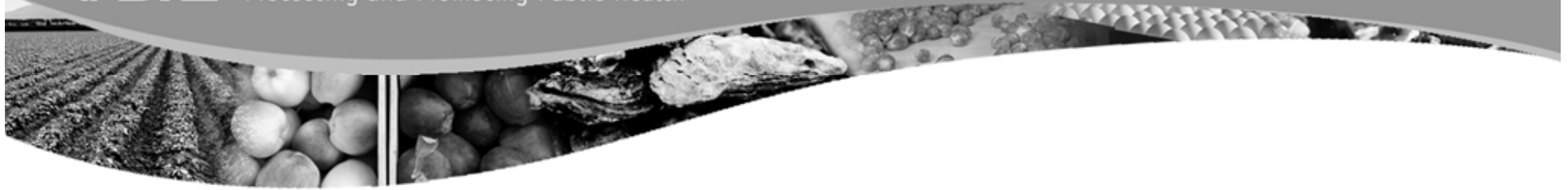
- Reliance on inspections by other agencies that meet standards
- State/local and international capacity building
- Improve foodborne illness surveillance
- National agriculture and food defense strategy
- Consortium of laboratory networks
- Reports to Congress



50-State Workshop: A United Approach to Public Health

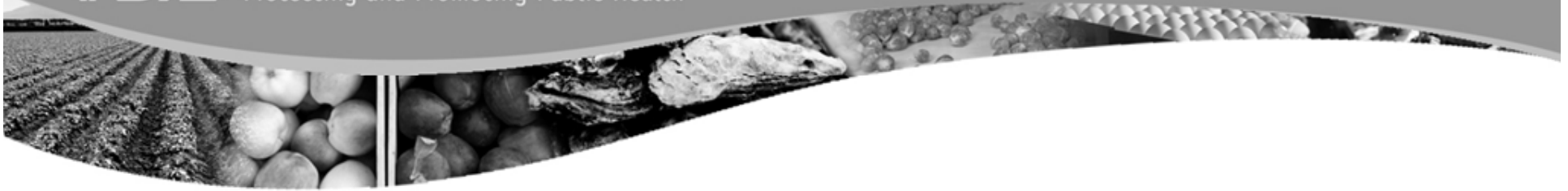
50-State Workshop (August 2010)

- Highlighted progress of Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) workgroups
- Shared work of FDA Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) workgroups
- Recognized current resource crisis, consequences and benefits of sharing resources



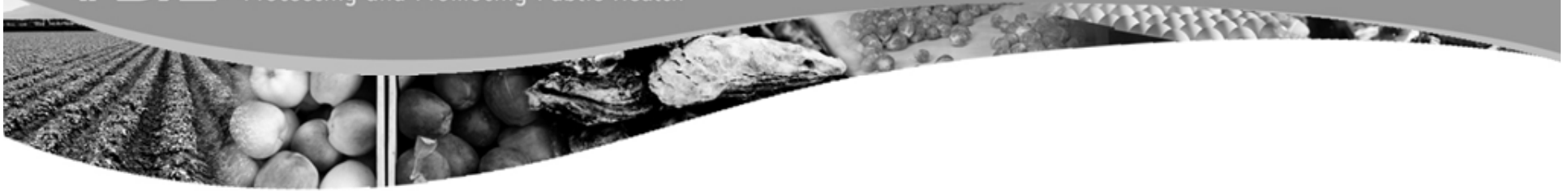
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- Strategic level discussions and input on challenges to building an integrated food safety system
 - Prioritized recommendations to further the development of a national integrated food safety system



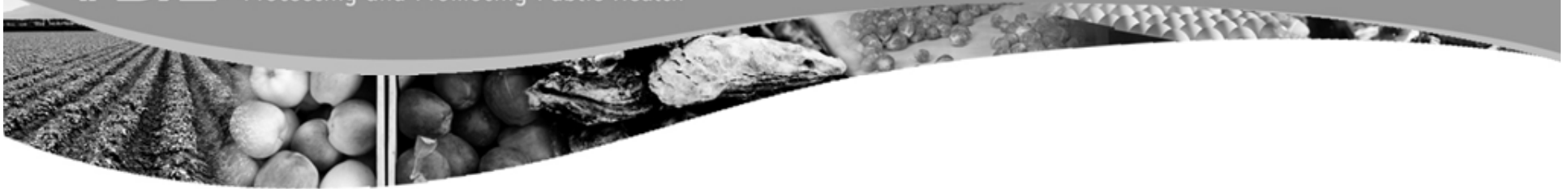
Partnership for Food Protection to Build an Integrated Food Safety System

- Information Technology
- Laboratories
- National Standards
- Workplanning
- Oversight
- Metrics
- Policy & Procedures
- Response
- Training & Certification
- PetNet



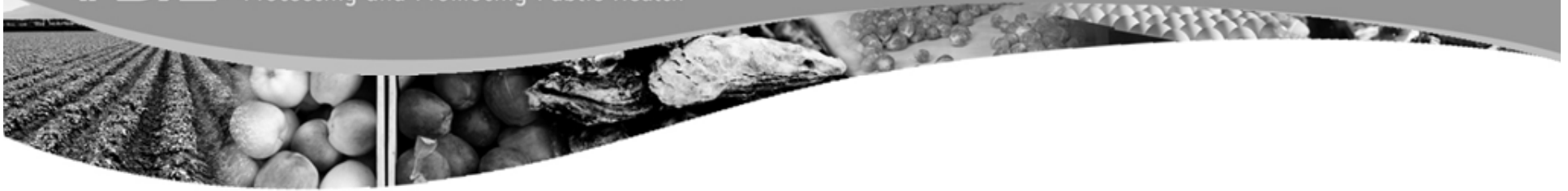
Information Technology

- **Assessed 7 systems used for inspections, recalls, laboratory data, and collaboration – still paper based**
- **Developed web-based recall audit checks form**
- **Survey to collect inspections-related business needs**
- **FDA tested automatic data transfer with 3 state systems in FY10 to support development of requirements for real-time data sharing**
- **FDA partnered with DHS and NCFPD to provide secure on-line collaboration tools – integrated with FoodSHIELD Core**



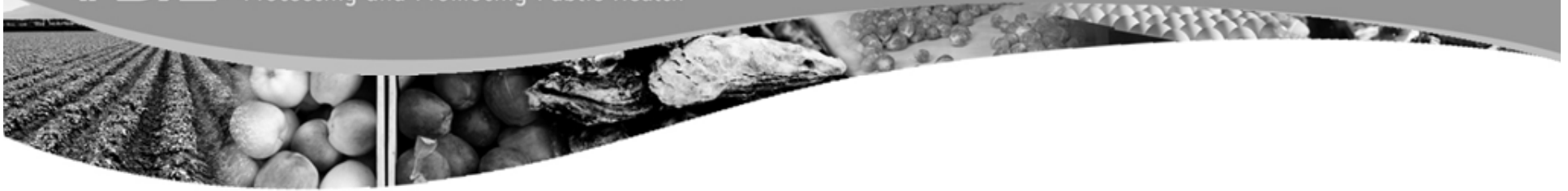
Laboratories

- **Laboratory accreditation standards**
- **Guidelines and an assessment tool**
- **Developing a protocol governing the submission of laboratory data and reports to FDA**
- **Inclusive of national food and feed laboratory groups**



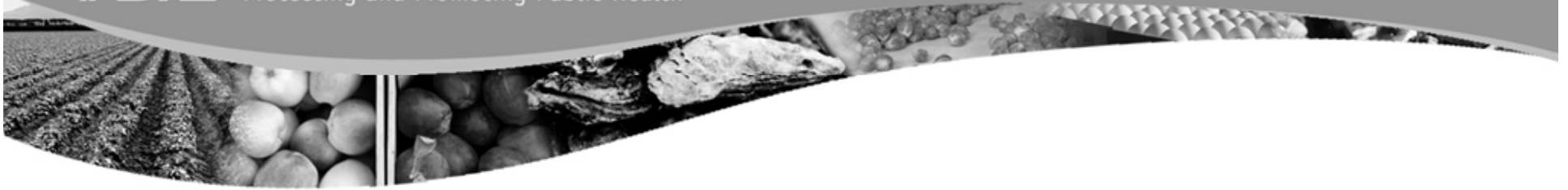
National Standards

- **Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards; 30 programs in 29 States, 7 additional States committed to enroll**
- **Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards**
- **49 states have retail food safety regulations modeled after FDA Food Code**
- **Working with AAFCO to develop feed regulatory program standards**



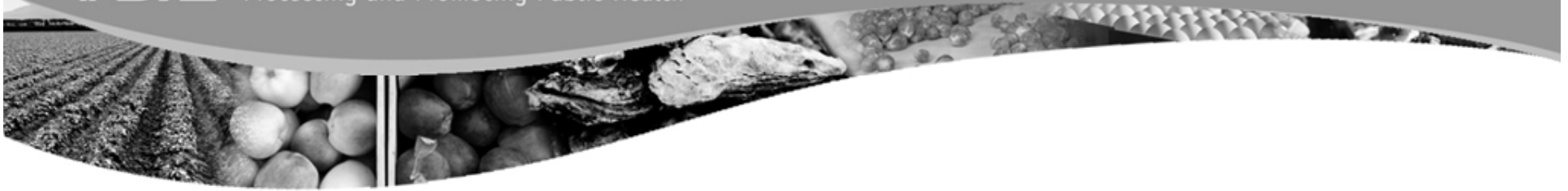
National Risk-based Workplan

- **Farm-to-fork peanut pilot assignment**
- **FDA state liaison positions**
- **FDA procedure for sharing food facility registration**
- **CFSAN and ORA hosted workshop on FY2011 workplan: four states participated**



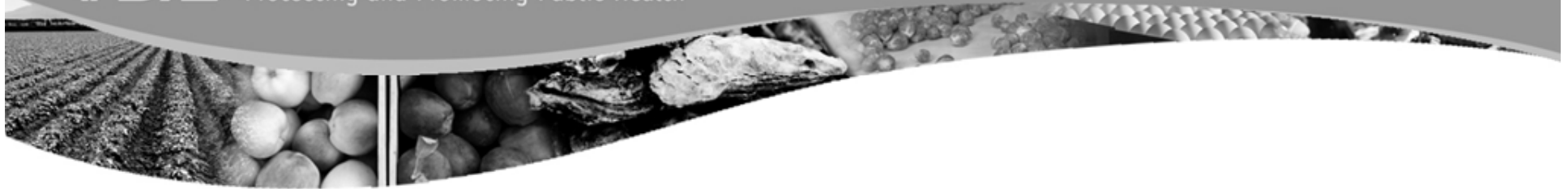
Oversight

- **Proposed long-term governance structure**
- **Established structure for audit staff**



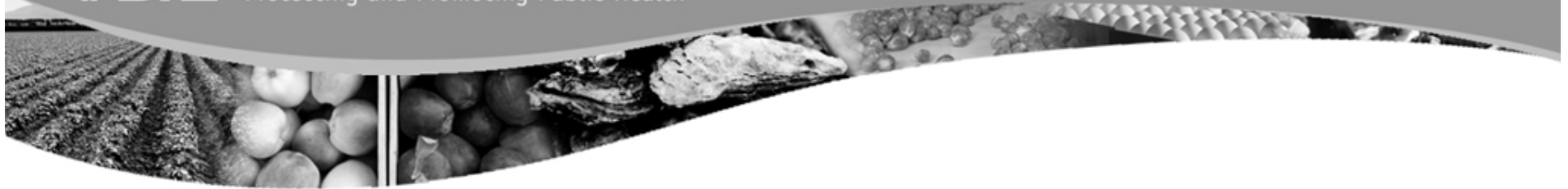
Policy & Procedures

- **Regulatory Procedure for utilizing state evidence to support warning and untitled letters**
- **Communication Strategy**
- **Drafted strategic plan for implementation**



Response

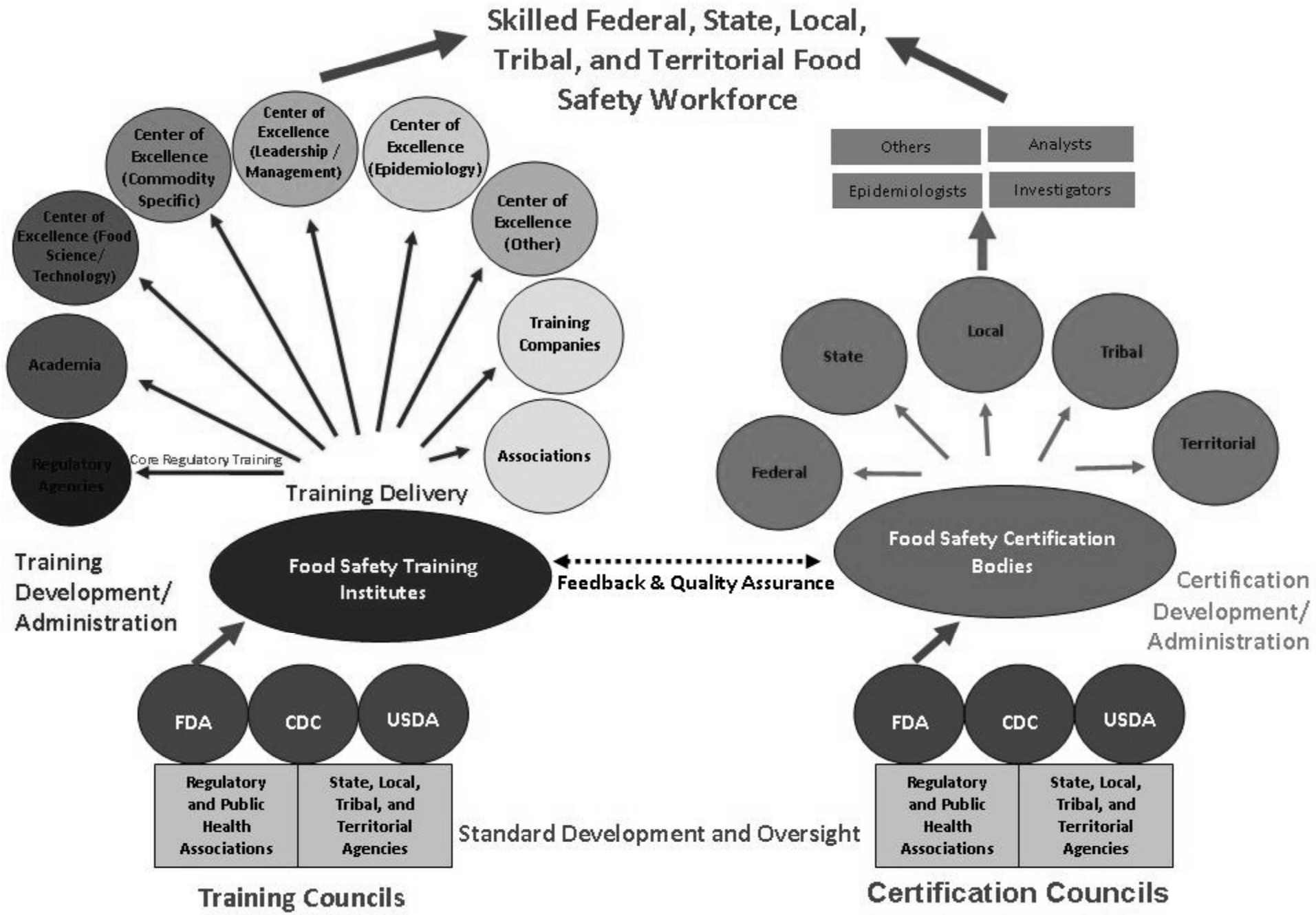
- **Sprout guidance document**
- **Recall effectiveness pilot of NC web-based system**
- **3rd party recall audit check pilot through CA**
- **Rapid Response Team cooperative agreements**
- **FDA Situational Reports and RFR electronic notification system**
- **ICS training**
- **RPM procedure for use of state audits and data for recall audit checks**
- **Directory of State and Local Officials – AFDO support**

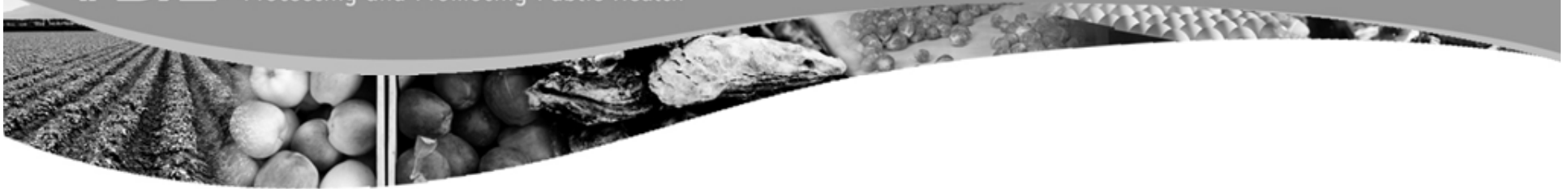


Training and Certification

- **Developed a vision for food safety training and certification (see next slide)**
- **Initiated job task analysis for entry level food safety professionals**
- **First edition of course catalog of all food safety training**
- **Collaborating with IFPTI to further vision**

Draft Integrated Food Safety Training and Certification Systems





Food & Feed Assignments

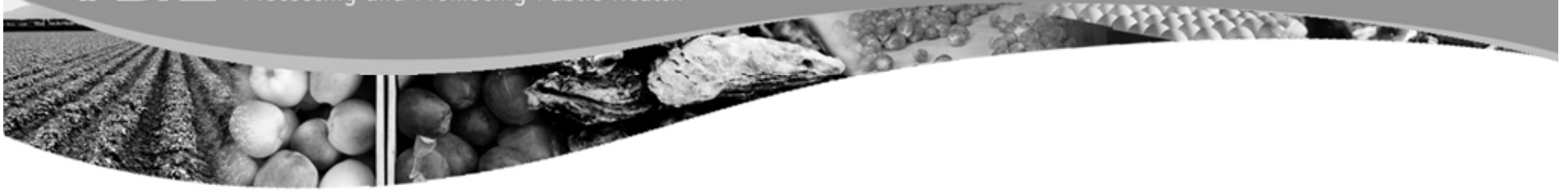
PFP workgroups are charged to develop, implement & evaluate two separate integrated food safety assignments

- **collaborative assignment development**
- **results will identify successes and gaps that can be utilized as we work towards development of a national work plan**



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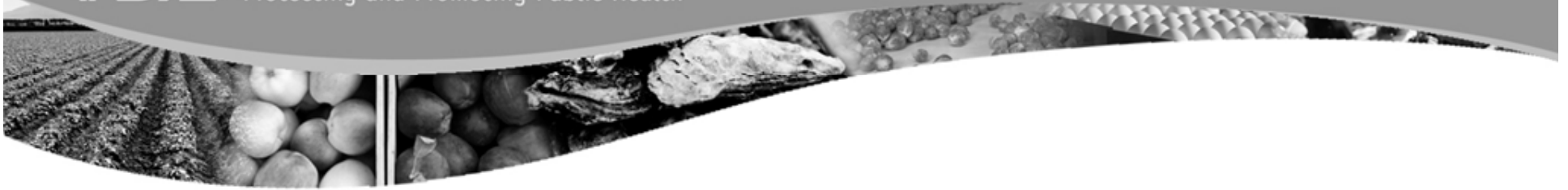
ORA Commitments to INFSS

- **ORA Senior Staff Meeting (May 2011)**
- **Associations and States invited**
- **Commitment from ACRA down**
- **Action items**



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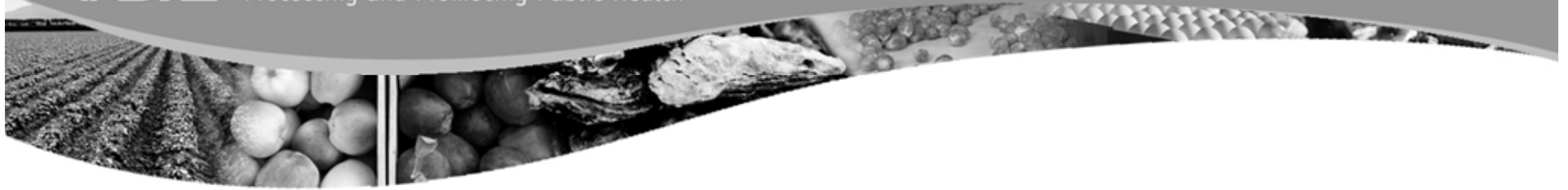
Moving Forward

Work groups were determined to be a key element for success because they require collaboration and build a sense of community



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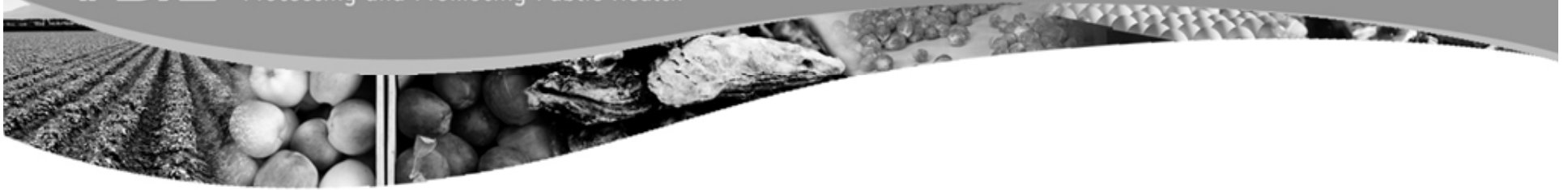
Funding

FY11 budget includes approximately \$15M for cooperative agreements/grants to the States BUT future funding less certain...



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Questions?