
SURVEY SUMMARY

One of the primary objectives of this survey is to illustrate the extent of food safety regulatory activities conducted by state and local government agencies. This survey only provides a limited and conservative picture of these activities. Despite the enormity of the figures below, it still represents an incomplete summary of activity.

Inspections Performed 2001

• Food Processing/Repacking Facilities	54,644
• Dairy Plants.....	7,562
• Manufactured Milk Plants.....	5,956
• Dairy Farms.....	159,483
• Retail Food Service Establishments.....	1,178,348
• Institutional Food Service Establishments.....	51,290
• Retail Food Stores	516,033
• Intra-state Wholesale Meat Processors	418,844
• Custom Exempt Meat Plants.....	12,310
• Small Animal Slaughter Houses.....	24,395
• Feed Manufacturers and Distributors	19,904
• BSE Inspections.....	3,475
• Rendering Plants.....	605
• Food Transportation Vehicles	9,481
• Food Salvage Operations.....	2,067
• Farm Production (GAPS)	311
• Food Warehouses.....	20,624
• Other	15,525
Total Inspections	2,500,857

Investigations Performed 2001

• Foodborne Illness Outbreaks	3,075
• Tracebacks (not recalls).....	154
• Consumer Complaints.....	46,019
• Shellfish Growing Areas.....	20,870
• Commercial Fishing Areas	5,251
• Farm Pesticide Residue	472
• Chemical Residues in Meat, Milk, Fish & Eggs.....	7,855
• Disasters and/or Emergency Response.....	2,816
• Animal Health Matters (food safety related)	204
• Other	3,199
Total Investigations	89,915

Number of Licensed/Permitted Establishments	755,123
Number of Unlicensed/Unpermitted Establishments.....	60,910

Number of FTEs (Field)	3,685
Number of FTEs (Admin. & Support)	873

Entry Level Requirements

- High School..... 17
- Two Year Degree..... 10
- Four Year Degree..... 65
- Other..... 29

Do you require continuing education for inspectors or investigators?

- Yes..... 55
- No..... 32

Do you require field inspectors or investigators to be registered?

- Yes..... 26
- No..... 52

Do you require field inspectors or investigators to be commissioned?

- Yes..... 20
- No..... 57

Enforcement Activities 2001

- Embargo/Seizure..... 13,910
- Stop Sale..... 31,546
- Health Advisories..... 90
- Monetary Penalties..... 9,878
- License/Permit Revocation..... 2,899
- Injunctions..... 74
- Criminal Prosecutions..... 4,048
- Warning Letters..... 36,346
- Informal Hearings..... 1,102
- Other..... 28,537
- Food Recalls..... 660

Total Enforcement Activities..... 128,430

Laboratory Capabilities 2001

- Food Chemistry..... 52
- Microbiology..... 63
- Pesticide Residue..... 43

Number of Samples Analyzed

- Food Chemistry..... 59,991
- Microbiology..... 252,307
- Pesticide Residue..... 15,767

Total Samples..... 328,065

Do high risk establishments receive more inspections per year than lower risk establishments?

- Yes..... 69
- No..... 15

The survey demonstrates a real commitment to food safety at the state and local level but it is the intangible activities which routinely occur here that should not be over looked—the innovative efforts to gain industry compliance; the application of educational mechanisms into the regulatory process; the interactions of the agencies with industry and consumers; the promptness of strong enforcement actions. These are all elements of state and local governments that are employed to protect their citizens. They exhibit dedication and diligence to assure food safety.

AFDO has for many years supported the goals of resource management at all levels of government to provide synergistic and effective response to all food safety emergencies, including threats and acts of terrorism. We strongly support the concept of integrating all available resources to address food safety and food security as a national concern. Federal agencies and the states have a tradition of working very closely in public health issues, and any improvement toward integrating the states with their federal counterparts will literally add thousands of food safety and security “foot soldiers” to what is clearly a national effort.



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