

# Production Volume and Its Role in Risk-Based Inspection

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Moderator *Robert Tynan, FSIS, OPAEO*

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Bryce Quick, FSIS, Deputy Administrator*

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Production Volume's Role in RBI**  
*Richard Raymond, US Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Food Safety*

## Overview of Volume in Risk-Based Inspection

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Assessing Risk: The Value of Volume Data**  
*Janell Kause, FSIS, OPHS*

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Collection of Volume Data**  
*Dan Engeljohn, FSIS, OPPED*

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Approaches to Volume in RBI**  
*Industry: Joseph Harris, Southwest Meat Association*  
*Consumer: TBD*  
*FSIS: Don Anderson, FSIS, OPEER*

## Breakout Sessions on the Use of Volume

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **A Charge from FSIS: Questions for Consideration in Breakout Sessions**  
*Robert Tynan, FSIS, OPAEO*

Review and discuss the alternative approaches for using volume as a proxy for exposure when performing a relative risk ranking. Specifically, address the following questions:

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each approach?
2. Are there changes that you would make to each approach to make it more effective?
3. What specific records should the inspectors use to approximate production volume for the various product categories in these approaches?
4. Do you have other suggestions for how to factor in exposure into assessing the risk presented by an establishment

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 **Reports from Breakouts**

12:30 - 12:45 **Comments and Questions**

12:45 – 1:00 **Next Steps/Close**  
*Bryce Quick, FSIS, Deputy Administrator*