

## **Briefing**

# **National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection August 8-9, 2007**

## **State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs**

### **Purpose**

This document provides an update on the results of FSIS' reviews of State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) programs, the revisions to FSIS Manual for State MPI Program Reviews, and collaboration with State Directors regarding the overall review process.

Under cooperative agreements with FSIS, States may operate their own MPI programs if they meet and enforce requirements "at least equal to" those imposed under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, Poultry Product Inspection Act, and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978 (HMSA). Products produced under State inspection are limited to intrastate commerce. The cooperative agreements and annual certifications of State MPI Programs are conditional upon FSIS conducting reviews and determining that the State is enforcing and can maintain requirements "at least equal to" those imposed under the Acts. Currently, 27 States operate MPI programs.

### **State MPI Program Reviews Update**

#### **Self-Assessment Reviews**

- During Fiscal Year 2007, FSIS has performed a review of each State MPI program's self-assessment submission.
- Based on the review of the self-assessments documents received during Fiscal Year 2007, FSIS determined that 27 State programs meet the "at least equal to" standard.

#### **Onsite Reviews**

- Onsite reviews are scheduled, at a minimum, of once every three years. During Fiscal Year 2007, onsite reviews were completed at four State MPI programs (i.e., Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Wisconsin).

### **New Mexico Update**

- On July 13, 2007, FSIS published a Federal Register Notice to designate New Mexico to receive Federal inspection. New Mexico establishments will be subject to Federal inspection, effective August 12, 2007.
- Following FSIS Directive 5710.1, FSIS has notified New Mexico establishment owners/managers of the designation process and providing information to transition from State to Federal inspection.
- FSIS will amend the Federal meat and poultry regulations by adding New Mexico to the list of designated States.

### **Revisions to FSIS Manual for State MPI Program Reviews**

- FSIS is collaborating with State Directors to the State MPI program review process.
- The final 2007 State Review Manual will be issued to the State MPI programs by August 15, 2007.
- The State MPI programs are required to submit their FY 07/08 self-assessments by November 15, 2007.

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