

Briefing

Overview of the FSIS Laboratory System

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Purpose

This session will provide an overview of the FSIS laboratory system. The FSIS laboratories are a critical component of the infrastructure that supports the FSIS public health and regulatory roles. As such, it is important that the NACMPI Committee understand the mission, roles, responsibilities and capabilities of the FSIS laboratory system.

Main Points

Items to be covered include:

- Laboratory structure
- Capabilities
- Accreditation under ISO Standard 17025
- Laboratory Information Management System
- LEARN results reporting system
- eSample system for electronic forms
- Food security efforts
- The Food Emergency Response Network (FERN)

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