

SECTION 9. THE 2002 FSIS NATIONAL RESIDUE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC MONITORING PLAN AND EXPLORATORY PROJECTS, AND IMPORT MONITORING PLAN

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), working with its partner agencies, has developed sampling allocation systems for compound/production class pairs (domestic residue sampling plans) and compound/product class pairs (import residue sampling plan) that are founded on a public health-based prioritization process. These systems each incorporate a structured planning process that employs risk assessment formulas and uses the best available data to develop relative rankings within these formulas. These systems do not, and were not intended to, generate formal absolute estimates of risk that can be interpreted in an actuarial sense. Nevertheless, their relative risk-based rankings are sufficient to develop sound and internally consistent allocations of sampling resources. These rankings help FSIS to manage the public health concerns presented by a comprehensive range of veterinary drugs and pesticides in the egg product, meat, and poultry production classes for which FSIS has regulatory authority.

The final domestic sampling plan for veterinary drugs and pesticides in all production classes is listed in Table 9.1, *Detailed Sampling Plan, 2002 FSIS NRP, Domestic Monitoring Plan and Exploratory Projects*. This table also specifies, for each combination of compound and production class, which FSIS laboratory will be conducting the analyses, and the category into which the sampling falls - Monitoring, 'modified Monitoring' (modifications designated in footnotes), or Exploratory. For the convenience of the reader, this information is also presented in summary form (including all sampling numbers, but not including the laboratory and sampling plan designation), in Table 9.2, *Summary, 2002 FSIS NRP, Domestic Monitoring Plan and Exploratory Projects*.

The final detailed import plan sample numbers for all compounds (veterinary drugs and pesticides), in all product classes and all countries, are listed in Table 9.3, *Summary, 2002 FSIS NRP, Import Monitoring Plan*. The summary of the total number of samples per compound per production class is listed in Table 9.4 *Number of Compounds/Product Class, 2002 FSIS NRP, Import Monitoring Plan*. In Table 9.5, *Number of Samples/Country/Product Class, 2002 FSIS NRP, Import Monitoring Plan*, the number of samples per country per production class is listed

A combined summary of all random sampling for domestic and imported products is provided in Table 9.6, *Combined Summary, 2002 FSIS NRP, Domestic Monitoring Plan and Exploratory Projects and Import Monitoring Plan*.