

**Food and Drug Administration**  
**Fact Sheet – Florida**  
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**FDA Presence:** 103 employees in Florida (includes 6 students)

Resident Posts: Boca Raton, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Miami (Domestic), Tallahassee, Tampa, Miami (Imports), Port Everglades (co-located with USCBP)

Major Import Ports: Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa

report to: Florida District Office, Maitland, FL

reports to: Southeast Region, Atlanta, Georgia

**Industry Presence in Florida**

There are 7,720 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Florida

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Medical devices and Radiological establishments –38 percent

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 35 percent

Human drug establishments – 20 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 3 percent

Biologics establishments – 4 percent

**Industry Highlights**

- 343 high risk food firms of which 243 are high risk seafood firms
- Miami is the largest port in U.S. for importation of fresh seafood
- Miami is fifth largest port in U.S. for importation of FDA regulated commodities
- 350 class II & III medical device firms

**Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities**

**State Contracts/Memoranda of Understanding:**

*Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:*

- Conduct feed mill/BSE, food sanitation and seafood HACCP inspections.
- Florida Ruminant Feed Ban Enhancement Project-Cooperative Agreement Grant Award: Ruminant feed ban support project for increased feed mill/BSE inspections and feed sample collection and analysis for prohibited materials.

*Florida Department of Health:*

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

**State Partnerships:**

*Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:*

- Coordinate efforts to collect and analyze imported and domestic food for pesticide residues.
- Coordinate the regulation of imported and domestic fish and fishery products.

*Florida Department of Health:*

- Conduct inspections of new x-ray assemblies and re-assemblies.

### Local Activities

- Central Florida Food Safety Education Partnership, a coalition of Federal, state and county agencies established to educate and promote accurate food safety information to low-income, limited English, elderly, academia, health professionals, and industry audiences.
- Seminole and Orange County Healthy Kids Partnerships promote positive opportunities for school aged children to learn healthy nutrition and value of increased daily physical activity.
- Close alliance with U.S. Customs making Florida District's highly successful import operation a trendsetter in the areas of enforcement and customer service.
- Tomato Food Safety Initiative, a cooperation of FDA's Florida District & Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition and the Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, and University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, developed in response to recurring Salmonella outbreaks associated with fresh and fresh-cut tomatoes.