

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Washington

FDA Presence: 163 FDA employees in Washington

Resident Posts: Blaine, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, Oroville, and Tacoma

report to: Seattle District: Bothell, WA who

reports to: Pacific Region: Oakland, California

Pacific Northwest Regional Laboratory: Bothell, who reports to Pacific Region

Industry Presence in State

There are 4,366 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Washington

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) –66 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments – 19 percent

Human drug establishments – 6 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 7 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) – 2 percent

Industry Highlights

Washington leading industries include dairy, fruit, biotechnology, and medical devices.

Washington ranks in the top 5 nationwide in production of 29 different agricultural products.

One of the largest and most diversified food and agricultural exporters.

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State Contracts: Washington Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections for food sanitation.
- Conduct investigations of reported violative residues in food animals at the time of slaughter.
- Conduct BSE inspections.

Washington Department of Health

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities. Conduct inspections of new X-ray assemblies or re-assemblies.

State Partnerships

Washington Department of Agriculture

- Coordinate the regulation for food safety by work sharing, data sharing and educational exchange, including all current and future inspectional and sampling contracts.
- Coordinate the regulation of the fish and fishery products processing industry.
- Participate in a cooperative program, which encourages work sharing, data sharing, and educational exchange concerning animal feed safety.

Local Activities

- Member of the Food Safety Review Council. The group works in partnership with the Department of Health in developing advisory technical interpretations of the state food service regulations and other matters.
- Member of the Washington State Subcommittee on Agricultural and Food Safety. The group works to reduce the vulnerability to a terrorist attack on agricultural industry and to improve coordination and collaboration among key partners.