

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet - Idaho

FDA Presence: 6 FDA employees in Idaho

Resident Post: Boise, Eastport

report to: Seattle District, Bothell, Washington

reports to: Pacific Region, Oakland, California

Industry Presence in State

There are 838 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Idaho

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments -(includes cosmetics) - 57 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments -15 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments - 13 percent

Human drug establishments - 12 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 3 percent

Industry Highlights

- Idaho is number one in the nation in the production of potatoes, trout and winter peas. Produces 30% of U.S. potatoes, 50% of processed potatoes and 76 % of food size trout. The state ranks in the top 10 in 22 other agricultural products.
- Out of 144 commodities, Idaho is in the top 10 in more than 30
- Food processing is the second largest industry, next to high tech. Idaho's high-tech industry is one of the state's largest employers
- The dairy industry is the largest single agricultural industry

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State Partnerships

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

- Establish working arrangements for food safety and sanitation inspections of food firms
- Inspect new x-ray assemblies or re-assemblies.

Idaho Department of Agriculture

- Participation with the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Agro-Terrorism Group
- Local Activities
- Regular interaction with Idaho Tech help to provide training to regional food processing companies
- Close working relationship with Idaho Specialty Foods, to educate small food producers about regulatory requirements.