

# **National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection**

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## **Sub-Committee #1**

**Issue: How can FSIS best share information on new technology with small and very small plants?**

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- Onsite inspectors as information conduit
- County extension educators
- Small & very small plants need an emphasis on simplicity  
e.g. Sanitizing halo
- What technology could be adopted by certain plants?
- Agency identifies technology and where it fits?
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- FOCUS:
- Outreach to these plants
- Building an element of trust
- Technology cost

## Questions:

### 1. What are the best ways to get the information derived from the cooperative agreements to small and very small establishments?

- Identify the Small & Very Small (SVS) plant and custom exempt and retail exempt clientele.
- Communicate the information through District Manager via Performance Based Inspection System (PBIS), trade associations, county extension educators, State Directors, technology providers, USDA ARS, and Universities.
- Information availability web, CD, FSIS, and States and could include:
  - Local newspapers through extension educators
  - An up-to-date resource website
  - Consistency and have the same type of information from Federal and State Food Inspection
  - New technology weekly report.
- District Office role – disseminating info to FLS, IICs, CSIs.

### 2. How does FSIS present scientific information to small and very small establishments effectively?

- Simple powerful messages in layman's terms
- Resource contact information
- Research demonstration with Colleges and Universities
- Cooperative Agreement collaborators should be required to assist in dissemination of new technology.
- This would also require recommendation for implementing new technology for future awards of Cooperative agreements.
- Communicate the new technology to the inspector as a benefit in making his job more effective.

### 3. How does FSIS access the small and very small establishments that do not belong to a trade organization?<sup>1</sup>

- Providing the information to other food inspection agencies
- State or University website
- County extension agents via the State leader network
- State HACCP coordinator and contact

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<sup>1</sup> FSIS utilize existing information to assess the technological needs of Small & Very Small plants. For example, requests from trade associations, questions received at TSC, and any other information gathered by the FSIS.