

**Food and Drug Administration
Fact Sheet – Colorado
Population 4.75 Million
Total Economy 187 Billion**

FDA Presence: 92 FDA employees in Colorado all in the Denver District Office. Denver District reports to the Southwest Region, Dallas, Texas

Industry Presence in State

There are 2,161 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Colorado
(Some firms are in more than one category)

- Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 37 percent
- Medical device and Radiological establishments - 29 percent
- Human drug establishments – 18 percent
- Animal drug and feed establishments - 12 percent
- Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 4 percent

Industry Highlights

- Colorado is a major cattle producer and also raises large numbers of hogs and sheep. Weld, Morgan, Larimer, and Boulder counties are the national center for the production of cattle fattened in feedlots rather than on the open range.
- Colorado ranks high among the U.S. states in the amount of land under irrigation. Corn (maize), wheat, and hay are the major crops.
- Colorado has a major food and food product industry.
- The industrial and service sectors in Colorado have expanded greatly. The state's economy is diversified and is notable for its concentration of scientific research and high-technology industries.
- Other Colorado industries include food processing, transportation equipment, machinery, chemical products, minerals, and tourism.
- Colorado also produces the largest amount of beer of any state
- Imports into Colorado - The Southwest Import District (SWID in Dallas) received 41,887 line entries for fiscal year 07 through Colorado ports of entry. SWID import assignments are performed by Denver District staff. Primary products are medical devices, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, and medical devices.

Contracts & Partnerships

State Contracts

Colorado Department of Health

- Conduct food sanitation inspections.
- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities

Colorado Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections of feed mills for medicated feed and BSE Rule Compliance

State Partnerships

Colorado Department of Health & Environment

- Conduct inspections of artificial tanning facilities
- Conduct federal compliance testing of new assemblies or re-assemblies of x-ray equipment
- Southwest Import District Public Affairs Specialist: Focus on Import issues. Conducts education and outreach to the import industry, state, and other government officials and supports border health programs.