

## **Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Illinois**

**FDA Presence:** 68 FDA employees in Illinois

Resident Posts: Mt. Vernon, Gurnee, Peoria, Hinsdale, Springfield, and O'Hare  
reports to: Chicago District, Chicago, Illinois  
reports to: Central Region, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Industry Presence in State**

There are 5,053 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Illinois  
(Some firms are in more than one category)  
Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 43 percent  
Medical device and Radiological establishments - 36 percent  
Human drug establishments - 12 percent  
Animal drug and feed establishments - 5 percent  
Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) - 4 percent

### **Industry Highlights**

- Pharmaceuticals – Home to several multi-national manufacturers
- In-vitro diagnostics – Largest manufacturer in the world
- Pumpkins – Nation's only pumpkin cannery
- Candy – Concentration of large manufacturers.
- Significant import operations with a cross-section of FDA regulated commodities.

### **Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities**

#### State Contracts

Illinois Department of Agriculture

- Conduct inspections of feed mills to ensure safety and BSE control

Illinois Department of Public Health

- Conduct food safety inspections

#### State Cooperative Agreements (Grants)

Illinois Department of Agriculture

- Conduct 200 inspections of renderers, protein blenders, commercial animal feed manufacturers, distributors, transporters of animal feed and feed ingredients, on-farm mixers, and ruminant feeders to ensure safety and BSE control
- Collect and analyze 500 surveillance samples of feed from renderers, protein blenders, and feed mills to ensure safety and BSE control

#### State Partnerships

Illinois Department of Public Health

- Conduct inspections of low acid canned food and acidified food establishments and seafood under the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) requirements.
- Collect samples to test foods for contaminants including microbiology and pesticides.
- Conduct joint Seafood HACCP training

#### Local Activities

- Cooperative program with the City of Chicago Department of Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and USDA to test foods supplied to the Chicago Public School lunch program.

- Cooperative program with the City of Chicago Department of Health regarding testing for lead in imported foods.