## **Program:** Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

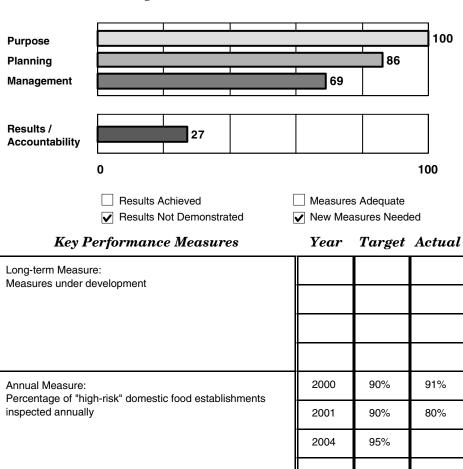
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau: Food and Drug Administration

Annual Measure:

Percentage of safety evaluation of food and color additive

petitions completed within 360 days of receipt



1999

2000

2004

30%

40%

75%

77%

91%

## Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

**Program Type:** Regulatory

## Program Summary:

The Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) regulates all foods except meat, poultry, and egg products to make sure such food is safe to eat.

Findings from the PART assessment include the following:

- 1. CFSAN achieved a high score in Purpose. Food safety is an important public health concern; it is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control that foodborne illness causes 5,000 deaths each year.
- 2. Weaknesses were identified in Accountability/Results. CFSAN does not currently have long term outcome goals. As a result, it is difficult to measure program results.
- 3. Inspection rates for "high-risk" food establishments are solid, while inspection rates of imported food are less than two percent. Inspection coverage is targeted to inspect imports that reflect the highest risk of causing foodborne illness.
- 4. CFSAN uses performance data to recommend program enhancements.
- $5.\ Financial$  management is sound, and managers take meaningful steps to address management deficiencies.
- 6. CFSAN is improving performance in the review of new food and color additive petitions, but continued improvements are needed.
- 7. CFSAN achieved a high score for their Planning efforts. CFSAN publishes an innovative annual "Program Priorities" report. Progress reports are published during the year, and a final report is published at the close of the year. These reports are made available to the public, and CFSAN invites stakeholder feedback.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

- 1. Establish new, measurable long term performance goals for CFSAN.
- 2. Improve current annual performance goals for the review of new products.
- 3. Increase funding to support additional food establishment inspections, and to enhance FDA's ability to analyze samples of imported foods.

## Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate
404	412	415