

Historical Perspectives – Veterinarians in Food Safety



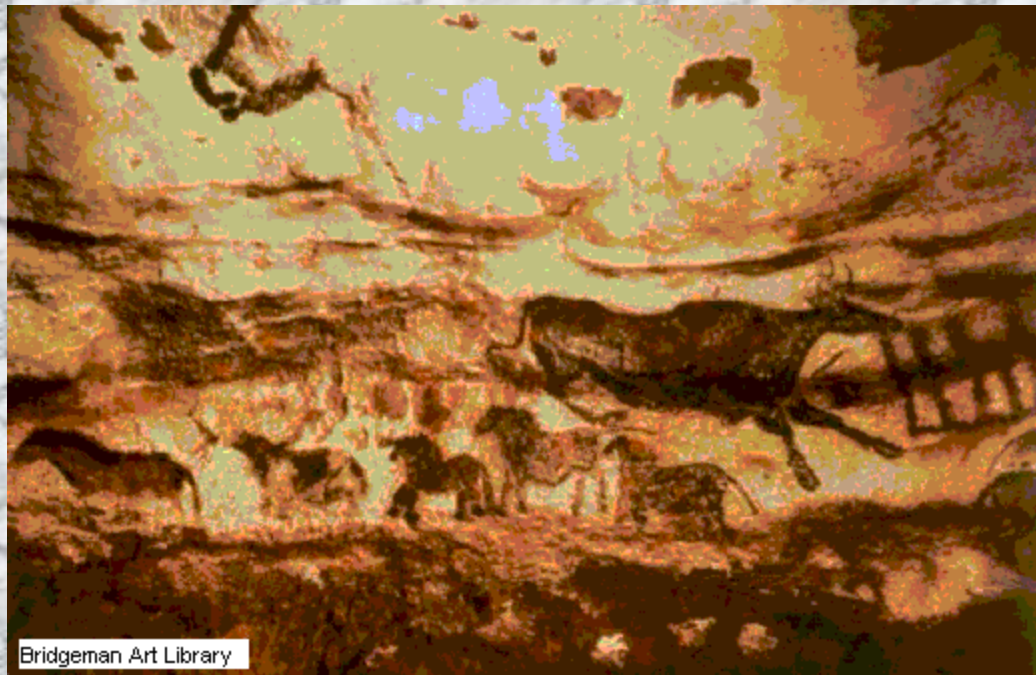
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Original Inspection Manual



USDA - 1862



Abraham Lincoln
16th President
1861-1865

Growth of Industry



Bureau of Animal Industry



Chester Arthur

21st President

1881-1885

Inspecting for Diseased Animals



Meat Inspection Law of 1890

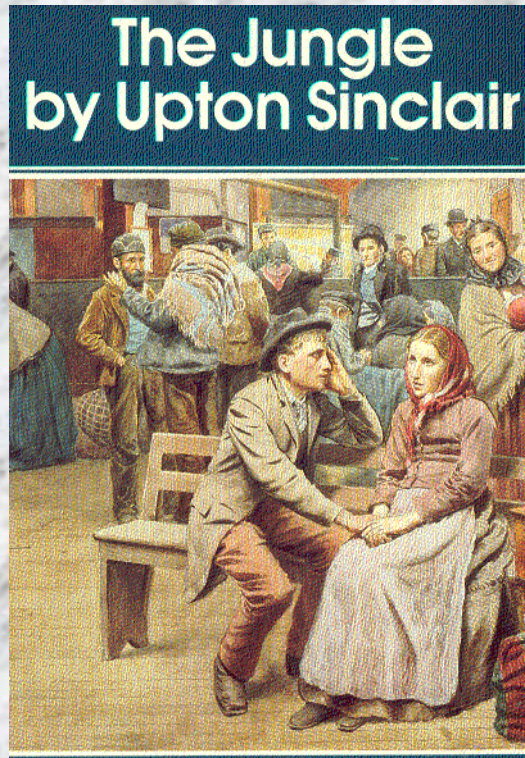


Benjamin Harrison

23rd President

1889-1893

Federal Meat Inspection Act



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1906

Remember the *Maine*!



Theodore Roosevelt

26th President

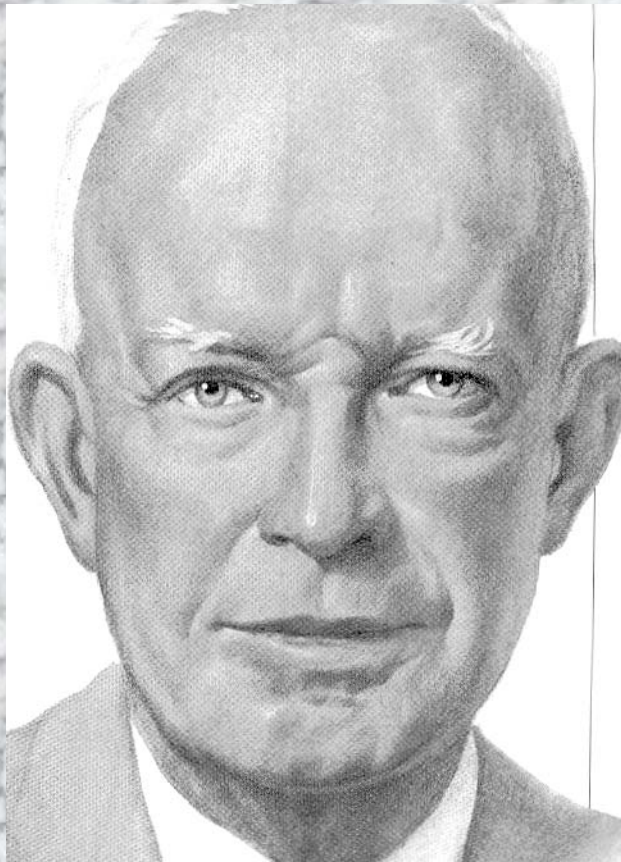
1901-1909

BAI Meat Inspection Division



Mandatory inspection

Poultry Products Inspection Act



Dwight Eisenhower

34th President

1953-1961

Poultry Products Inspection Act

Ready for
processing



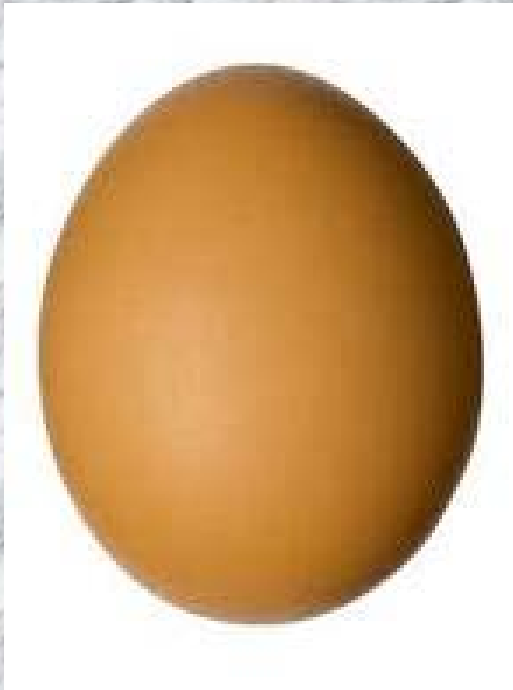
Humane Methods of Slaughter Act

Humane Slaughter of Livestock

- Facilities**
- Live animal handling**
- Stunning**



Egg Products Inspection Act



1970

Food Safety and Inspection Service



Mission

- The Food Safety and Inspection Service's mission is to ensure that meat, poultry, and processed egg products are safe, secure, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.

FSIS Veterinarian's Role

- Supervisor of work unit teams.
- Teach their team the latest in food safety:
 - Share up-to-date information and procedures
 - Build a cross trained team
- Use expertise in food safety systems evaluation.
- Must know the regulatory requirements to prevent diseases and hazards from adversely affecting animal and human health.



Veterinarians at FSIS

FSIS Veterinarians: 1,000 Strong

FSIS veterinarians focus their scientific skills to ensure the industry is preventing public health hazards, thereby decreasing risks of foodborne illness.



FSIS Veterinarian's Responsibilities



Become expert in food microbiology, drug residues, and how to prevent the spread of foodborne hazards in a processing environment, and evaluating food safety systems.

- While conducting ante-mortem inspection, evaluate humane handling and clinical signs of important diseases and conditions.
- FSIS veterinarians are on the frontline for detecting the presence of foreign animal diseases and emerging syndromes.

