



Produce Safety Network

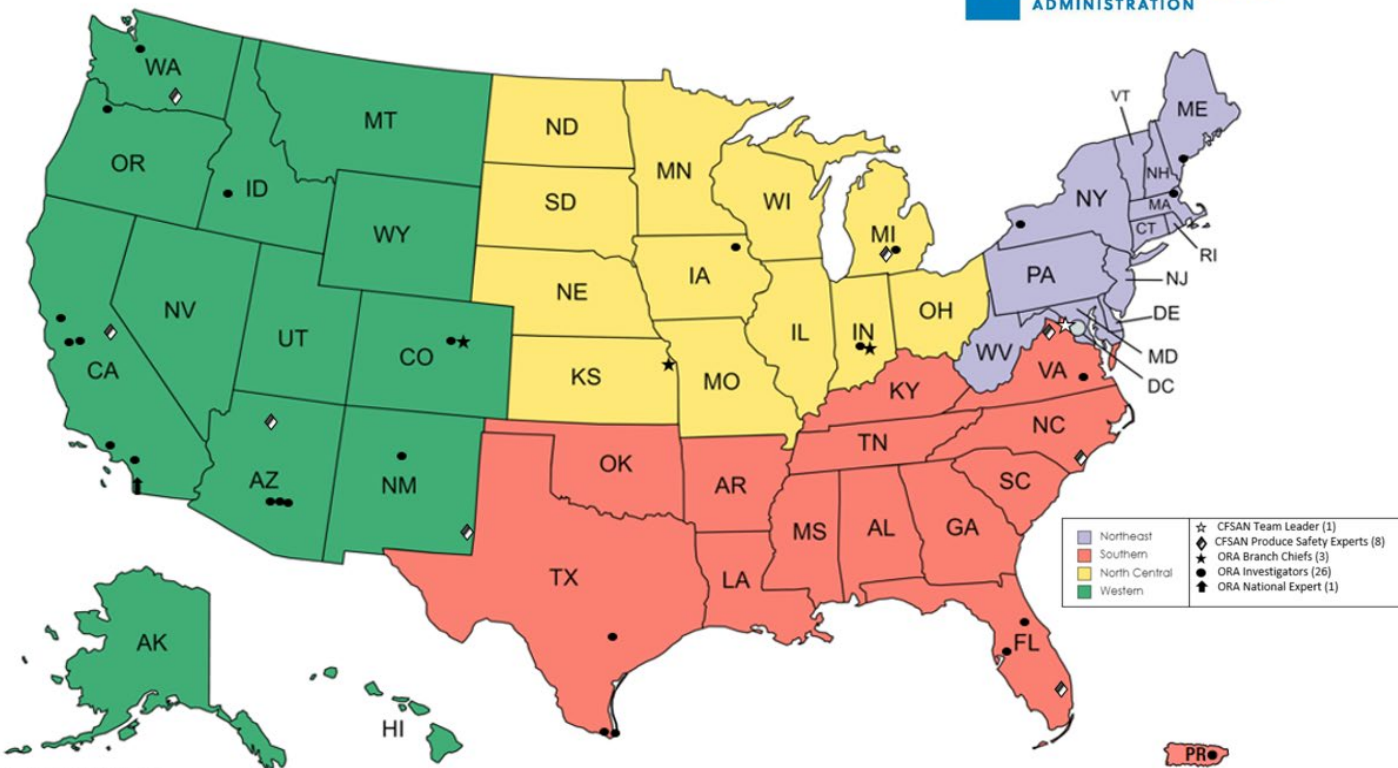
Implementation of the Produce Safety Rule provides unique opportunities and challenges, including recognition of regional differences in growing practices, and increased reliance on state regulatory partners.

To achieve the goal of high rates of industry compliance, FDA created the Produce Safety Network (PSN). The PSN, comprised of both ORA and CFSAN staff, is regionally-based and responsible for collaborating and communicating with regional partners to build on existing programs to achieve high levels of compliance in the farming community.

Locating PSN staff in specific growing regions allows those staff members to develop expertise in the growing conditions and practices in their regions, which in turn enhances their ability to provide outreach and technical assistance that is specifically tailored to the unique needs of their regions.

Figure 1: Location of Produce Safety Network members

Produce Safety Network (PSN)



January 2022 – map is not to scale

Contact Information for the CFSAN PSN Staff

The CFSAN members of the PSN focus their efforts on providing technical assistance to state regulatory partners that are implementing produce safety programs, academia, industry, and other partners in the fresh produce community. They serve as the PSN's primary point of contact (POC) and engagement for external stakeholders. Region and state assignments for each CFSAN-based PSN member are listed below.

CFSAN – PSN Team Lead

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The ORA members of the PSN focus their efforts on providing education and outreach, regulatory assistance, foreign inspections, and domestic inspections in states that do not develop a produce safety program under the [State Produce Implementation Cooperative Agreement Program \(CAP\)](#). They serve as the PSN's point of contact (POC) and engagement for external stakeholders related to regulatory activities, and work with [Rapid Response Teams \(RRTs\)](#). Region and state assignments for each ORA-based PSN member are listed below.

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