



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 Produce Safety Network is comprised of seven produce safety experts and one team leader from the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) and 11 investigators and two branch chiefs from the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA). The network is regionally-based and responsible for collaborating and communicating with regional partners to support 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.

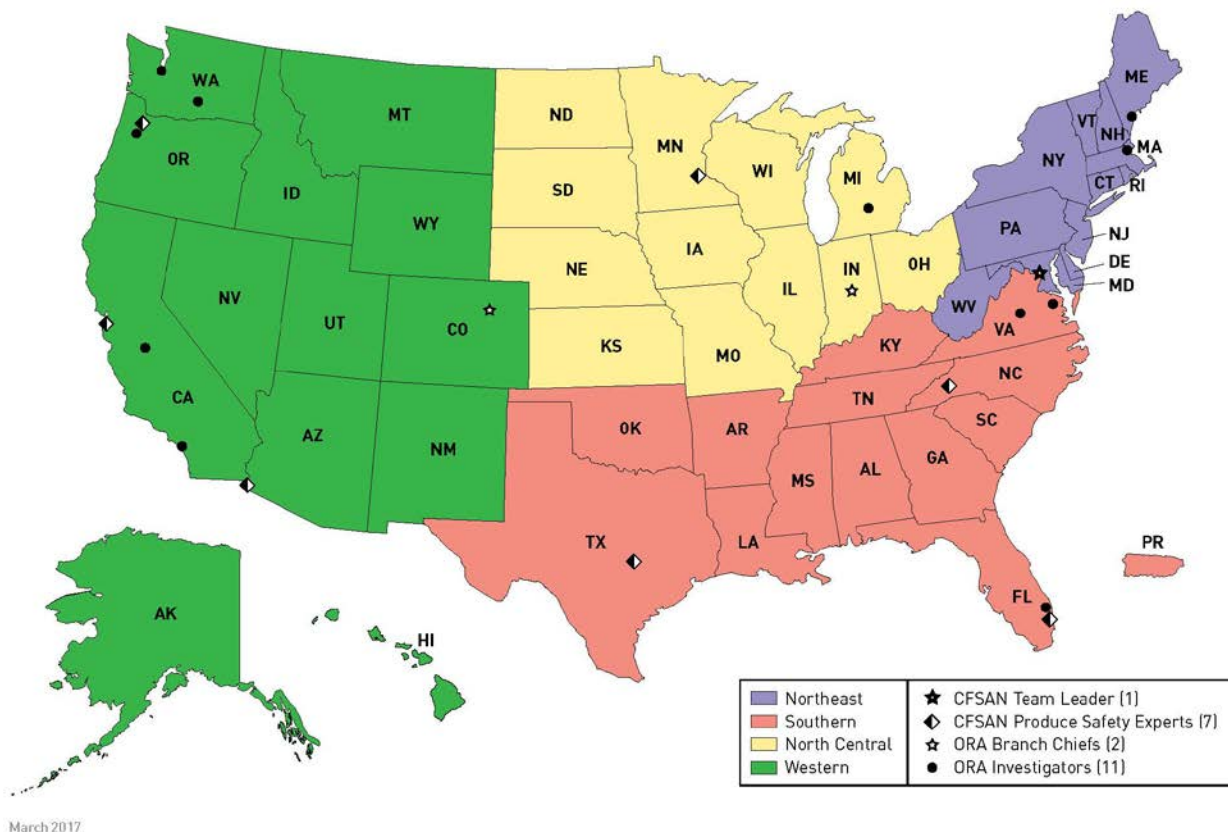
Do you have a question for the Produce Safety Network?

- Stakeholders should identify and contact the CFSAN Produce Safety Expert for their assigned state if they have a question. The Produce Safety Experts from CFSAN will field most questions that come to the network from external stakeholders.
- The Investigators from ORA will handle questions and communications that occur during inspections and investigations.

While the PSN members are in different regions and under the umbrella of two different parts of FDA (CFSAN and ORA), their work will be closely coordinated so that stakeholders receive consistent communications.

Figure 1: Location of Produce Safety Network members

Produce Safety Network (PSN)



Contact Information for the Produce Safety Experts from CFSAN

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Northeast Region

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North Central Region

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Northeast Region

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