

UEP Annual Board Meeting & Executive Conference

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Discussion Topics

- Inter-Agency Communications
- USDA Purchase Programs
- Audit & Verification Activities
- California Food Safety Law

Inter-Agency Communications

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

FDA provides regulatory guidance to AMS in the following areas:

- Label compliance - 21 CFR Part 101
 - **Mandatory content:** format, type size, position, legal line, nutrition facts, Safe Handling Statement, state programs
 - **Voluntary content:** Cage Free, Organic,
 - Marketing claims- "High quality, premium, Best", Kosher, Local,
 - Health Claims/Nutrient Claims – Strictly regulated by FDA
 - "Healthy Eggs" vs. "Healthy Lifestyle"
 - Quantitative values – e.g., Omega-3
- Compound Approvals – New Marking Inks, Oils, Sanitizers,
- New Processes or Procedures

Inter-Agency Communications

- Food and Drug Administration (cont.)
 - Import requirements related to Egg Safety Rule
 - Interagency referral – Significant Violations of the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic Act: Objectionable conditions
- Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS)
 - Shell Egg Surveillance program –
 - FSIS handles refrigeration issues (45°F ambient)
 - AMS administers inspection duties under the EPIA
 - Imports - AMS / FSIS work together to verify import laws
 - AMS – Quality, Foreign Health Certificates, labeling
 - FSIS – Refrigeration compliance

Inter-Agency Communications

- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
 - Exports – Animal Health Declarations
 - Disease Free Certification (HPAI, VND, SE free-NPIP, etc.)
 - Ban zones imposed or lifted
 - New Export requirements
- Food & Nutrition Service (FNS)
 - Shell Egg / Liquid commodity specifications

Commodity Purchase Programs

Commodity Type	FY 2014 (Thru Sept 12)		FY 2013		FY 2012	
	Cost	Pounds	Cost	Pounds	Cost	Pounds
Shell Eggs	\$4,184,100	5,332,500 237,000 cs.	\$2,891,490	4,286,250 190,500 cs.	\$1,988,304	3,071,250 136,500 cs.
Egg Mix	\$2,888,110	720,000	\$3,517,927	972,000	\$1,610,316	504,000
Eggs, Whole Cartons 5#	\$2,994,757	2,521,260	\$4,341,974	4,242,120	\$3,827,521	4,400,520
Whole Egg Bulk Tanker	\$7,964,150	8,016,000	\$9,845,064	13,440,000	\$9,223,948	13,601,280
TOTALS	\$18,031,117	16,589,760	\$20,596,455	22,940,370	\$16,650,089	21,577,050

Commodity Purchase Programs

- Food Banks

- Shell Eggs preferred. (deliveries up 75%)
- Large warehouses can handle full truckload deliveries.
- Fast delivery to recipients avoiding shell life issues.

- Schools

- Kitchens no longer preparing food, limited storage.
- Requested more bulk liquid (up 22%) to process into heat/serve items
 - Similar trends across all commodities

Commodity Purchase Programs

- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
 - Historically distributed from 5 national warehouses
 - limited refrigeration, remote locations
 - Powdered mix best option
 - FNS/AMS exploring options:
 - Shell Eggs – warehouses now refrigerated
 - Extended Shelf Life items – more user friendly than powder options
 - By-pass warehouses - Direct delivery to remote sites, less than full load deliveries

Audit & Verification Activities

- **UEP Animal Husbandry Audits**
- **Certified Producer Audits:**
 - 85 Companies
 - 209 Facility audits
- **Non-Certified Marketing Agreement Audits**
 - 10 Companies

Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Program (PEEPEV)

- FDA authorized AMS to certify FDA regulated further processed egg products and foods containing eggs
- September 2013, USDA implemented an audit-based program to facilitate exports
 - Facilities audited: 40
 - Certificates Issued: 650+
 - Pounds certified: 4 million+
- AMS primarily certified products exported to **Mexico** and the **European Union**.
- **FSIS** continues to issue certificates for other countries.

Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Program (PEEPEV)

- Effective **November 10, 2014** AMS will begin issuing certificates for exports to all countries. (only further processed products)
- FSIS will continue to issue certificates for egg products
- **HOW IT WORKS:**
 - Submit application and Quality Manual for review
 - AMS conducts onsite audit to verify GMPs and QMS
 - Company and products are listed on AMS export website
 - Company requests export certificates for each load exported

California Shell Egg Food Safety CASEFS

- Core Requirements:
 - Implement **FDA Egg Safety Rule**, SE Prevention – 21 CFR Part 118
 - Environmental SE test: Pullets 14-16 weeks, Layers at 40-45 weeks
 - Biosecurity Policies: visitors, cross contamination, stray animals, etc.
 - Pest/Rodent Controls
 - Refrigeration: Hold and transport eggs at 45° F after 36 hours (date of Lay)
 - Additional environment SE testing:
 - “chick papers” – delivery material
 - Pre-depopulation
 - Vaccination Program (SE): two live, one inactive.
 - Effective January 1, 2015
 - Stocking Density 7 hens/121 sq in, 8 hens/117 sq in, ≥9 hens/116 sq in
 - Marking requirements – CASEFS statement on PDP. May be ink jet **