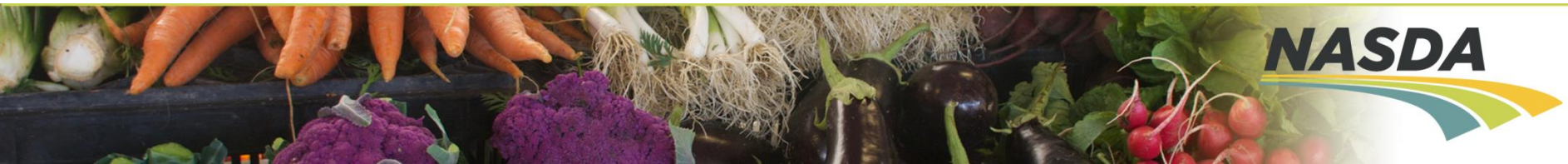


National Project to Support and Promote Consistent Implementation of the Standards for the Growing, Harvesting , Packing and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption

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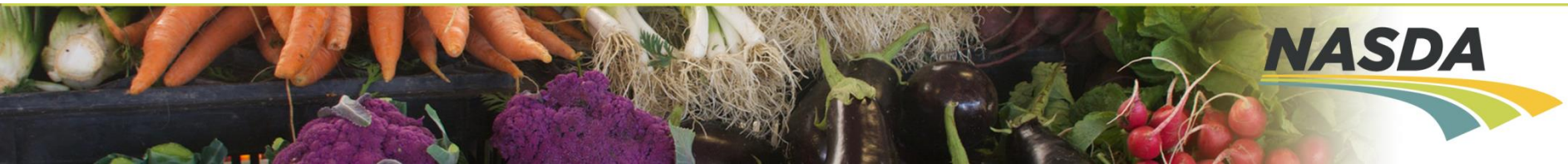
- On May 1, 2019, FDA posted an RFP for a “National Project to Support and Promote Consistent Implementation of the Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”
- On Sept. 10, NASDA was awarded the Cooperative Agreement (CA) for the project. AFDO is participating as a sub-awardee in the project
- This CA will continue the activities from the previous Produce Safety CA



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Purpose:

To establish, improve, and implement a comprehensive and nationally consistent system of support and accompanying resources for state and territorial produce safety regulatory agencies with regulatory oversight and responsibility for their respective jurisdiction's commodities regulated in FDA's Produce Safety Rule



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What will be occurring under the CA:

NASDA will assist state Produce Safety agencies in advancing efforts for a nationally integrated food safety system. This will be accomplished through:

- Assisting with researching, planning, establishing, and/or enhancing state and territorial produce safety regulatory programs
- Promoting the understanding of the Produce Safety Rule, and
- Assisting with the development of inspection, compliance and enforcement processes and resources of the Produce Safety Rule's requirements.

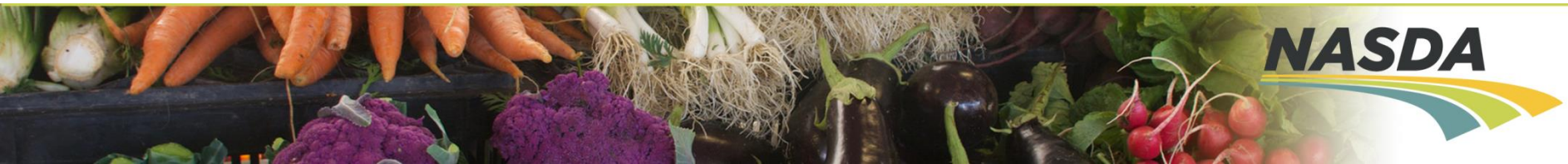


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5-year Cooperative agreement

Seven Objectives for the Project

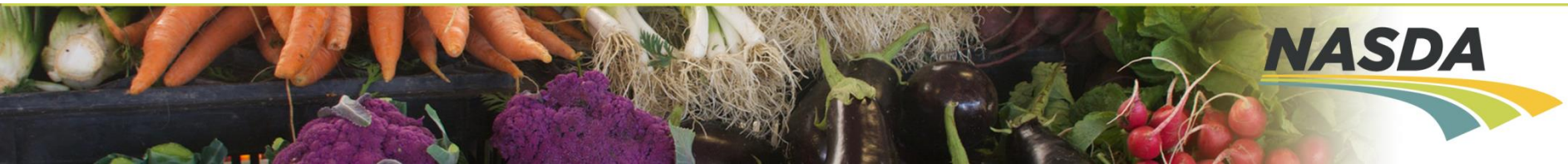
- A. Overall Cooperative Agreement Program Coordination
- B. Support State and Territorial Produce Safety Regulatory Program Consistency
- C. State and Territorial Produce Safety Regulatory Program Assistance
- D. Meetings and Work Groups
- E. Training
- F. One Farm Readiness Reviews (OFRRs)
- G. Produce Regulatory Program Standards Development



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D. Meetings and Work Groups - Facilitate and take a leadership role in meetings related to Produce Safety Rule implementation

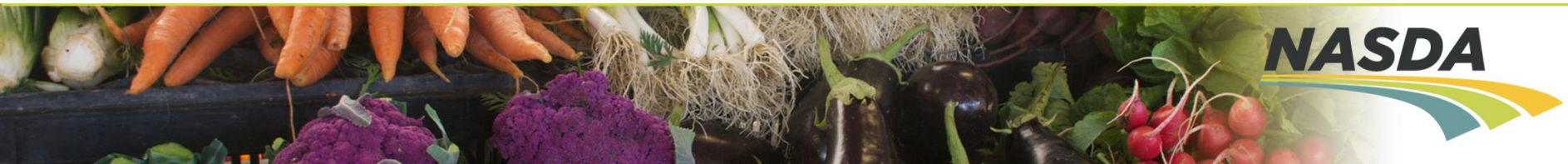
- Meetings that NASDA will organized and deliver or assist in organizing and delivering:
 - Annual National Consortium meeting
 - Face-to-Face Quarterly meeting with each of the four (4) FDA Produce Safety Network regions
 - Quarterly Face-to-Face meetings of the Produce Integration Group
 - Meetings of Produce Safety work groups and sub-work groups



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G. Produce Regulatory Program Standards Development - Assist in the development of national produce safety regulatory program standards that will establish and promote a uniform foundation of produce safety to develop national produce safety regulatory program standards.

- Work to be accomplished in Years 3-5 of the CA
- Develop a framework for a quality management system for State Produce Safety programs.
- Not standards for uniform produce farm inspections but minimum standards for the structure and function of state Produce Safety programs.



Conclusion

- Much work to accomplish!
- Goal is to assist in building State Produce Safety Programs
- Participants are state Produce Safety Programs, FDA, NASDA and AFDO
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