



**UPDATE :**  
**Improvements for Processing  
and Slaughter Inspection**

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# Processing and Slaughter Inspection Improvements

- At the February 2008 NACMPI Meeting, FSIS proposed the following:
  - Public health risk ranking algorithm
    - Prioritize routine and for cause Food Safety Assessments (FSA's)
    - Inform when focused inspection activities will be completed on a regular basis
  - Focused inspection activities



# Updates

- FSIS revised the technical reports outlining the public health risk ranking algorithm and focused inspection in response to NACMPI, peer review and stakeholder comments.
  - Revised reports and response to comment documents were posted on NACMPI website in Spring 2008.



# Updates

- FSIS is further refining its focused inspection methodology via field visits.
- Field visits have been made to the Atlanta, Des Moines and Raleigh districts.
- Field visits included a focus group with FSIS field personnel and walk through of focused inspection in FSIS establishments.
  - 9 establishments visited



# Next Steps

- Table top evaluation of focused inspection with FSIS Stakeholders at Fall NACMPI Meeting
- Analysis of historical data to determine prompt thresholds for focused inspection activities



# Next Steps

- Review of attribution methodology and public health risk ranking algorithm by the National Academies of Sciences:
  - Evaluate the proposed methodology and adequacy of data for calculating public health attribution for the purpose of ranking establishments according to public health risk. The committee should also consider whether the Agency should use FSIS collected *Salmonella* serotype information to enhance its attribution estimates and should provide suggestions for how such information should be utilized.
  - For the purpose of ranking establishments in order to allocate Agency inspection resources, has FSIS adequately defined and identified indicators of process control to protect public health? Specifically the committee should evaluate how FSIS is proposing to use its available data to develop a relative risk ranking of establishments.