



## FSIS Releases 5-year Accomplishment Report

The key results, accomplishments and performance of measured goals from the past five years have been released in FSIS' Strategic Plan Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2016: Key Accomplishments. The report, released on June 9, 2017, covers the Agency's key successes and reports on FSIS' overall performance during that time period. FSIS instituted some of the most significant updates to our country's food safety system since the 1950s to reduce pathogens in meat, poultry and processed egg products and to prevent illnesses. Poultry slaughter inspection was improved through the mandate for all poultry establishments to take scientifically-based approaches to prevent contamination. Beef regulation was also enhanced in several different ways—which ultimately led to enhanced recordkeeping and greater awareness of improved labeling on mechanically tenderized beef. A targeted and streamlined approach to food safety assessments, improved performance of verification tasks for Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* (STEC), greater industry compliance and an enhanced inspection approach for products from other countries also contributed to FSIS' strong performance.

FSIS also used a number of weighted measures to track the Agency's performance, which then rolled up into an overall assessment of each of the eight goals in the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan. Specifically, FSIS reached six of its eight goals through meeting or exceeding 27 of the 36 measures it used in FY 2016. The Key Accomplishments document also delineates in what ways many of the Agency's ongoing activities and priorities in the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan are reflected in its 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

Every position in the Agency is important and positively impacts public health and the safety of the U.S. food supply. Employee performance standards are designed to support the Strategic Plan, which ultimately result in FSIS achieving its goals through careful planning. This Key Accomplishments report demonstrates what great achievements can happen when a team works together with one purpose to prevent foodborne illness.

The report is available at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/60c74c0c-4000-478b-b249-a67b3e3bc555/Strategic-Plan-2011-2016-Key-Accomplishments.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>.

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### Export Requirements Updates

The Library of Export Requirements has been updated for the following countries:

Guatemala  
South Africa  
Thailand  
Turkey  
United Arab Emirates

For a complete list of countries, visit <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products>.

# Policy Updates

FSIS notices and directives on public health and regulatory issues are available at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations>. The following policy updates were recently issued:

**Notice 31-17** - *Annual Reminder For Records Management Responsibilities*

**Notice 32-17** - *Instructions for Verifying Validation Requirements During Performance of the Hazard Analysis Verification (HAV) Task*

**Notice 33-17** - *Verifying Labeling of Descriptive Designation for Needle-or Blade-Tenderized Raw Beef Products As Required by 9 CFR 317.2(e)(3)*

**Notice 34-17** - *Inspection Procedures Related to Feral Swine and Reactor Pigs*

## Sign Up for Siluriformes Fish Inspection Email Updates

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## Get Answers at AskFSIS

AskFSIS is a web-based technology and policy question-and-answer forum on topics such as exporting, labeling, inspection, programs and procedures. In addition, AskFSIS offers Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds that link back to the Q and As.

To view recently posted topics, please visit <http://askfsis.custhelp.com/>.

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