

Survey of Meat and Poultry Inspection Systems:
States without State Meat and/or Poultry Inspection Programs

Appendix C

Final Results: 19 responses/24 surveys = 79%

Name: _____ State: _____

Title/Position: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

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1. Which of the following best describes the current situation in your state with regard to meat (not poultry) inspection:
 - a. **3:** Custom-exempt establishments are state-reviewed. All other establishments are Federally inspected.
 - b. **2:** Some custom-exempt establishments are state-reviewed and some are Federally reviewed. All other establishments are Federally-inspected.
 - c. **13:** All establishments, including custom-exempt establishments, are Federally inspected/reviewed.

Comments: _____

2. Which of the following best describes the current situation in your state with regard to poultry (not meat) inspection:
 - a. **3:** Custom-exempt establishments are state-reviewed. All other establishments are Federally inspected.
 - b. **2:** Some custom-exempt establishments are state-reviewed and some are Federally reviewed. All other establishments are Federally-inspected.
 - c. **13:** All establishments, including custom-exempt establishments, are Federally inspected/reviewed.

Comments: _____

3. Has your state ever maintained a state meat and/or poultry inspection program? If so, in what year did your state discontinue inspection/review of the following:

| | Year |
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| a. meat (excluding custom-exempt) | Earliest: 1972 Most Recent: 1999 Median: 1975 |
| b. poultry (excluding custom-exempt) | Earliest: 1972 Most Recent: 1999 Median: 1976 |
| c. custom-exempt establishments | Earliest: 1971 Most Recent: 1999 Median: 1975 |
| d. other _____ | |

Comments: _____

4. Has (re)adoption of a state inspection program ever been discussed in your state? **5:** yes **14:** no

a. What reasons are given in favor of state inspection? _____

b. What reasons are given against? _____

c. What are the main reasons that state inspection has not been (re)adopted? _____

5. How are the slaughter and processing of wild game and exotic species (bison, deer, emu, squab) handled in your state?

If there are inspection fees for processing such animals, what are they ? _____

Comments: _____

6. Why has your state decided to forego the option of maintaining its own meat and/or poultry inspection program? Please rate the importance of factors a - k listed below, and add any others in the spaces provided. Rate all factors according to the following scale:

| | | | |
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| 0 = not at all a factor in the decision to forego a state program | 1 = a minor factor | 2 = a significant factor | 3 = an essential factor in the decision to forego a state program |
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| a. no interest or insufficient demand from processors: | 0: 33.3% | 1: 11.1% | 2: 27.8% | 3: 27.8% |
| b. opposition from processors | 0: 50.0% | 1: 33.3% | 2: 5.6% | 3: 11.1% |
| c. no interest or insufficient demand from producers | 0: 44.4% | 1: 11.1% | 2: 11.1% | 3: 33.3% |
| d. opposition from producers | 0: 62.5% | 1: 25.0% | 2: 0% | 3: 12.5% |
| e. no interest or insufficient demand from consumers | 0: 33.3% | 1: 5.6% | 2: 33.3% | 3: 27.8% |
| f. opposition from consumers | 0: 70.6% | 1: 17.6% | 2: 0.0% | 3: 11.8% |
| g. lack of political support for a state program | 0: 11.1% | 1: 5.6% | 2: 27.8% | 3: 55.6% |
| h. lack of qualified inspectors/other personnel | 0: 50.0% | 1: 16.7% | 2: 16.7% | 3: 16.7% |
| i. cost of maintaining a state inspection program | 0: 0% | 1: 0% | 2: 16.7% | 3: 83.3% |
| j. no need for both state and Federal program | 0: 11.1% | 1: 11.1% | 2: 44.1% | 3: 33.3% |
| k. food safety concerns | 0: 72.2% | 1: 16.7% | 2: 11.1% | 3: 0.0% |

Comments: _____

7. How much more likely would a State Inspection Program be in your state if the following were to occur? Please rate the impact of scenarios a - d listed below, and add any others in the spaces provided. Rate all factors according to the following scale:

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| 0 = state inspection would be no more likely | 1 = somewhat more likely | 2 = significantly more likely | 3 = state inspection would be much more likely |
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| a. surrounding states reintroduce State Inspection Programs. | 0: 78.9% | 1: 21.1% | 2: 0.0% | 3: 0.0% |
| b. the states' burden in the state-Federal cost sharing arrangement decreases from 50% to 40% (states pay 40%; Federal government pays 60%.) | 0: 73.7% | 1: 21.1% | 2: 5.3% | 3: 0.0% |
| c. the states' burden in the state-Federal cost sharing arrangement decreases from 50% to 30% (states pay 30%; Federal government pays 70%.) | 0: 47.4% | 1: 36.8% | 2: 15.8% | 3: 0.0% |
| d. the ban on interstate shipment of state inspected meat is lifted | 0: 47.4% | 1: 26.3% | 2: 26.3% | 3: 0.0% |

Comments: _____

Your answers to the following free-response questions may be included in reports to the legislature and other documents. Your views are particularly important in understanding the impact that cooperative inspection has had on various states. Nevertheless, if you would prefer that your name and state not be associated with your written comments, please initial here:

8. What do you see as the main advantages to state meat and poultry inspection? Who are the main beneficiaries and how do they benefit?

9. What do you see as the main disadvantages to state meat and poultry inspection? Who incurs these disadvantages and how are they adversely affected?

10. In your opinion, what implications do State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs have for food safety and food quality? In your opinion, should a consumer have more confidence, less confidence, or equal confidence in state-inspected meat and poultry products than in Federally-inspected ones?

11. Would you like to see a state meat and/or poultry inspection program initiated in your state? Why or why not?

12. Additional comments:

Please return this survey by **November 30, 2000**.
Survey may be mailed in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or faxed to: 402-472-5679.
Thank you for your cooperation!