

FDA 2014 Food Safety Challenge

Background reading on the FDA

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The FDA works to assure that America's food supply is safe, sanitary, wholesome, and honestly labeled. The vast majority of the food America eats - about 80% - falls under FDA's regulation. This includes both domestic and imported foods and nearly all food types with the exception of meat, poultry, and some egg products, which fall under the USDA.

Outbreak Investigation

(<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm272351.htm>) Food and Drug Administration

When two or more people get the same illness from the same contaminated food or drink, the event is called a foodborne outbreak. FDA investigates outbreaks to control them, so more people do not get sick, and to learn how to prevent similar outbreaks from happening in the future.

FDA 101: Produce Recalls – From First Alert to Effectiveness Checks

(<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm049070.htm>) Food and Drug Administration

When an FDA-regulated product is either defective or potentially harmful, recalling that product—removing it from the market or correcting the problem—is the most effective means for protecting the public. FDA's role is to oversee a company's strategy and assess the adequacy of the recall.