



All AFDO Can Do For You!

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What is AFDO

- AFDO is the Association of Food and Drug Officials
- For over 130 years, AFDO has:
 - *Connected* with partners
 - *Shared* knowledge
 - *Impacted* public health
 - *Protected* and educated consumers



AFDO Priorities for 2026-2027

- *Engaging* with manufactured food, produce, and retail food safety programs and partners.
- Identify, develop, and provide *Timely Training*.
- Develop and deliver the resources and opportunities that *Promote Retention*.
- Advocate for and support *Public Policy*.
- Modernize regulatory programs by leveraging, developing, and enhancing *Data and Artificial Intelligence*.



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Save The Date!

June 5-9, 2027
Glendale, Arizona

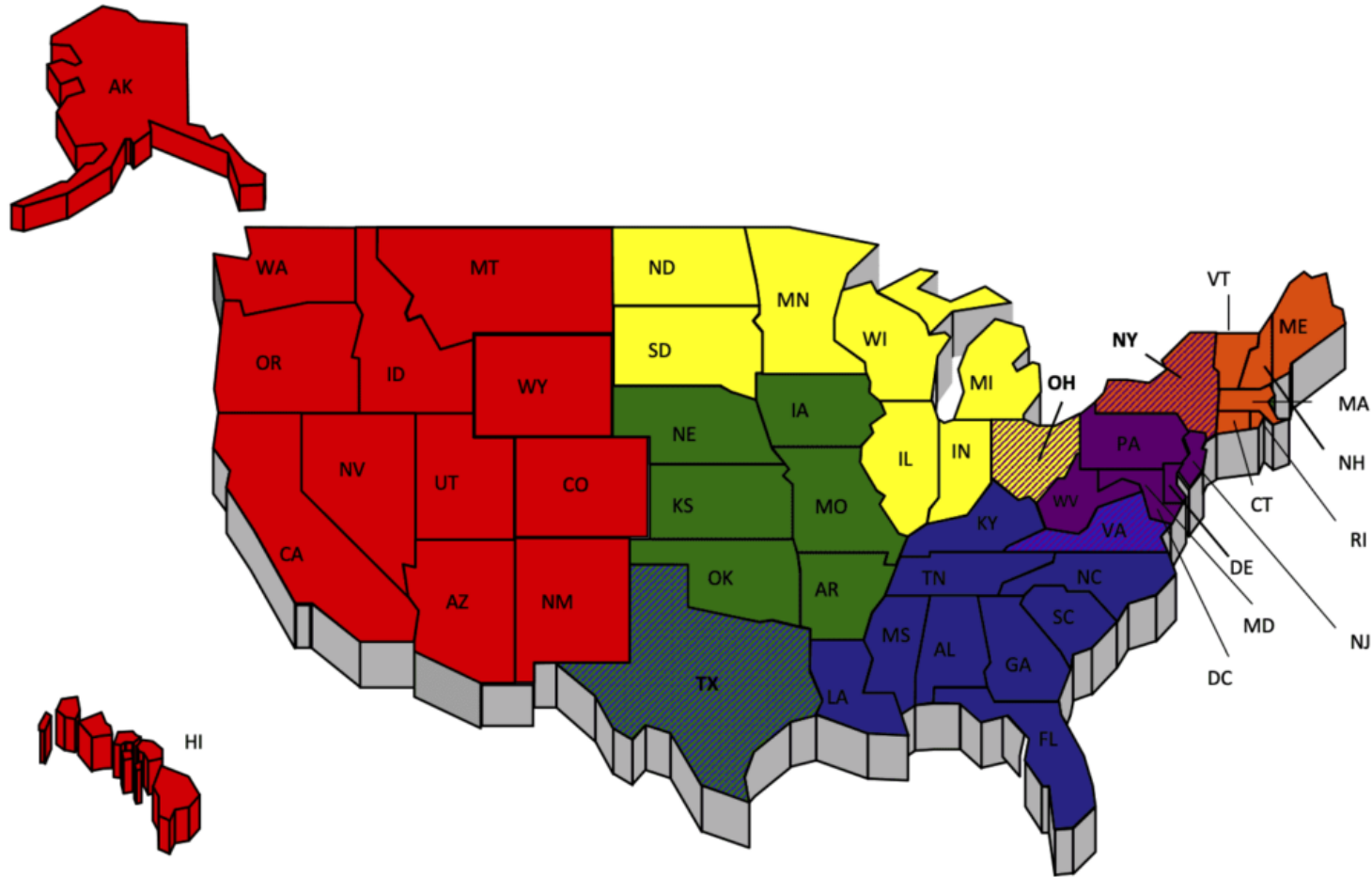


Values – AFDO Lives These Every Day

- Promoting education, communication, and cooperation among government, industry, and consumers.
- Identify, nurture, and strengthen potential collaborations that complement AFDO's efforts.
- Advance public health based on an integrated regulatory system.
- Deliver value as the “go to” source for information on food and medical products safety programs and services.



AFDO Regional Affiliates



■ **AFDOSS** (Includes Puerto Rico)

■ **CASA** (Includes District of Columbia & Eastern Ontario, Canada)

■ **MCAFD**

■ **NEFD** (Includes Quebec & Maritime Provinces, Canada)

■ **NCAFD** (Includes Manitoba & Saskatchewan, Canada)

■ **WAFD** (Includes Alberta & British Columbia, Canada; Guam and Mexico)



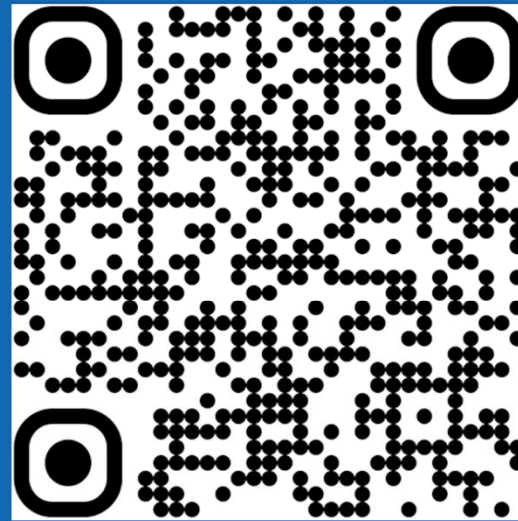


AFDO Services

Get Wise | Ask Wiley



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Connect with Experts

- **Directory of State and Local Officials**
- **Food Processing Authorities Directory**
- **Jurisdiction and Enforcement Authority Directory**
- **Retail Food Regulatory Programs Directory**
 - **Retail Food Maps**
 - **Inspection Responsibility Map**
 - **Regulatory Oversight Retail Food Map**
- **Seafood HACCP Directory**
- **AMC for Industry Leaders Trainer Directory**
- **Subject Matter Expert Directory**



A-Z Resources

Explore AFDO's A to Z Resources

Search across our extensive collection of food, drug, cosmetics, and medical product safety resources for targeted safety information.



Language Translation Page

- Over 3,000 translated handouts and videos.
- Over 50 languages available.





**NEED HELP COMMUNICATING
WITH FOOD EMPLOYEES?**
WE HAVE HELPFUL RESOURCES!

**A VARIETY OF RESOURCES COLLECTED IN
ONE PLACE, FOR YOU TO USE!**

Combining and sharing our resources will help all food safety professionals as we work towards educating food employees during inspections.



50+
LANGUAGES AVAILABLE!

Resource Formats:

- Posters
- Videos
- Reference Documents



Access all these resources here:
<https://www.afdo.org/resources>

AFDO Food Protection Educational Resource Committee



Career Center

- **State Careers Overview**
- **State Jobs by Location**
- **Federal Jobs by Location**
- **Summer Internship Grants**



food
safety
careers



Retail HACCP Review

- **AFDO offers review of Retail HACCP Plans for a fee.**
- **This service is open to retail food establishments and to state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions.**



AFDO Committees

- **Cannabis, Hemp, and Natural Psychedelics**
- **Food Defense**
- **Food Safety Education Resource Collection**
- **Food Recovery**
- **Foodborne Outbreak**
- **Industry Membership**
- **International and Government Relations**
- **Laboratory, Science, and Technology**
- **Produce Safety**
- **Professional Development**



Awards and Recognition

- **AFDO Scholarship Awards**
- **Elliot O. Grosvenor Food Safety Award**
- **Harvey W. Wiley Award**
- **Industry Member Award**
- **Joseph Corby Achievement Award**



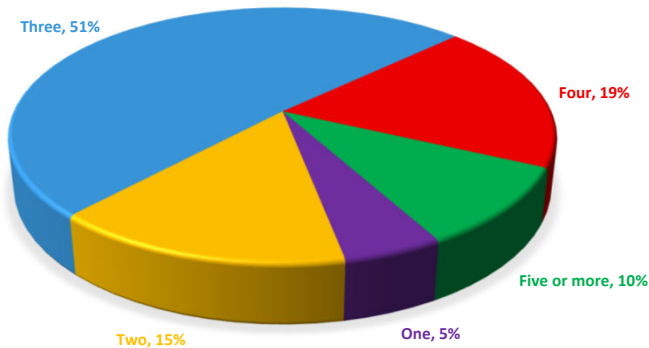
State Legislation Tracking

- Bills related to food and cannabis.
- Hundreds of bills each session.
- Bill archive going back to 2023.



State Food Program Resource Survey

How many risk categories does the program use for manufactured food facilities?



2024 state activity:

- Inspections - 1,079,309
- Complaint Investigations – 47,420
- Enforcement Actions – 40,170
- Embargoed/Quarantined (pounds) – 4,279,094
- Total Lab Analyses – 622,938



FoodSHIELD

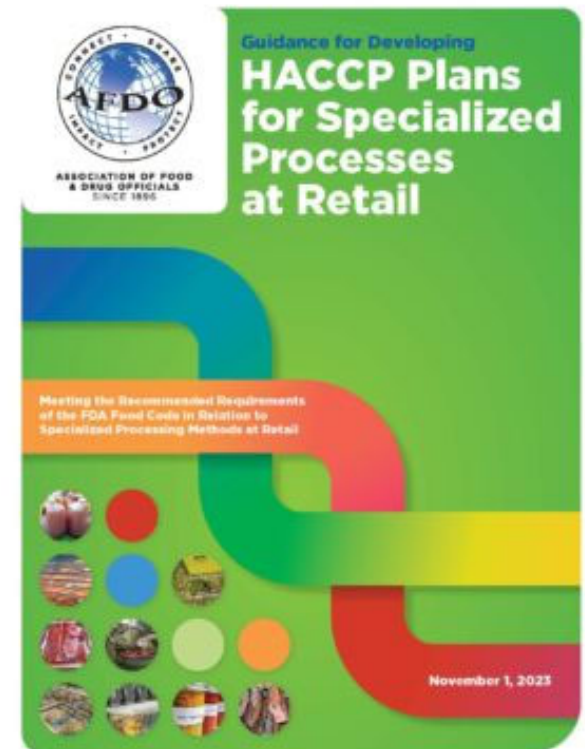
- Connects Food Safety Partners
- Strengthens the IFSS
- Improves Outbreak and Emergency Response
- Provides Training and Professional Development



Publications

Dozens of Publications including:

- Incubator Kitchens
- Transportation of Food Products
- Imported Foods
- Water Vending Machine Regulations
- Packaged and Canned Food Defect Guidelines



Federal Policy Development

AFDO is working on your behalf with Congress and other decision makers by:

- **Information Sharing**
- **Cooperative Agreement Length**
- **Transparency in Inspections Conducted**
- **Funding for SLTT Programs**





AFDO Training Opportunities

AFDO Credential Series

- **Food Safety Regulator Certification**
- **Food Foundations Regulator Certification**
- **Manufactured Foods Regulator Certification**
- **Retail Foods Regulator Certification**



AFDO Quick Bites

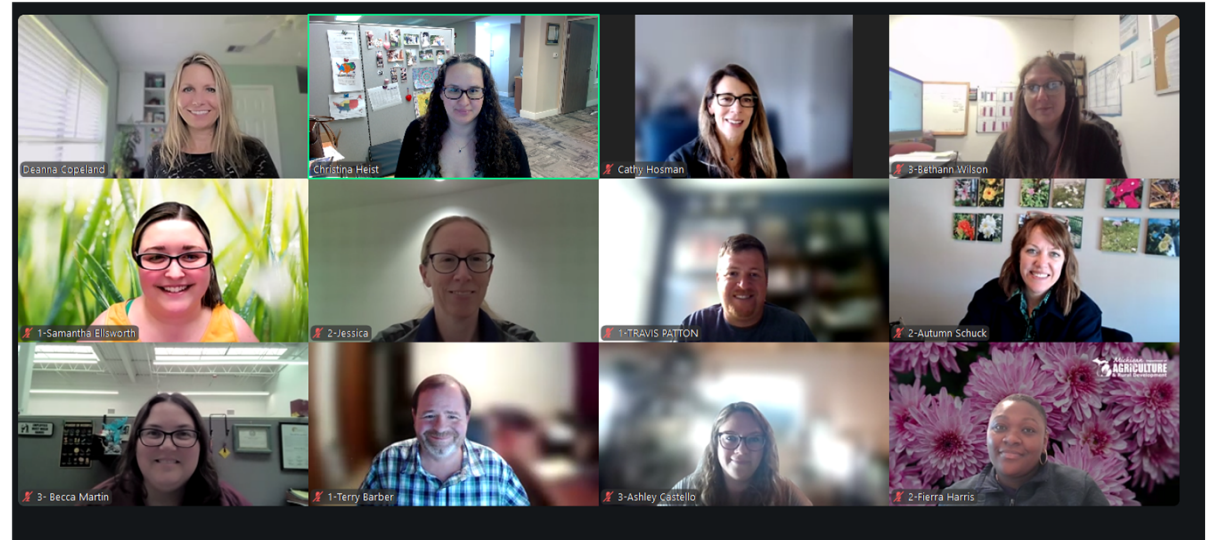


- Weekly grab and go professional development.
- Fast learning opportunities focused on soft skills.
- Designed to spark ideas for change and action.
- Supports the essential skills food safety professionals need.
- Videos, podcasts, and more.



Root Cause Analysis for Retail Food Safety Course

- Determine the underlying reason(s).
- Provide tools for problem solving.
- Data collection tools.
- Interventions and corrective actions.



Environmental Sampling Course

- Strengthen outbreak investigations.
- Gain hands-on experience.
- Build Confidence in the field.
- Learn from experienced professionals.

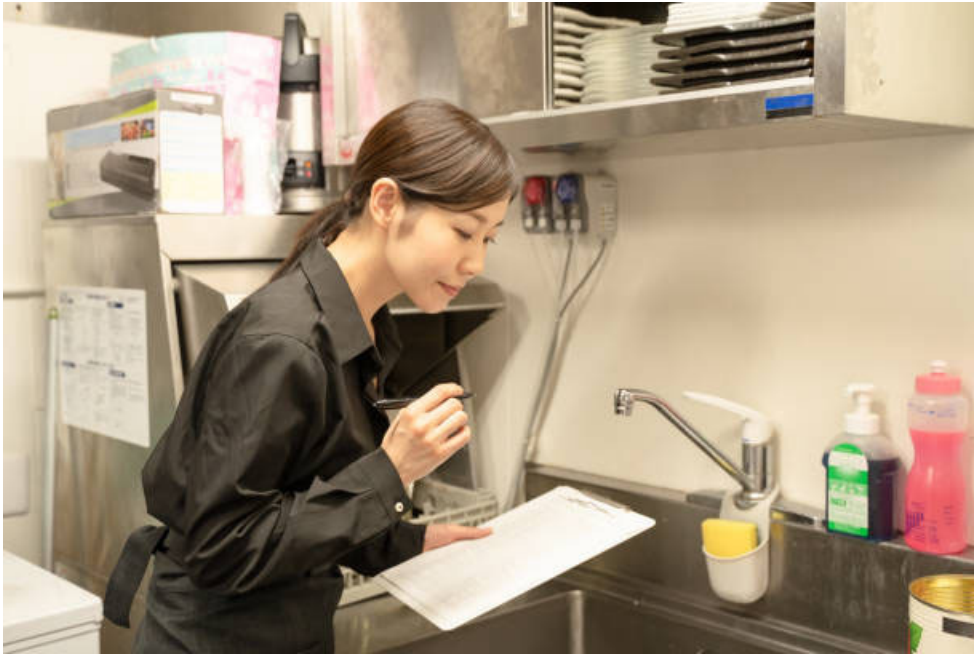


AFDO Boot Camp

- Build core regulatory skills.
- Gain practical, hands-on experience.
- Increase confidence in the field.
- Learn from experienced regulators.
- Network with peers.
- Accelerate professional development.



Basic Inspections and Investigations



This course provides basic and fundamental learning opportunities for new food regulators who have responsibilities for conducting routine and non-routine inspections, conducting investigations, and collecting product samples for analysis by a laboratory.



Communicating with Impact

- Skills for instructing, engaging, and inspiring others.
- A course for anyone who conducts meetings or trainings.



At Your Site Trainings



- Host an in-person course at your location.
- Invite other jurisdictions to attend.
- Take advantage of free seats to the course.



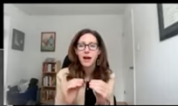
Food Safety Culture for Regulators



This workshop will teach regulators how to evaluate and strengthen the food safety cultures of an organization or establishment they regulate and how to make their regulatory practices and programs more effective.



Fresh Take Fridays Webinar Series



- Attendees gain access to emerging and high interest topics.
- Learn from recognized experts and real-world practitioners.
- Stay current without a major time commitment.
- Bring back ideas you can use immediately.



Industry Specific Courses

- **Active Managerial Control for Industry**
- **Implementing Risk-Based Inspections and Auditing for Retail Food Establishments**



AFDO 2026-2027 Training Brochure



- A list of all AFDO trainings are available in the 2026-2027 Training Brochure.
- Now is the time to invest in your team.



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