

What's New in the World of FSMA?

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A photograph of a food processing facility. In the foreground, a worker wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt, a white hairnet, a white face mask, and blue gloves is working with a large number of white plastic jugs on a conveyor belt. In the background, another worker in a white lab coat and red hairnet is holding a clipboard. The facility is filled with industrial equipment, including large metal funnels and pipes, and stacks of cardboard boxes.

WHAT'S NEW WITH FDA & FSMA?

**Food Safety Modernization Act
Celebrates its 10th Birthday!!**



10 YEARS
120 MONTHS
3652 DAYS
87660 HOURS
5259600 MINUTES
315576000 SECONDS
OF BEING AWESOME

FSMA Recap

FDA Authority

- More Inspections
- Mandatory Recall
- Expanded Record Access
- Expanded Administrative Detention
- Suspension of Registration
- Enhanced Product Tracing
- Third Party Lab Testing

Seven Rules of FSMA

**FDA FOOD SAFETY
MODERNIZATION ACT**



1. Produce Safety



2. Preventive Controls for Human Food



3. Preventive Controls for Animal Food



4. Foreign Supplier Verification Programs



5. Accredited Third Party Certification



6. Sanitary Transport



7. Intentional Adulteration

Unprecedented Approach to New Regulation

- Public Meetings
- Extensive Comment Periods
- Industry Consulting
- Long Compliance Deadlines
- Huge Focus on FDA Staff Training
- IFPTI – Training Curriculum Development

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FSMA FINAL RULES: KEY DATES



- Produce Safety Regulation (PS)*
 - Preventive Controls Human Food (PCHF)
 - Preventive Controls Animal Food (PCAF)
 - Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP)
 - Intentional Adulteration (IA)
 - Sanitary Transportation of Food (ST)
- Current Good Manufacturing Practices
Preventive Controls
Pasteurized Milk Ordinance

Proposed Food Traceability Rule

New Era of Smarter Food Safety

Except for certain provisions concerning written customer assurances. Additional two years to comply with these specific requirements.

Except for certain facilities that only pack and/or hold raw agricultural commodities that are produce and/or nut hulls and shells. Compliance date for these facilities extended approximately 16 months to match the compliance dates for businesses in the same size categories in the produce safety regulation.

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Except for certain facilities solely engaged in the ginning of cotton. Compliance

FDA's New Era of Smarter Food Safety

1. Tech-Enabled Traceability
2. Smarter Tools and Approaches for Prevention & outbreak Response
3. New Business Models & Retail Modernization
4. Food Safety Culture



FDA's Proposed Rule on Food Traceability

- **Applicable to those high-risk foods** on the “Food Traceability List”
- Traceability Capabilities:
 - Keep records on Key Data Elements (KDE)
 - Critical Tracking Events (CTE)
- Records:
 - List of your FTL foods
 - KDA & CTE records (receiving, batch sheets, etc.)
 - Lot Code definitions
- Very Small Exempt: ≤ 10 Full-time Employee
- Compliance: 2 years after final publication (Publish in Q4 = 2024/5 ???)



Food Traceability List (FTL)

- Cheese (>39% moisture)
- Shell Eggs
- Nut Butters
- Cucumber (fresh)
- Herbs (fresh)
- Leafy greens (fresh & cut)
- Melons (fresh)
- Peppers (fresh)
- Sprouts (fresh)
- Tomatoes (fresh)
- Tropical Tree Fruits (fresh)
- Fruits & Vegetables (fresh cut)
 - Rarely consumed raw are exempt
- Finfish (including smoked)
- Crustaceans
- Mollusks
- RTE Deli Salads

FDA Free/Cheap Traceability Challenge Winners (P1)

- atma.io provides item-level traceability to each participant in the food supply chain, from source to store and from farm to fork, using Avery Dennison systems and proprietary blockchain technology using Mastercard Provenance.
- [FarmTabs](#) is free, downloadable software run on Microsoft Excel that helps small and mid-size farmers manage records for traceability and other farm-related metrics.
- [Freshly](#) is traceability and batch-tracking software designed for small businesses, including retailers, manufacturers, and distributors.
- [HeavyConnect](#) provides cloud-based digital traceability and compliance documentation solutions, including an intuitive mobile app that allows producers to capture traceability data in the field and seamlessly share it across the supply chain.
- [Kezzler](#) uses self-service portals to generate item-level identifiers and associate homogenized datasets at the grower level through simple mobile applications.
- [Mojix](#) uses industry standards to link traceability events for each individual item and/or lot throughout the food supply chain to enable a low-cost and collaborative open data network.

FDA Free/Cheap Traceability Challenge Winners (P2)

- [OpsSmart](#) provides an industry-proven, cloud-based traceability software solution to meet food safety, recall management, and traceability needs of a complex supply chain.
- [Precise's](#) Traceability Suite delivers efficient end-to-end supply chain tracking to all segments of the food market by utilizing geospatial, machine learning, and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies.
- [Roambee/GSM/Wiliot's](#) solution uses low-cost IoT sensor tags in combination with shipment visibility and verification technologies to provide end-to-end traceability from farm to plate.
- [Rfider](#) is software-as-a-service that simplifies capturing, securing, and sharing critical event data along supply chains all the way to consumers.
- [TagOne](#) uses a role-based data capture framework that updates an open source blockchain platform, leverages industry standards to ensure interoperability, and ensures ease of use and data security.
- [Wholechain](#) is a supply chain traceability system that utilizes blockchain technology, in collaboration with Mastercard, to trace products back to their original source.

Traceability Rule Exemptions

- Small Establishments (< 10 Full-time, farms exempt from PSA, < \$25k annual sales)
- Farms
 - Direct to consumer sales
 - Packaged on farm
- Processed with 5-log Reduction Kill Step
- Produce that's not Consumed Raw (asparagus, beans)
- Personal Consumption
- Transporters, Non-Profit, Temp-Holding Warehouse (not distribution)



Proposed Agricultural Water Rule

- Part of the Produce Safety Rule
- Why?
 - Many produce outbreaks traced to contaminated irrigation water & nearby ponds/streams
- Initial mandatory micro limits proposed were challenged by industry



Proposed Agricultural Water Rule



- Revised Subpart E of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.
- Comment Period closed this week.
- FDA is exercising enforcement discretion.
- Replace mandatory micro limits with ag water assessments.



https://agwaterassessment.fda.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Exceptions

- Harvest & Post-Harvest Water
- Public Water System
- Meets Standards in Produce Safety Rule
- Sprout Water isn't Applicable



Factors that Covered Farms Would be Required to Assess

Factor	Description
Agricultural water system(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location and nature of the water source (including whether it is ground water or surface water) • The type of water distribution system (such as whether it is open or closed to the environment) • The degree to which the system is protected from possible sources of contamination, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ other users of the water system ◦ animal impacts (such as from grazing animals, working animals, and animal intrusion) ◦ adjacent and nearby land uses related to animal activity, the application of biological soil amendments of animal origin, or the presence of untreated or improperly treated human waste
Agricultural water practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The type of application method (such as overhead sprinkler or spray; drip, furrow, flood, and seepage irrigation) • The time interval between the last direct application of agricultural water and harvest of the covered produce (other than sprouts)
Crop characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susceptibility of the produce to surface adhesion or internalization of hazards
Environmental conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of heavy rain or extreme weather events that may impact the agricultural water system – such as by stirring sediments that may contain human pathogens - or that may impact or damage produce. Damage can increase the susceptibility of produce to contamination. • Air temperatures • Sun (UV) exposure
Other relevant factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including, if applicable, results of testing that could inform the assessment

Possible Actions Required



If you determine	Then you must
<p>that your agricultural water is not safe or is not of adequate sanitary quality for intended use(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately discontinue use (s) <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take corrective measures before resuming use of the water for pre-harvest activities
<p>there is one or more known or reasonably foreseeable hazards related to animal activity, BSAAOs, or untreated or improperly treated human waste for which mitigation is reasonably necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement mitigation measures promptly, and no later than the same growing season
<p>there is one or more known or reasonably foreseeable hazards not related to animal activity, BSAAOs, or untreated or improperly treated human waste, for which mitigation is reasonably necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement mitigation measures as soon as practicable and no later than the following year <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test water as part of the assessment and implement measures, as needed, based on the outcome of the assessment
<p>that there are no known or reasonably foreseeable hazards for which mitigation is reasonably necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect and adequately maintain the water system(s) regularly, and at least once each year



**2019 – 2022
FDA Inspection
Analysis**



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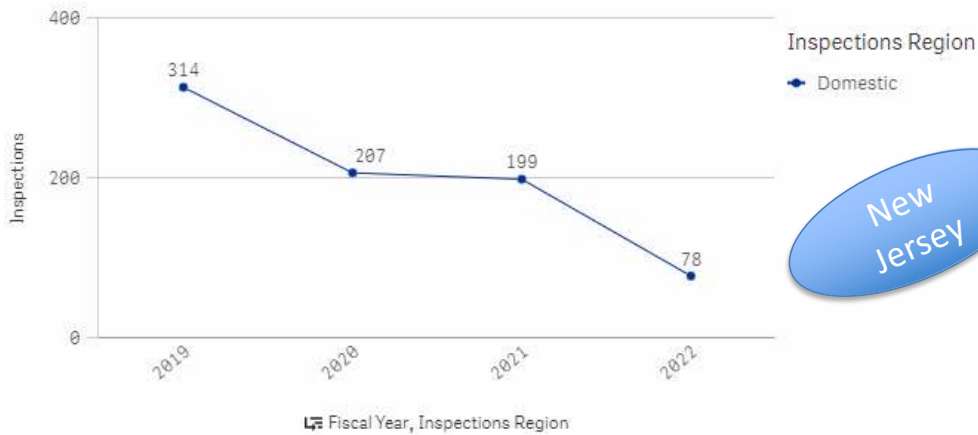
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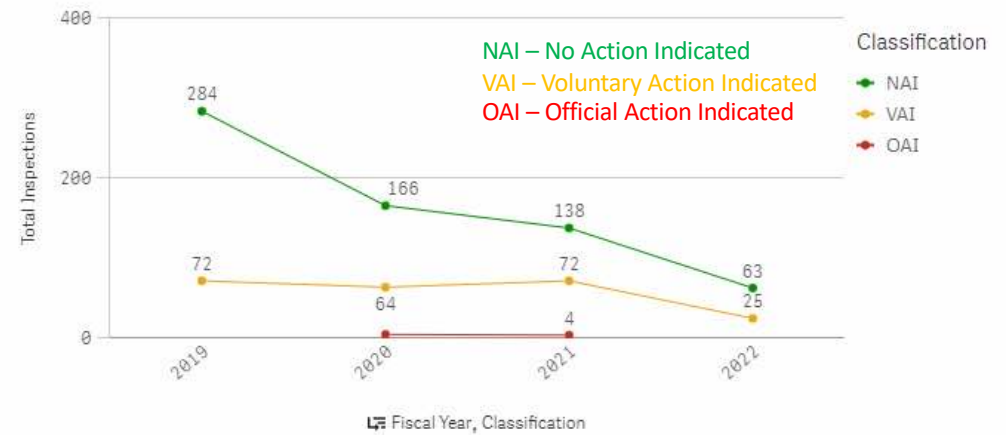
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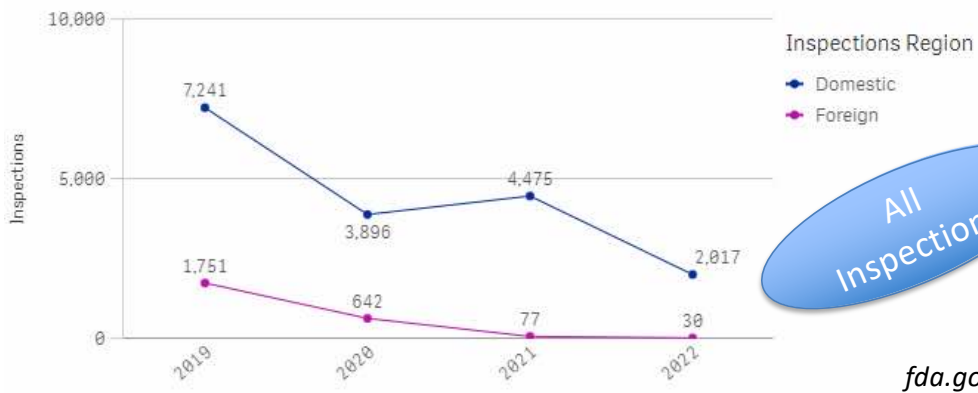
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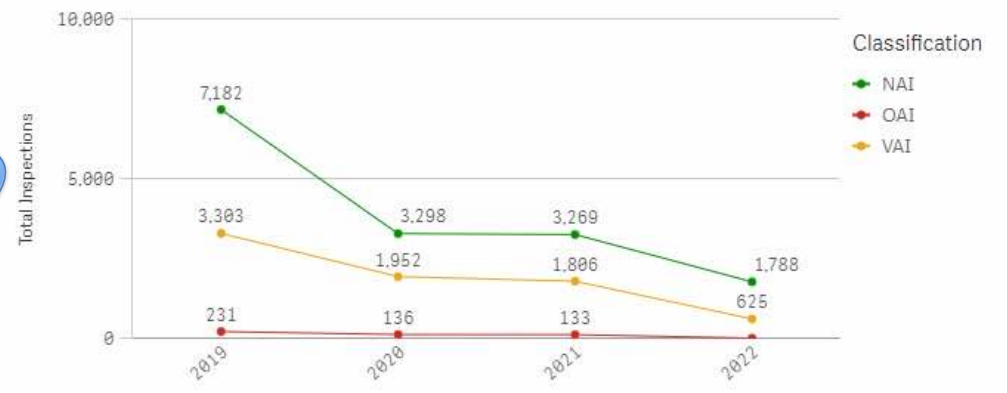
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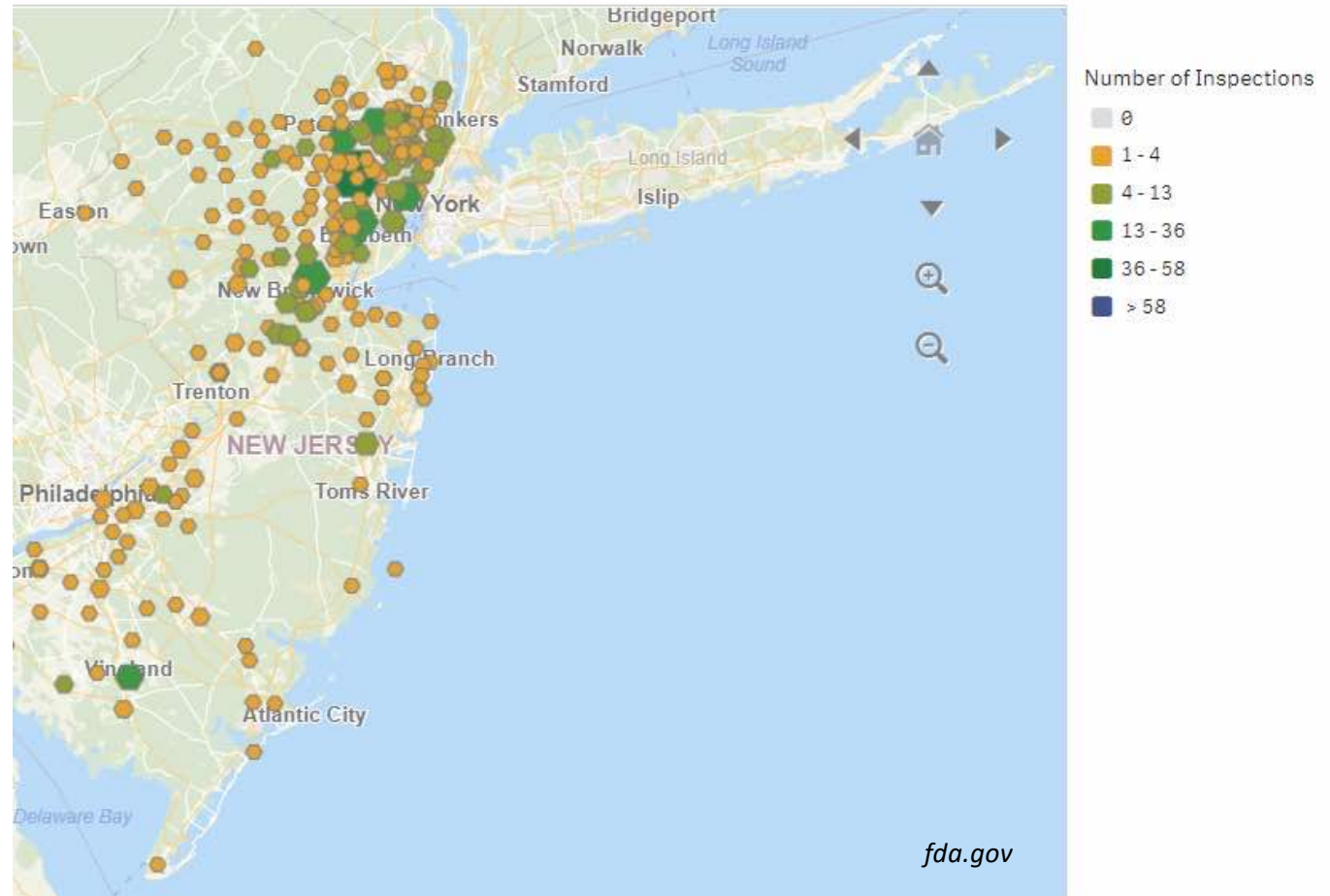
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Domestic Inspections

Total: 798



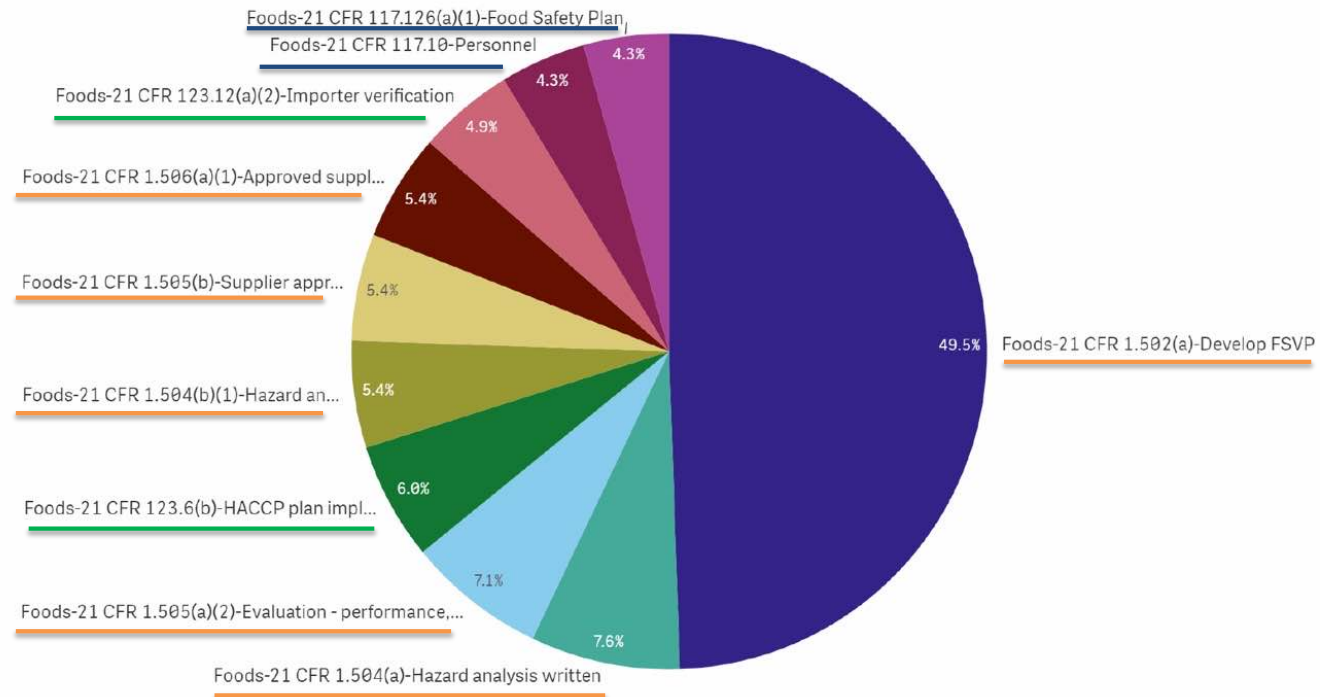
Distribution of
FDA Inspections
in New Jersey

New Jersey's Top 10 FDA Citations ('19-'22)

- General Enforcement Regulations 21 CFR 1**
 - 50% Failure to develop a Foreign Supplier Verification Program for imported foods.
 - 7.5% Not having Hazard Analysis written
 - 7% No documented Foreign Supplier evaluation
 - 5% Failing to identify hazards in HA
 - 5% No Approved Supplier List
 - 5% No Approved Supplier Procedures
- Fish & Fishery Products 21 CFR 123**
 - 6% No implemented HACCP Plan
 - 5% No written verification procedures for foreign suppliers
- Preventive Controls for Human Foods 21 CFR 117**
 - 4% Personal Hygiene cGMP violations
 - 4% Failure to have a written Food Safety Plan

Top 10 Citations

Fiscal Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

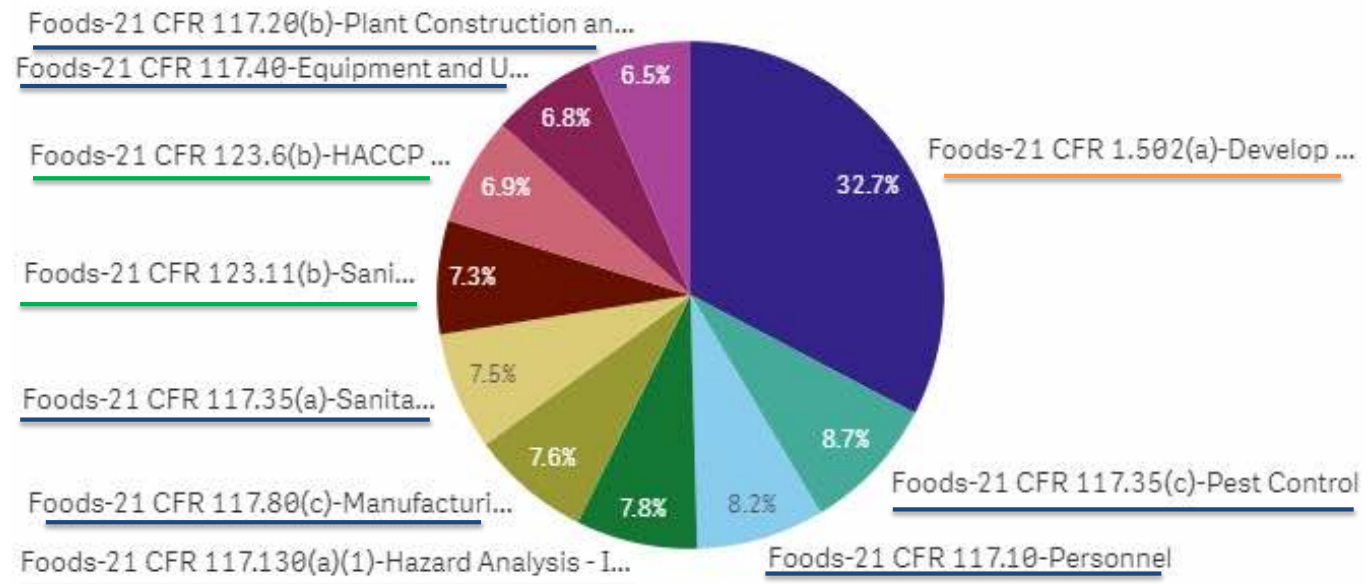


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How Citations Compares with USA ('19-'22)

- **General Enforcement Regulations 21 CFR 1**
 - 33% Failure to develop a Foreign Supplier Verification Program for imported foods.
- **Fish & Fishery Products 21 CFR 123**
 - 7% No implemented HACCP Plan
 - 7% Insufficient Sanitation Monitoring
- **Preventive Controls for Human Foods 21 CFR 117**
 - 9% Pest Control failures
 - 8% Personal Hygiene cGMP violations
 - 8% Not having Hazard Analysis written
 - 8% Manufacturing Violations/Contamination
 - 8% Unsanitary Conditions
 - 7% Equipment & Utensil violations
 - 7% Inadequate Plant Design or Issues with Grounds

Top 10 Citations
Fiscal Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022



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2019-2022 FDA Recalls

Recall Events by Status
Fiscal Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022



Recalled Products by Classification
Fiscal Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022



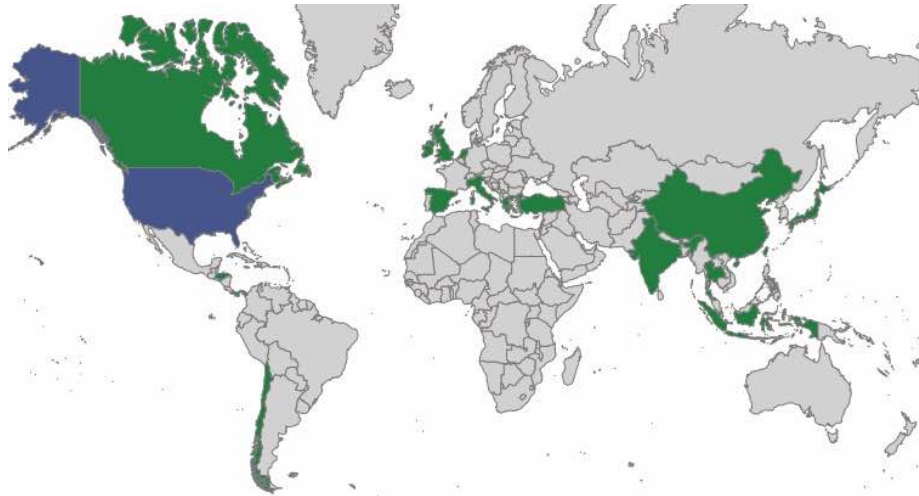
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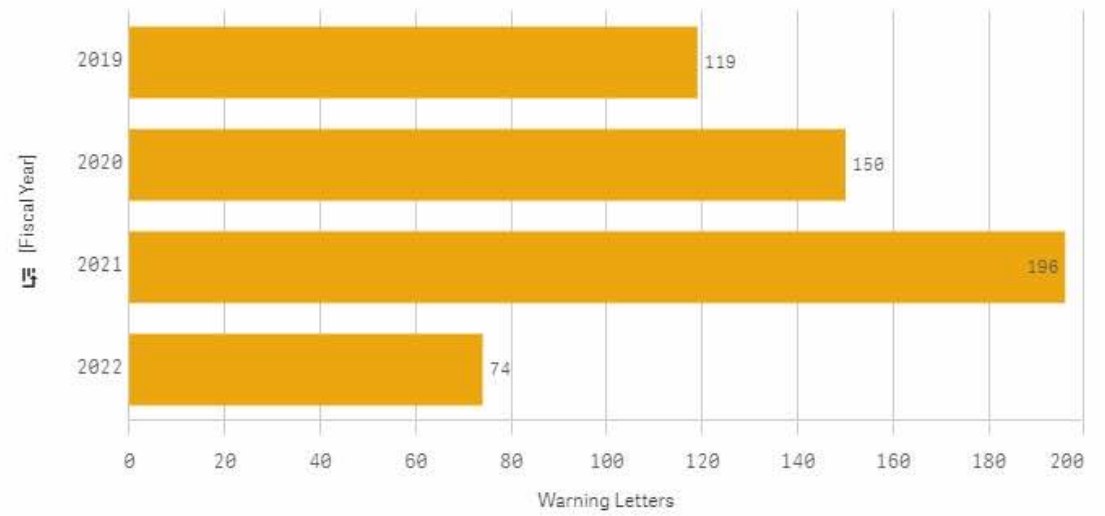
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Warning Letters by Fiscal Year

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Other Recent Items

- **21 Forward** – Data analysis tool, using CDC data to track COVID-19 occurrences and determine where there might be interruptions in the food supply.
- **Import Screening** – Enhanced Food Traceability Predictive Analytics to predict import issues
- **Remote Inspections** – Already doing this with Foreign Suppliers.
- **User Fees:**
 - Reinspection (~\$300/hour to travel, prepare, and conduct inspections)
 - Third-Party Certification Program (TPP) - \$45k
 - Voluntary Qualified Importer Program (VQIP) - \$16k

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- Having pride in your work and making a difference in service to U.S. agriculture

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**April 5, 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT
May 3, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT**

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