

FDA Office of State Cooperative Programs: Adapting to Challenges & Building for the Future

Northeast Breakout Session



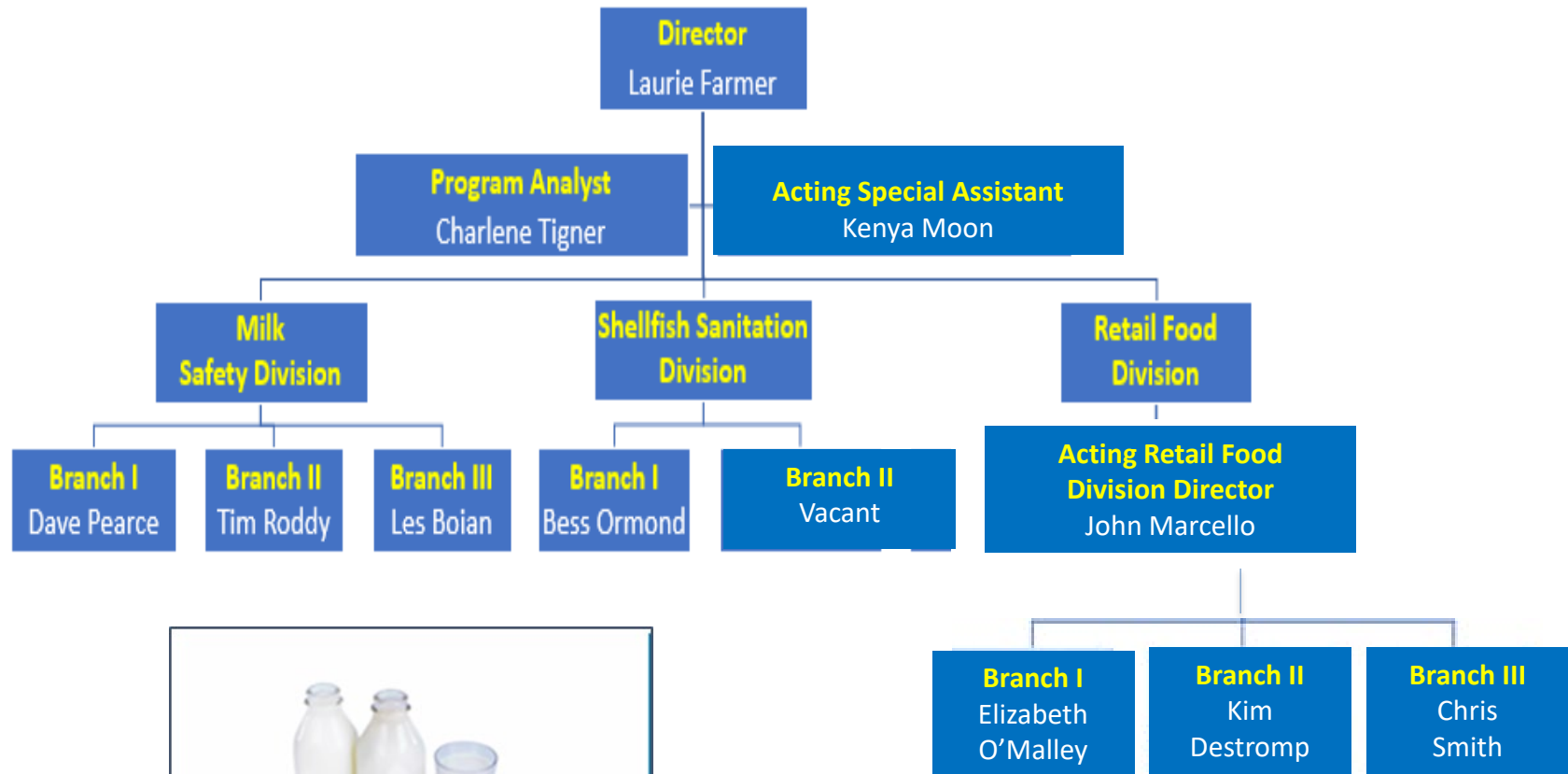
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Presentation Outline



- Who we are
- What we do
- How we've adapted
- The road ahead

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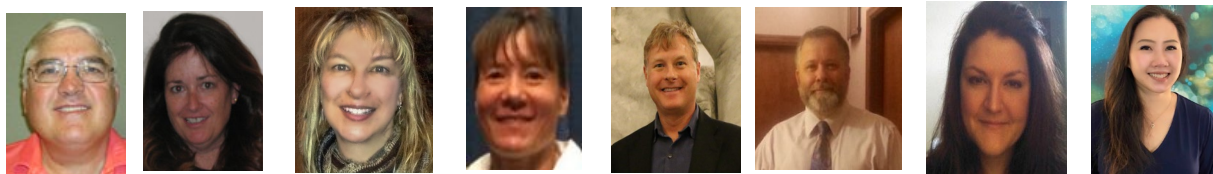
Branch 1



Branch 2



Branch 3



Building Office Infrastructure



- Completing the hiring process for **5 FTE** vacancies
 - Retail Food Division Director
 - 4 Retail Food Specialists

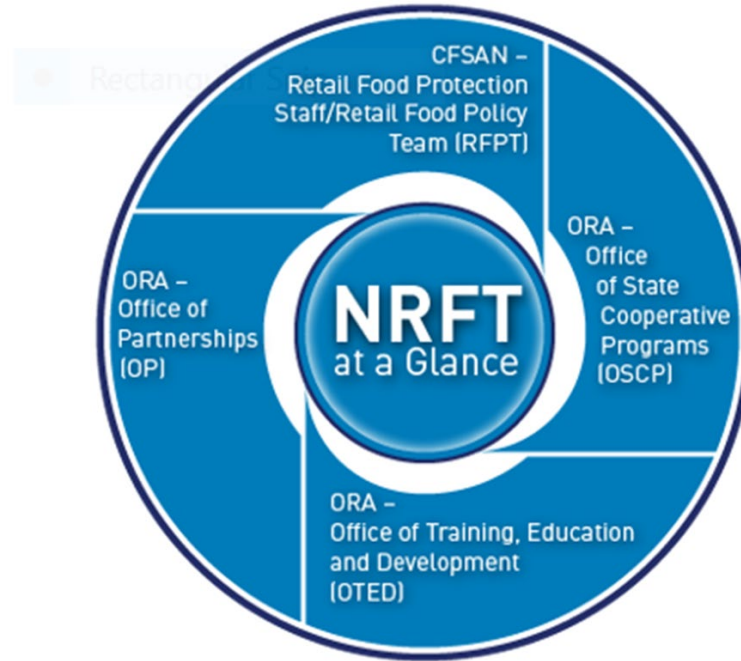
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- What we are about:
 - Partnership
 - Collaboration
 - Multiplier effect

Strengthening Internal Collaboration

National Retail Food Team (NRFT)



**Mutual Reliance for Achieving
Public Health Outcomes**

Developed the National Retail Food Team (NRFT)

- 5-year Strategic Plan
- 2-year Operation Plan

FDA National Retail Food Team's Strategic Goal & Objectives



GOAL: Reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors in food establishments

(Metric: FDA Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Study & State, Local, Tribal, & Territorial (SLTT) Risk Factor Studies)

1. Increase uniformity, consistency, and capacity of SLTT retail food protection programs

- Promote adoption of Science based guidance
- Drive progress & conformance with Program Standards
- Maximize implementation of Standardization
- Provide Tech Assistance & Training
- Build capacity for better FBI Surveillance & Response
- Create new & strengthen Partnerships

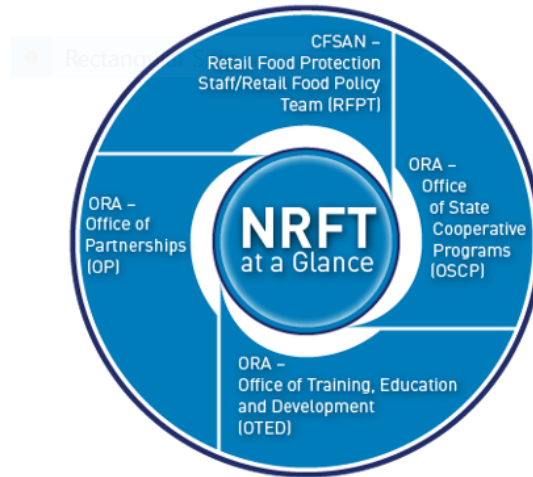
2. Promote industry's active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors & promote a culture of food safety

- Increase use of Food Safety Management Systems
- Encourage/support development of new technology and interventions
- Monitor emerging managerial practices, food safety culture and behavioral science in relation to evolving business models.
- Monitor and assess industry compliance

3. Maintain a strong NRFT work force

- Optimize resource allocation
- Attract, retain, and optimally deploy a highly skilled workforce
- Advance the professional development and technical expertise of staff
- Promote a value-based organizational culture

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Advancing with Technology

FY21 - Working with OTED to deliver **48** retail food courses using a virtual platform
FY22 – **50** virtual retail courses scheduled



- Partnering with Professional Associations and National Conferences on the virtual delivery of education sessions and meetings:
 - NEHA AEC – 3 educational sessions
 - CFP – 2021 Biennial Meeting
 - NACCHO AEC
 - AFDO AEC
- FDA's Retail Food Seminars

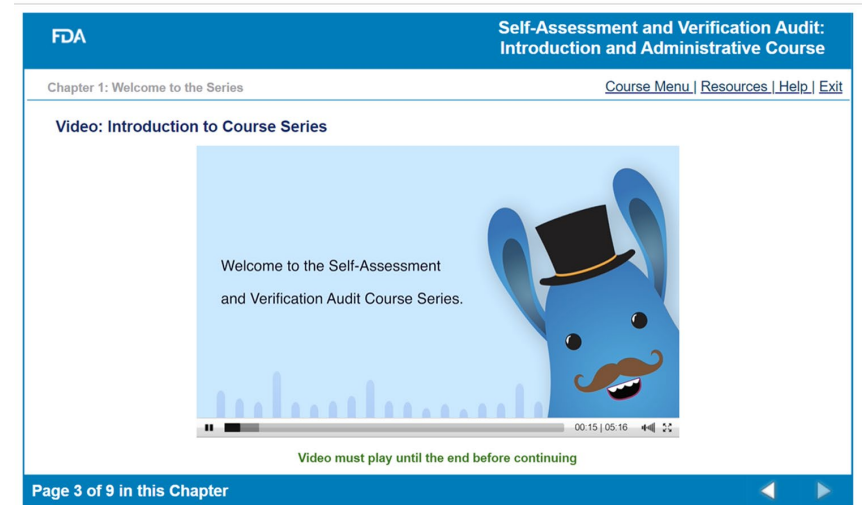
Self-Assessment/Verification Audit

Workshops

Face to Face Workshops Planned for 2022:

- **NEHA 2022 AEC & Exhibition**
 - **Spokane, Washington**
 - **June 28–July 1, 2022**
- **Southeast area**
 - **Charlotte or Tampa**
 - **Feb 2022**

Virtual SA/VA Courses “under development”



National Risk Factor Study

- Deli study available: RFS are available to give presentation
- Plan for resuming next round of data collection



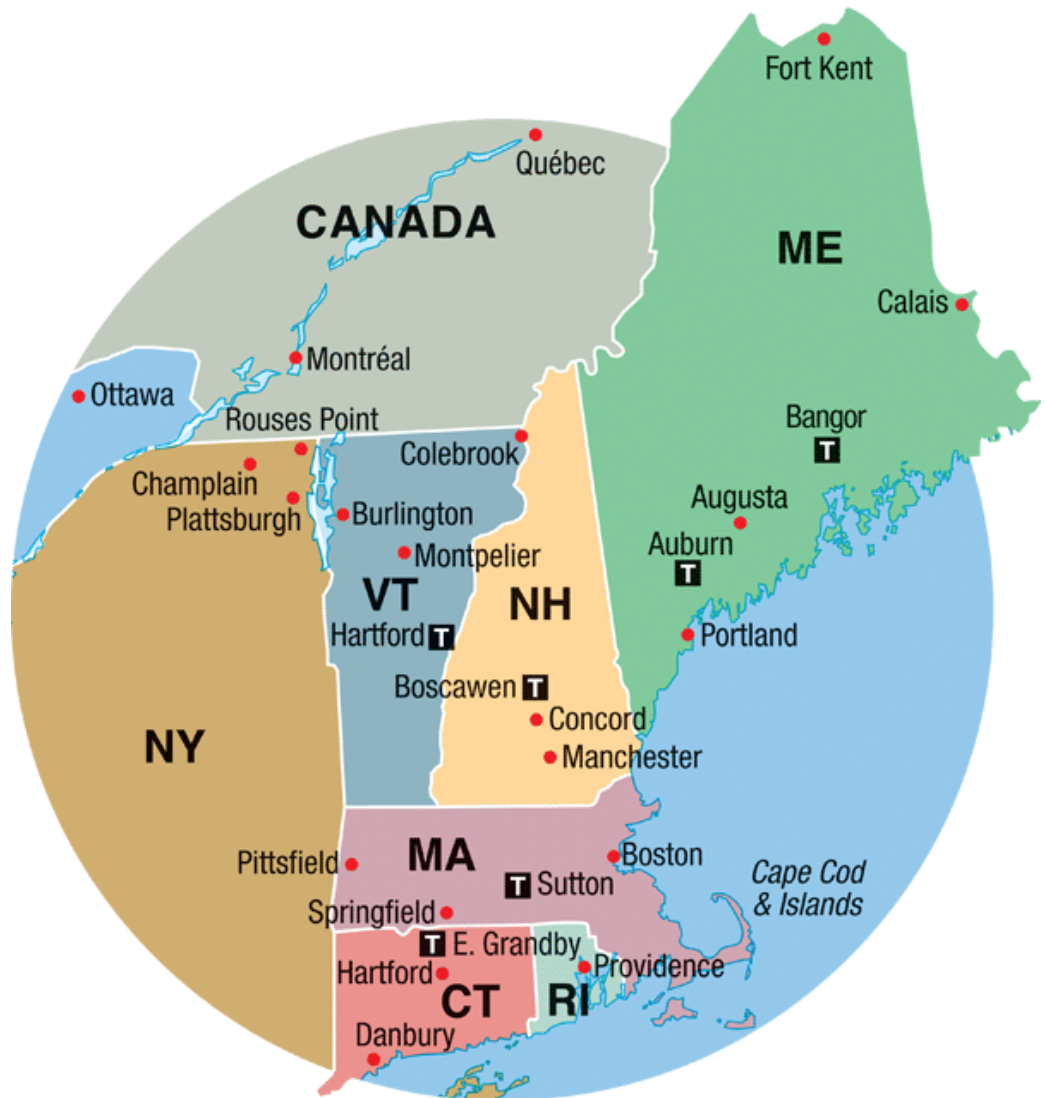
Food Safety Revolution

Need to MODERNIZE our food safety approaches:

- Technology
- Data
- Public Health focus
- Funding
- Collaboration



Northeast Highlights



Questions?

