

## **Monetary Support Awarded to Promote Animal and Egg Production Food Safety**

Nine states will receive \$275,000 to help educate food animal producers about production practices that promote food safety. Through cooperative agreements, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) entered a cooperative agreement to provide states with funding and resources to develop state-level animal production food safety partnerships.

FSIS has entered into these agreements with State Departments of Agriculture and/or state animal health agencies to encourage development of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) -compatible animal production food safety practices.

The funds will support a variety of educational programs and initiatives, including demonstrations of best management practices for producers, methods to improve humane handling of livestock, antibiotic residue avoidance and compliance with the Food and Drug Administration's ruminant feed ban.

States to receive the funding for 2004:

- Florida
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- South Dakota
- Vermont
- West Virginia

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