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# Overview of Federal Food Safety Partners: AMS

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# AMS Mission

- To facilitate the efficient and fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops

# Food Safety Activities

- Commodity procurement
- Auditing
- Laboratory analyses
- Extension and outreach

# Commodity Procurement

- Purchase foods for Federal nutrition assistance programs
- National School Lunch Program FY12
  - Purchased approximately 145 million pounds beef
  - Collected approximately 26,000 samples

# Auditing

- Commodity vendors
- AMS-designated laboratories
- Good agricultural practices for producers, packers, shippers, and processors

# Laboratory Analyses

- Testing of purchased commodities
- Pesticide Data Program
- Miscellaneous support

# Extension and Outreach

- Liaison-type position with FDA
- Feedback from ARS on fruit and vegetable testing programs
- Feedback from FSIS on meat testing programs
- FSIS illness investigations/recalls
- Produce Safety University – FNS/AMS

# Opportunities

- Partnering with FSIS and ARS
- Increased data sharing
  - Real-time access to databases
  - Targeted reports
  - AMS isolate typing
  - PHIS

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