

NCIMS Update

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Brian Wise – NCIMS Chair



Agenda



- Activities After the 2025 Conference
- 2027 Conference
- 2029 Conference
- FDA Trainings
- Lab Pilot Program
- Vitamins



2025 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments

- April 11th – 16th, 2025
- Hyatt Regency – Minneapolis



2025 NCIMS



Actions after the 2025 NCIMS

- Concurrence Meeting with FDA
 - January 2026
- IMS-a-54
 - Issued March 30, 2026
- M-I-26-01
 - Issued June 29, 2026
- M-I-26-02
 - Issued July 8, 2026

2025 NCIMS



Actions after the 2025 NCIMS

- All documents available in multiple locations.
 - FDA Website
 - FDA GAMS
 - NCIMS.org (NCIMS Documents)

NCIMS

National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments

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NCIMS DOCUMENTS

DOWNLOAD ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance

Download a copy of the [2025 Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance](#)

2025 NCIMS



Actions after the 2025 NCIMS

- Study Committees
 - 15r Study Committee
 - Brandon Wolf – Chair
 - Dr. Patrick Gorden – Vice Chair
 - 16p Study Committee
 - Jim Allyn – Chair
 - Natasha Banton – Vice Chair

2025 NCIMS



Actions after the 2025 NCIMS

- Study Committees
 - On-Farm Biosecurity
 - Brad Turpin – Chair
 - Alex Beard – Vice Chair
 - Public Health Emergencies Study Committee
 - Casey McCue – Chair
 - Roger Hooi – Vice Chair

2025 NCIMS



Actions after the 2025 NCIMS

- Study Committees
 - Study Committee on Program Efficiency
 - Dr. Steve Beam – Chair
 - Dustin Cox – Vice Chair
 - PMO Water Review Committee
 - Dave Kedzierski – Chair
 - Chris Hylkema – Vice Chair

2027 NCIMS



2027 NCIMS

- April 20th to 25th, 2027
- St. Louis, Missouri – Union Station Hotel



2027 NCIMS



2027 NCIMS

- Proposal Deadline will be January 15, 2027.



2029 NCIMS



2029 NCIMS...*tentative*

- The Atlantis, Reno, NV
 - March 22nd to 29th, 2029



FDA Trainings



New for FY27

- Bi-monthly training bulletins
 - Course Announcements
 - Registration Deadlines
- State Level Notifications
 - Student Registration and Roster Notifications
 - Registration Technical Assistance Sessions

FDA Trainings



Continuous Course Improvement

- Reviewing and updating course materials
- Incorporating interactive training exercises
- Acquiring hands-on training equipment and visual aids
- Dedicated instructors for consistent course delivery

FDA Trainings



Goals for FY27

- Distribution of course announcements prior to AFDO grant portal opening to provide students with travel dates/locations prior to applying for funding.

FDA Trainings



Goals for FY27

- Improve student communication regarding preparation materials and supplies to bring prior to travel date for courses.

FDA Trainings



Course Offerings for FY27

- 1-Offering FD371: Milk Pasteurization Controls and Tests
- 1-Offering FD372: Milk Plant Sanitation and Inspection
- 1-Offering FD373: State Milk Laboratory Evaluation Officer (LEO) Course
- 2-Offerings FD375: Dairy Farm Sanitation and Inspection
- 1-Offering FD577: Special Problems in Milk Protection
- 1-Offering FD578: Advanced Milk Processing
- Offering TBD - FD374: Laboratory Examination of Dairy Products

FDA Trainings



Course Offerings for FY27

- *New:* FD570 High-Risk Dairy Manufactured Products: Fresh, Raw, and Frozen course.
 - **Course Description** - This course focuses on high-risk manufactured dairy products. It is an advanced, performance-based training designed to strengthen regulatory inspection capabilities for high-risk, non-Grade A dairy products.
 - First pilot course is happening this fall with limited number of seats. Anticipating offering a full class next year after evaluation of the pilot course.

FDA Trainings



New email for contact

- Training mailbox for state partners to send questions, concerns, and feedback:
 - HFP_Dairy_Training@fda.hhs.gov

Lab Pilot Program



M-a-100

- Issued in November 2020
- Established an Alternate Emergency Procedure for Granting Provisional Certification for New LEO Candidates in Response to COVID-19.

Lab Pilot Program



M-a-100

- Proposal 224 at the 2023 NCIMS
- Proposal did not pass as submitted
- The proposal that passed was to establish a study committee.

Lab Pilot Program



Proposal 224 from 2023

- The assigned study committee will develop and, with concurrence of the NCIMS Executive Board:
 - Implement a program to pilot strategies to reduce program delays and to increase program efficiencies;
 - Report to the Executive Board on activities and findings;
 - As warranted, submit potential proposals for consideration at the next Conference.

Lab Pilot Program

Proposal 224 from 2023

- Pilot program halted by FDA in February 2026.



Lab Pilot Program



Proposal 304 from 2023

- Similar to Proposal 204, but was geared towards state Central Lab Analysts.
- Also assigned to a study committee.
- Pilot was also halted at the same time as the dLEO program.

Lab Pilot Program



FDA Work Plan

- For the remainder of FY26, and moving forward, FDA will prioritize the work as follows:
 - State Central Labs
 - LEO Candidates (to get them certified)
 - dLEO Candidates (to get them certified)
 - Established LEO's

Lab Pilot Program



FDA Work Plan

- This plan means that some Established LEO's will go past their due date and some dLEO's will not be seen in this FDA Fiscal year.
- Both categories will be able to continue conducting surveys as the FDA works through their 3-year plan.

Lab Pilot Program



FDA Work Plan

- FDA plans to perform 7 additional state central laboratory evaluations in the remainder of this fiscal year. This is an important part of FDA's continued oversight of the laboratory program.
- FDA has committed to performing additional evaluations in the 4 states with requests for LEO candidate certification. This will result in the certification of 5 new LEOs (4 candidates and 1 dLEO), allowing us to maintain continuity for state dairy laboratory programs. Established LEO's will also be evaluated in some of these states.

Lab Pilot Program



FDA Work Plan

- Additionally, FDA plans to fully certify at least 6 dLEOs during the remainder of FY 2026 in conjunction with on-site evaluations of State Central laboratories. Please note that dLEOs will continue to be able to perform on-site industry laboratory evaluations beyond the established expiration date of their certification while FDA works to fully certify these individuals.

Lab Pilot Program



FDA Work Plan

- FDA is committed to timely on-site evaluations to certify LEO candidates. Based on the current and projected requests for certification, this reasonably fits into FDA's workplan efforts for FY2026. Over time, FDA will work to reduce the number of dLEOs that remain in the program.

Vitamin Testing



NCIMS Lab Subcommittee

- Gene Stegman, Laura Traas, Wendy Landry, Shawn Lee, Roger Hooi
- FDA – Heather Harbottle and Sean Montgomery
- Last meeting was 5.29.26

Vitamin Testing



NCIMS Lab Subcommittee

- FDA has collected Vitamin data from 3rd party labs
- FDA is Reviewing:
 - Data
 - Methods
 - Split Sample Program

Vitamin Testing



History

- 1995 Origins of the program
- 4 sets of samples every 3 months (16 samples/year)
- No onsite visits
- Cannot miss more than 2 of 16 samples per year

Vitamin Testing



History

- 1995/1996 Report
 - As the present split sample results for vitamin A and D3 show, **most laboratories are capable** of analyzing vitamins A and D3 in milk accurately and precisely. However, **more than a third of the laboratories were out of the 80 - 120% range** of the target value and about **50% of the labs were out of the 90 - 110%** range of the target value. It is imperative that more replicate analysis of split samples be performed to conclusively establish the competency of the laboratories.

Vitamin Testing



History

- Differing methods, extraction, instrumentation, recovery efficiencies, and reporting (per gram, 100 grams, per quart)

Vitamin Testing



Current Day

- What does it mean?
- Discretion
- Interpretation with knowledge accuracies and precision variations
- Cannot test to a solution (cost burden)
- Supported by vitamin reconciliation/usage control practices
- Follow PMO guidance

Vitamin Testing



Current Day

- Vitamin issues appears to be less?
 - Labs may be improving
- States and industry are taking reasonable approaches
 - Not testing alone

2027 NCIMS



Mark Your Calendars!

- April 20th to 25th, 2027
- St. Louis, Missouri – Union Station Hotel



Questions?

