



Fruit & Vegetable Inspection Service Update

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F & V Inspection Service

- Housed in the PPPM Division of MDARD.
- This unit provides unbiased third-party grading services and verification of fruit and vegetable quality and condition.
- In addition, these staff provide GAP/GHP audits and CA storage licensing inspections.
- Exists under a cooperative agreement between MDARD and USDA-AMS.

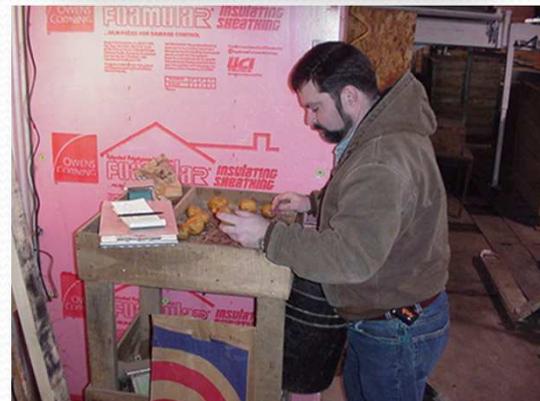


Our Dedicated F&V Staff

- Robert McCully – Field Supervisor
- David Bliss
- Jeff Bugni
- Brent Gilley
- Robert Witgen
- Julie Yocum
- Administrative Support - Vacant

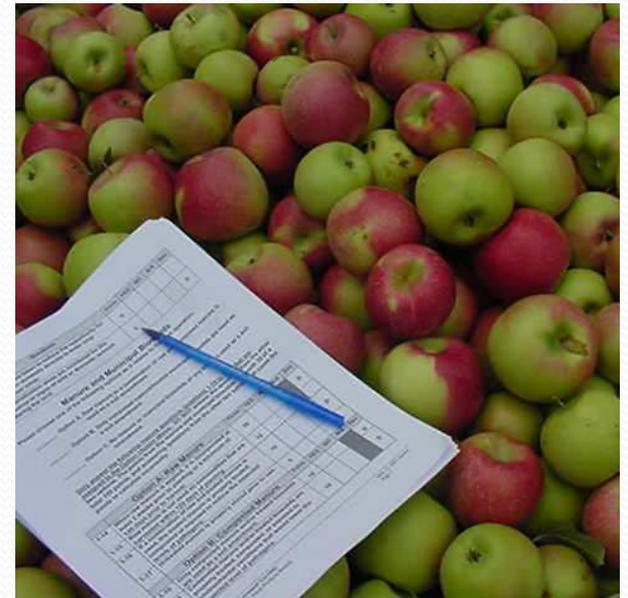
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- Each inspector is licensed and trained by USDA and senior MDARD staff to insure nationwide uniformity.
- ALL F&V staff must be licensed by USDA for each commodity that they inspect.



Types of Inspections

- Market Inspections
- Process Inspections
- Shipping Point Inspections
- GAP/GHP Food Safety Audits
- CA Storage



Types of Inspections

Market Inspections

- Inspections of incoming or outgoing produce to verify Michigan food buyer specifications or USDA standards.
- 782 inspections performed in FY'13



Types of Inspections

Process Inspections

- Performed to verify the quality and condition of raw produce arriving at receiving points.
- Based on USDA standards and/or processor specifications.
- 392 inspections performed in FY'13



Types of Inspections

Shipping Point Inspections

- Mandatory for F&V commodities being exported, sold to the U.S. military, and sold to school lunch programs.
- Verifies produce meets the grade on the container or bags.
- 632 inspections performed in FY'13



Types of Inspections

GHP/GAP Food Safety Audits

- Conducted at packing houses and farms throughout Michigan.
- Required for federal contracts (and by most major retailers).
- 267 audits performed in FY'13





F&V Staffing & Budget Information

F&V Staffing Levels –

- 6 field, 1 administrative support (currently vacant)
- 46% fewer staff than in 2001

F&V Budget –

- The program remains heavily reliant on General Fund
- Average since 2001 = 53%
- 63% in FY'2013

F&V Staffing & Budget Information

Inspection Revenue –

- FY'2011 - \$404,615
- FY'2012 - \$382,996
- FY'2013 - \$315,891



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