





FMI Regulatory Update

What are We Facing in 2019?

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FMI Proudly Advocates On Behalf Of The Food Retail Industry

- FMI membership covers the spectrum of diverse venues where food is sold.
- ► FMI conducts programs in public and government affairs, food safety, research, education and industry relations on behalf of its ~1,000 food retail and wholesale member companies in the U.S. and around the world.











Jobs 22.8 million

Wages \$729 billion

Taxes \$913 billion



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New Congress, Regulatory Landscape: Divided We Stand

- ▶ D House + R Senate = Logjam
- ➤ 2020 Presidential election impact
- ➤ Greater emphasis on states/localities/ballot initiatives, and Executive Branch
- ► Shutdown ripple effects
- ► More attempts to reduce regulation
 - > USDA must eliminate 2 regs to create a new 1



USDA: New Leadership, Mission Areas FDA: New Head of Food Safety

- ► New USDA Deputy Under Secretaries
 - > Mindy Brashears (FSIS), Scott Hutchins (REE), Naomi Earp (OCR)
- ► New USDA Under Sec for Trade & Foreign Ag Affairs
 - > Ted McKinney, Indiana
- ► New USDA Under Sec for Farm Production & Conservation
 - > Bob Northey, Iowa
- ▶ New FDA Deputy Commissioner, Food Policy & Response
 - > Frank Yiannas, formerly with Walmart



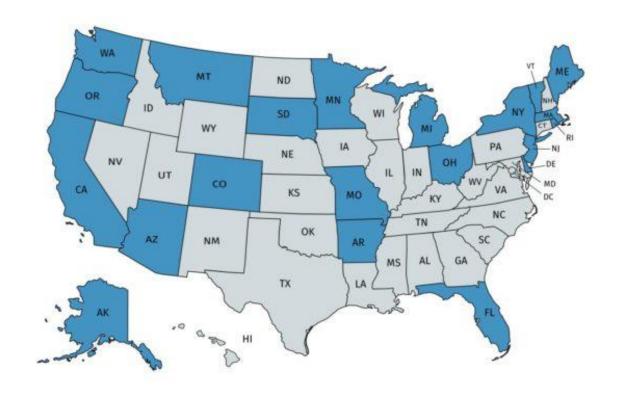
San Francisco Antibiotics Ordinance

- Circumvents federal law with reporting requirement re ABX in raw meat/poultry for retailers vs. producers
- ► Medically important ABX given to animals (i.e. not residues)
- ► Retailers with ≥ 1 store in SF, and ≥ 25 elsewhere
- Annual reporting requirement
 - > First deadline: May 3, 2019 (covering 2018)
- ▶ Potential waivers: FMI filing to remove requirement for USDA Organic, Antibiotic Free & product-specific categories
 - Beef, pork, poultry, lamb
- ► Limited reporting requirements for grocers w/ policies prohibiting use of medically important antibiotics
- ► FMI/NAMI Engagement



Wage Issues

- ➤ 20 states and 23 municipalities have increased their minimum wages in 2019
 - > Federal discussion ongoing
- ► Two states enacted gradual increases to \$15/hour
 - > IL (by 2025) and NJ (by 2024)
- Expect other states to follow
- ► Food retailers generally employ many young people (14-19), often rely on youth or training wages





Cell-Based Meat and Poultry

- ► Joint USDA-FDA regulatory framework
 - > FDA: Initial oversight, up until cell harvest stage
 - > USDA: Regulate production and labeling of foods
- Congressional pressure to release details of strategy
 - > 60 day deadline passed in Spending Bill on Feb. 15th
 - > Plan must be made public on USDA, FDA websites
- ► State laws aim to regulate "meat," related terms
 - > Patchwork would be extremely problematic
- Workshop on this topic Tuesday morning!



FDA Nutrition Innovation Strategy

- ► Aims to promote improved nutrition via industry innovation, consumer information
 - > Very comprehensive, still in early stages
- Could impact FSIS-regulated products
- ► Key elements
 - > Modernizing labeling (health) claims; "healthy" icon
 - > Updating ingredient labels for consumer understanding
 - Modernizing Standards of Identity
 - > Sodium reduction
 - Nutrition Facts Label education campaign



Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025

- Updated every 5 years; guides federal nutrition programs and policy
- Advisory Committee announced Feb. 21
 - > Behind schedule, but first public mtg to be held in the coming weeks

2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Timeline*



The Transparency Imperative

"There is nothing to be ashamed about in the U.S. [livestock] industry. No longer can we stand behind the cattle guards of our farms and ranches."

- USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue
- Our shared customer demands more information about their food than ever before.

