

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Milk Inspections

Purpose and History

The 2011 General Assembly transferred the Grade "A" Milk Inspection Program to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) from the Department of Public Health and required the DALs to complete the Grade "A" milk survey. Prior to 2011, the DALs inspected milk production facilities, and the DPH conducted the Grade "A" milk survey. This Act consolidated Grade "A" milk inspection and surveying under the DALs.

The DALs annually certifies all milk labeled Grade "A" pasteurized and Grade "A" raw milk for pasteurization. When the survey results show that requirements for production, processing, and distribution are not met, the DALs initiates procedures to suspend the permit of the violator. Iowa Code requires the DALs to adopt the most recent version of [Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance](#) (PMO) that is issued by the Food and Drug Administration. The most recent PMO adopted was in 2011.

Funding History

The Program receives funding from the General Fund. Over the past 10 years, the annual appropriation has been \$189,000.

Related Statute

Iowa Code chapter [192](#)

[21](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [68](#)

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More Information

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