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SUBJECT: Program Plan, October 2025 through September 2026 – Pesticide Data Program

This Program Plan serves as the current Statement of Work for Fiscal Year 2026, the period October 2025 through September 2026, for each of the States participating in the Pesticide Data Program (PDP). Aspects of this Plan have been coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the PDP participating States for their continuing collaboration with PDP and dedication to the program. We look forward to working with each of you on the activities described in this Program Plan.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

A. Summary Status:

The 2023 PDP Annual Summary is available on the PDP website. The draft 2024 PDP Annual Summary is undergoing internal review and will be posted to the PDP website following Departmental clearance. All PDP data for 2025 are due to MPD by March 30, 2026.

B. Cooperative Agreements/Financial:

The current FY ends on September 30, 2025. States should ensure all expenses have been obligated on or prior to the end of the 2025 cooperative agreements on December 31, 2025; however, any changes to the cooperative agreement funding levels must be made prior to September 30, 2025.

FY26 funding will be provided to the states via new cooperative agreements when it is received by MPD.

C. PDP Federal/State Meeting:

The next PDP Federal/State meeting is tentatively scheduled for the late spring of 2026. Location details will be provided at a later date. Attendees will include PDP Administrative Managers, Sampling Managers, Technical Program Managers, and Quality Assurance Officers, as well as representatives from the host State, USDA, EPA, FDA, and invited guest speakers.

D. Advisory Committees:

Sampling Advisory Group: Members of the Sampling Advisory Group (SAG) are Bryan Feldpausch (Michigan), Saba Osloobi (Ohio), and Chris Schiralli (New York). Chris Schiralli serves as the Presiding Member of the SAG.

Technical Advisory Group: Members of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) are Sarva Balachandra (California), Jason Kong (Ohio), and Karen Taylor (New York). Sarva Balachandra serves as the Presiding Member of the TAG.

E. PDP Fiscal Year 2025 Proficiency Testing Program: The PDP FY2026 Proficiency Testing (PT) program schedule is currently under development and will be posted on the PDP SharePoint site when completed. Refer to SOPs PDP-ADMIN and PDP-QC for PT program requirements, reporting procedures, acceptability criteria, and requirements for potential follow-up actions.

F. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):

SOP to be Released December 1, 2025

- PDP-LABOP: Sample Processing

SOP to be Released March 1, 2026

- PDP-DATA: Data and Instrumentation

SOP to be Released June 1, 2026

- PDP-ADMIN: Administrative Procedures for the Pesticide Data Program

SOP to be Released September 1, 2026

- PDP-QC: Chemical Compounds, PDP Commodity Grouping, Method Validation and Quality Control

G. Electronic Transfer of Data

Remote Data Entry (RDE) Version Upgrades:

The latest version of the local/distributed RDE tool used by PDP laboratories is Build 6, which was released in May 2022. Labs should continue to report identified glitches and suggested enhancements to the MPD staff for inclusion in a future RDE build.

A new, modernized RDE e-SIF application was rolled-out in April 2024 to replace the one that had been used by State sample collectors since 2003. All States reached 100% usage of the new application by the end of July 2024. The software works on multiple platforms, i.e., smartphones, tablets, and laptops running Apple iOS, Android, and Windows operating systems, and allows photos to be captured of product packaging. The application allows offline data entry but requires multifactor authentication using a login.gov account when transmitting SIF data or downloading updates to look-up tables. States should report identified glitches and suggested enhancements to the MPD staff for inclusion in a future e-SIF application upgrade.

H. Presumptive Tolerance Violation Reporting

Data for Presumptive Tolerance Violations (PTVs) are communicated to FDA and EPA monthly. FDA uses the PTV reports in choosing commodities that require more focused sampling initiatives. EPA uses the data for dietary risk assessments and pesticide registration review decisions. MPD also provides the data to USDA's Office of Pest Management Policy (OPMP) for communication to grower groups, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to assist in facilitating the export of domestic commodities, and the National Organic Program (NOP) to inform them of any potential PTVs detected on claimed organic samples. PDP States may request a copy of the monthly PTV report by contacting MPD.

An updated tolerance table was emailed in June 2025 containing tolerances for all commodities in the program at this time, including those that entered the program in July 2025. The table shows tolerances (and FDA action levels for organochlorines) for pesticides on all current PDP commodities. With over 700 pesticides and metabolites, there is information for over 10,000 pesticide/commodity pairings. This table includes permanent, interim, regional, and section 18 emergency tolerances as stated in the electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR). Blank spaces in the table indicate that no tolerance is established or referenced in the eCFR, part 40, section 180. Updated tolerance tables will be provided when the FY2026 commodities begin sampling.

II. PROGRAM SAMPLING AND TESTING UPDATES

Sampling Changes and Rotations: Shipping charts are distributed quarterly to Sampling Managers by MPD. The draft shipping charts for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2025 and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of calendar year 2026 will follow this document. Final shipping charts and fact sheets will be issued under separate cover.

Sampling and Testing Deletions

Avocado collection ends September 30, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of avocados by the California (CA1) and Texas (TX1) laboratories.

Onion collection ends September 30, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of onions by the New York (NY1) laboratory.

Salmon collection ends September 30, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of salmon by the Washington (WA1) laboratory.

Sweet corn collection ends September 30, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of sweet corn by the Texas (TX1) laboratory.

Tomatillo collection ends September 30, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of tomatillos by the California (CA1) laboratory.

Cucumber collection ends December 31, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of cucumbers by the Michigan (MI1) and New York (NY1) laboratories.

Head lettuce collection ends December 31, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of head lettuce by the Ohio (OH1) laboratory.

Leaf lettuce collection ends December 31, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of leaf lettuce by the Ohio (OH1) laboratory.

Orange collection ends December 31, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of oranges by the Florida (FL1) laboratory.

Pineapple collection ends December 31, 2025. This ends multi-residue testing of pineapples by the California (CA1) laboratory.

Cherry tomato collection ends March 31, 2026. This ends multi-residue testing of cherry tomatoes by the Michigan (MI1) laboratory.

Sampling and Testing Additions

Brussels sprouts will be added October 1, 2025. Brussels sprouts will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be split between the California (CA1) and Texas (TX1) Laboratories for multi-residue testing.

Kale (Greens) will be added October 1, 2025. Kale will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Texas (TX1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Milk will be added October 1, 2025. Milk will remain in the program for one year. All samples will be shipped to the New York (NY1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Snap peas will be added October 1, 2025. Snap peas will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the California (CA1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Sweet potatoes will be added October 1, 2025. Sweet potatoes will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Washington (WA1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Asparagus will be added January 1, 2026. Asparagus will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be split between the Michigan (MI1) and New York (NY1) Laboratories for multi-residue testing.

Bananas will be added January 1, 2026. Bananas will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Ohio (OH1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Grapefruit will be added January 1, 2026. Grapefruit will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Florida (FL1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Green beans will be added January 1, 2026. Green beans will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Ohio (OH1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Rice will be added January 1, 2026. Rice will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the California (CA1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

Cherries will be added April 1, 2026. Cherries will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the Michigan (MI1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

For all incoming commodities, refer to the current commodity fact sheet for sampling selection, packaging, and shipping guidance. Commodity specific requirements regarding analytes of interest have been listed in the memorandum communicated to the laboratory.

Sampling and Testing Continuations

Oats, spinach, and strawberries continue to be sampled.

PDP Sampling Commodity Counts

October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 = 14 commodities

- Remove avocados, onions, salmon, sweet corn, and tomatillos
- Add Brussels sprouts, kale (greens), milk, snap peas, and sweet potatoes

January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026 = 14 commodities

- Remove cucumbers, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, oranges, and pineapple
- Add asparagus, bananas, grapefruit, green beans, and rice

April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 = 14 commodities

- Remove cherry tomatoes
- Add cherries

July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026 = 14 commodities

- No additions or deletions

III. Website for PDP Information:

For additional Pesticide Data Program information check out our website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/pdp>

State collaborators may request access to the PDP SharePoint site. Please contact MPD for more information.