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SUBJECT: Program Plan, October 2026 through September 2027 – Pesticide Data Program

This Program Plan serves as the current Statement of Work for Fiscal Year 2027, the period October 2026 through September 2027, 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. 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.

**B. PDP Fiscal Year 2026 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.

### **C. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):**

**SOP to be Released December 1, 2026**

- PDP-LABOP: Sample Processing

#### **SOP to be Released March 1, 2027**

- PDP-DATA: Data and Instrumentation

#### **SOP to be Released June 1, 2027**

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

#### **SOP to be Released September 1, 2027**

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

### **D. Electronic Transfer of Data**

#### Remote Data Entry (RDE) Version Upgrades:

The latest version of the local/distributed RDE application used by PDP laboratories is Build 6.1, which was released in July 2026 to just the 3 labs that import e-SIFs into the RDE app and edit the SIFs (CA1, MI1, and TX1). The Build 6.1 upgrade fixes a glitch on the [Edit ALL SIFs] screen. The remaining labs are running Build 6, which was released in May 2022. The RDE app requires Microsoft Office 365 components to be installed on any lab workstation that needs to run the app, including MS-Access for primary functions along with Excel and Outlook for secondary functions. Labs should continue to report identified glitches and suggest enhancements to the MPD staff for inclusion in a future RDE build.

The latest version of the RDE e-SIF application used by State sample collectors is Version 1.0.6, which was released in June 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 suggest enhancements to the MPD staff for inclusion in a future e-SIF application upgrade. MPD maintains a Change Request Log for identified glitches and requested enhancements. MPD plans to submit a list of proposed changes to the USDA IT group by the end of September 2026 to request the development of the next upgrade, with an expected release in 2027.

### **E. 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 March 2026 containing tolerances for all commodities in the program at this time, including those that entered the program in April 2026. 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 FY2027 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of calendar year 2026 and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of calendar year 2027 will follow this document. Final shipping charts and fact sheets will be issued under separate cover.

### **Sampling and Testing Deletions**

**Milk** collection ends September 30, 2026. This ends multi-residue testing of milk by the New York (NY1) laboratory.

**Strawberry** collection ends December 31, 2026. This ends multi-residue testing of strawberries by the New York (NY1) laboratory.

**Oats** collection ends June 30, 2027. This ends multi-residue testing of oats by the Washington (WA1) laboratory.

**Spinach** collection ends June 30, 2027. This ends multi-residue testing of spinach by the Florida (FL1) laboratory.

### **Sampling and Testing Additions**

**Honeydew melon** will be added October 1, 2026. Honeydew melon will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the New York (NY1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

**Lemons** will be added January 1, 2027. Lemons will remain in the program for two years. All samples will be shipped to the New York (NY1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

**Wheat flour** will be added July 1, 2027. Wheat flour will remain in the program for one year. All samples will be shipped to the Washington (WA1) Laboratory for multi-residue testing.

**Canned pears** will be added July 1, 2027. Canned pears will remain in the program for one year. All samples will be shipped to the Florida (FL1) 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**

Asparagus, bananas, Brussels sprouts, cherries, grapefruit, green beans, greens (kale), rice, snap peas, and sweet potatoes continue to be sampled.

### **PDP Sampling Commodity Counts**

#### ***October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 = 14 commodities***

- Remove milk
- Add honeydew melon

#### ***January 1, 2027 through March 31, 2027 = 14 commodities***

- Remove strawberries
- Add lemons

#### ***April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027= 14 commodities***

- No additions or deletions

#### ***July 1, 2027 through September 30, 2027 = 14 commodities***

- Remove oats and spinach
- Add wheat flour and canned pears

### **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.