

# IFSAC Foodborne Illness Source Attribution: FDA Perspective

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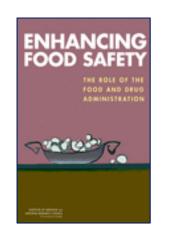
## Overview

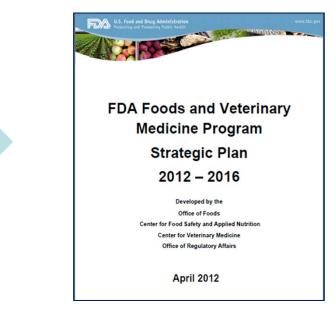
- Vision: Risk-informed Food Safety System
- Role of IFSAC
- Importance IFSAC foodborne illness source attribution estimates to FDA
- Future Directions and FDA Needs



## The Call for an Improved, Risk-Informed Food Safety System







The Food Safety Modernization Act and a 2010 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report both provide strong impetus for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to build a more methodical food safety system as it continues on its path to protect public health. The 2012-2016 Strategic Plan for the Foods and Veterinary Medicine (FVM) Program outlines how the program will continue to increase its focus on riskinformed and science-based decision making.



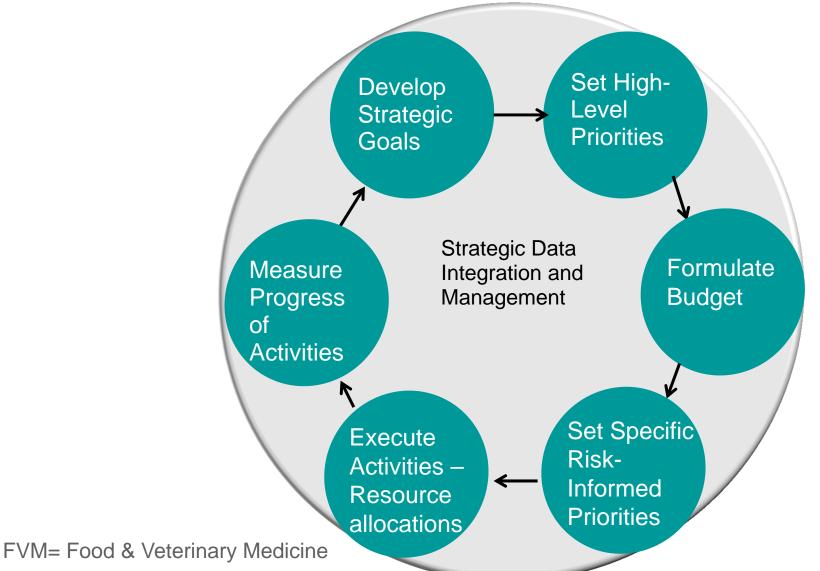
## Working Definition: Risk-Informed Decision Making System

 "a systematic means by which to facilitate decision making to reduce public health risk in light of limited resources and additional factors that may be considered."

> Enhancing Food Safety (IOM/NRC 2010)



#### FVM's Vision for an Improved Risk-Informed Food Safety System



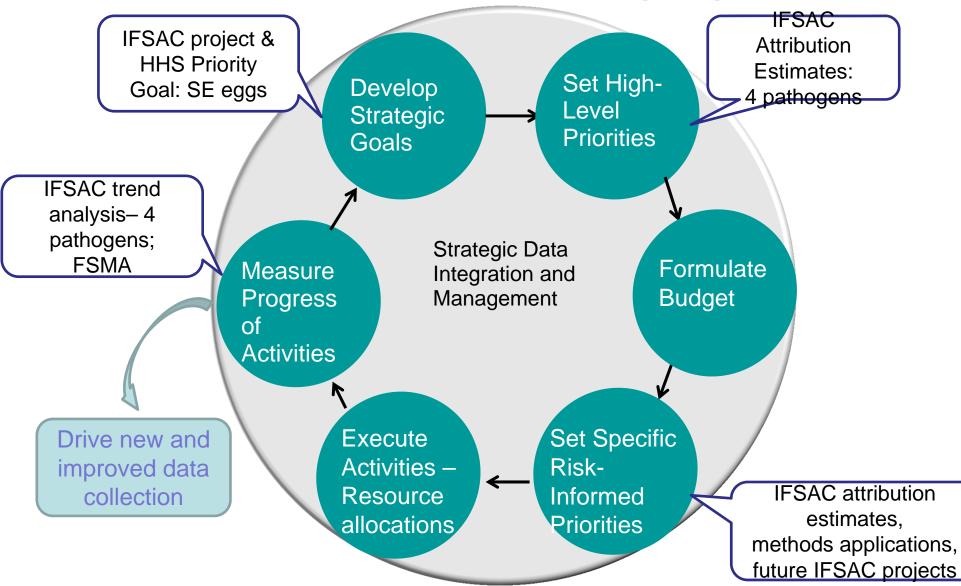


## **Role of IFSAC**

- Charting new and improved approaches to foodborne illness source attribution
  - methods development
  - building body of knowledge
  - update estimates, trending in the future
- Key input for Risk Informed Food Safety System
- Other beneficial activities:
  - IFSAC improved food categories more useful to FDA
  - support FDA efforts to measure effectiveness of interventions
- Collaboration & harmonization
- Transparency



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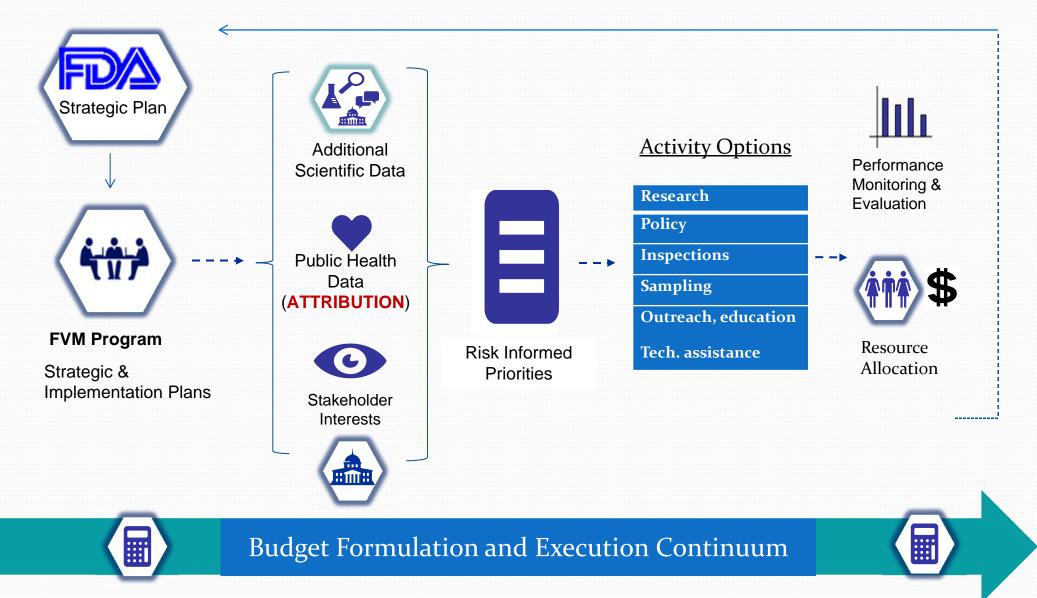
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## IFSAC Foodborne Illness Source Attribution Estimates

- Application in FVM program priority setting
  - Estimates are point of contamination neutral
  - FDA needs: more than the 4 IFSAC priority pathogens
  - Other data to complement estimates in order to evaluate public health risk
  - Other factors to consider in priority setting and resource allocation beyond public health data

#### **FVM Attribution Applications and Prioritization**



## **FVM Application of Estimates**

#### Example: E.coli O157 and Leafy Greens Fund soil amendment related research Foodborne Research illness source Soil **Policy** amendments: attribution **Risk** assessment data Inspections Sampling FDA GAPs & Additional other Guides Outreach, education **S**cientific data **Technical assistance** Support Alliance. FDA technical Activity assistance to Mandates: industry Options: **Produce Safety** Assessment & Rule Implementation



## IFSAC Foodborne Illness Source Attribution Estimates

- Other Applications in FDA FVM
  - Support development of regulations
  - informs risk assessment (e.g. produce)
  - Identifies gaps for food contamination data
- Other factors to consider, such as feasibility, regulatory authority



## **Future Direction**

- New projects, key to FDA
  - Ex. point of contamination; Campy/Dairy
- Continue transparency & increase collaboration with external stakeholders
- Explore application to FSMA implementation
- Support future IFSAC projects that contribute to achieving FDA's vision for a risk-informed food safety system AND a tri-agency approach to improving foodborne illness source attribution