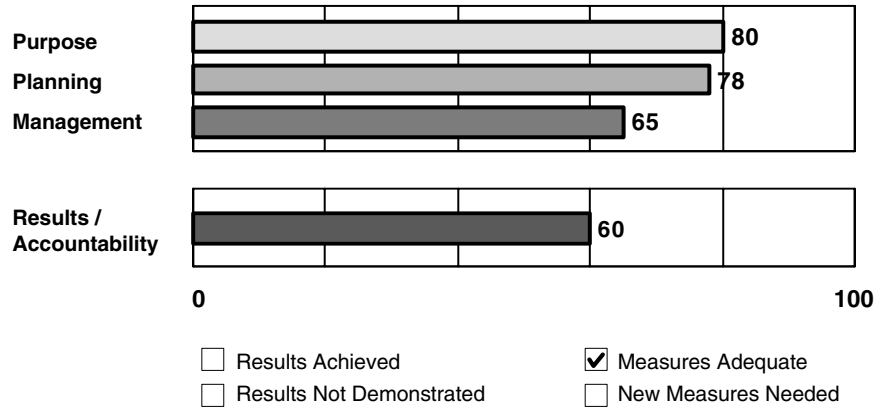


Program: Food Safety and Inspection Service

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Bureau: Food Safety and Inspection Service



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-term Measure: Reduction in the prevalence of foodborne illness from meat, poultry and egg products In 1997 there were 76 million illnesses related to foodborne hazards.	2000		21%
	2001		23%
	2005	25%	
Annual Measure: The prevalence of Salmonella on raw meat and poultry products as illustrated by: Prevalence of Salmonella on ground beef (%)	2001	3.5	2.6
	2002	3.5	
	2003	3.5	
Annual Measure: Percentage of ready-to-eat meat and poultry products testing positive for Listeria monocytogenes (Listeria is a common bacteria that when ingested can cause flu-like symptoms. The bacteria can result in miscarriages and stillbirths.)	2001	1.43	1.26
	2002	1.4	
	2003	1.34	

Rating: Adequate

Program Type: Regulatory

Program Summary:

The mission of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is to ensure that the Nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled and packaged.

The assessment found that FSIS' purpose and planning rated high because it has a clear and significant role in protecting the Nation's food supply. In addition, this program's outcome goals meaningfully reflect the purpose of this program. However, FSIS received lower scores in management and accountability. Even though, over the last few years, FSIS has undertaken several initiatives to improve resource management efficiencies and cost effectiveness, FSIS still does not have tangible incentives or procedures in place to measure cost effectiveness. FSIS has experienced financial management problems for which efforts are underway to resolve. In addition, the assessment found:

1. The program has been effective in reducing incidences of food borne illness. However, the program is not optimally designed to address food safety, resulting in lower program result scores.
2. Implementation of a new risk-based inspection system should be further evaluated to determine whether it would help FSIS meet their strategic and performance goals and should improve efficiencies and cost effectiveness.

To address these findings, FSIS will evaluate the impact of implementing a risk-based inspection system beyond the current pilot program.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Agriculture chapter in the Budget volume.)

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
716	755	797