

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services



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**State Food Safety Programs Should Improve
Performance and Financial Self-Sufficiency**

The Inspector General is required by Florida Statute 20.055(5)(h) to report to the Commissioner of Agriculture on the status of corrective actions taken on reports published by the Auditor General or the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

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This review by the OPPAGA contained two findings and recommendations that required corrective action by the Department. The status of corrective actions was reported by management. Findings that do not require corrective action by the Department are not included in this status report.

Status of Corrective Action

Finding: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides limited inspection data for the public on their website.

Corrective Action: In-progress – The demand for public access to electronic inspection data is currently being analyzed. If the Department determines there is a greater demand for electronic inspection data, any modifications might be constrained by the availability of existing resources.

Follow-up by the Office of Inspector General Internal Audit Group: Will be performed

Finding: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services should take additional steps to ensure their food safety program is self-sufficient.

Corrective Action: In-progress – With the fee increases that became effective during Fiscal Year 2008-2009, the Division expects the food safety program to be completely self-sufficient by Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The Division will continue to monitor the program to determine if additional fee increases are required.

Follow-up by the Office of Inspector General Internal Audit Group: Will be performed