

## **State Cooperative Program Roles & Responsibilities (Text Version)**

CFSAN, DFSR and ORA Regional Retail Food, Milk and Shellfish Specialists all work cooperatively with state and local personnel to implement state and local Retail Food, Milk and Shellfish Programs.

**CFSAN** is responsible for: developing and interpreting model codes, ordinances and other guidance documents; identifying research needs; conducting training and standardizing FDA Regional Specialists; and maintaining national listings of firms that meet program requirements.

**DFSR** is responsible for providing funding to support States in implementing model codes, ordinances, etc (e.g. training), serving as a resource to the Regional Specialists, and also works on building positive relationships between FDA and state programs.

**ORA Regional Retail Food, Milk and Shellfish Specialists** serve as the primary points of contact for states. They work with states to improve their programs through various means, such as: training and certifying state and local personnel; auditing state inspections; promoting the adoption of FDA's model codes and ordinances.