



Interagency Workshop on Opportunities In Crop-Based Food & Feed Allergens

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Food Allergen Labeling & Consumer Protection Act of 2004

- ❖ Amends the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act
- ❖ Identifies milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat & soybean as major allergens
 - ❖ Requires private sector to label processed foods that contain major allergens
- ❖ Effective January 1, 2006

Interagency Workshop on Crop-Based Food & Feed Allergens

Objectives

- Understand epidemiology of allergens in the U.S. food & feed supply
- Identify gaps in ability to minimize risk of food contamination with potential allergens from soybean, wheat & peanut
 - Develop strategies for mitigation of allergenic responses
- Explore opportunities for cross-agency collaboration

Interagency Initiative on Immuno- active Ingredients in Foods & Feed



Ensure a safe and nutritious supply of
food and feed containing soybean,
wheat, and peanut proteins



Expected Outcomes of this Workshop

Identify Performance Measures that are relevant to achieving Initiative goals

Align Interagency interest and capacity with Performance Measures

Opportunities for cross-disciplinary research collaboration to fill gaps

Select writing team to develop a draft plan

Elect a Coordinating Committee & propose next steps

Developing Initiative Objectives & Performance Measures

What questions must be answered?

What actions should be taken to achieve Objectives?

Resource Identification

How do agency interests and capacity align with Performance Measures?

What isn't being covered that should be added to the plan?

Opportunities for cross-disciplinary research collaboration to fill gaps?

Organization

**Accept volunteers to develop a
draft Plan**

**Elect a Coordinating Committee
& propose next steps**

