

# ODA-specific Assistance

- Ohio Department of Agriculture provides assistance to federal agencies in the salvaging/denaturing and the disposal of recalled product.

# Local Health Department Role

- Provide information to local community partners including licensed retail food establishments and food service operations.
- Investigation of complaints and foodborne illnesses and referral of information to state and federal partners.

# Food Safety Recall Challenges

- Major recall information is released on weekends—delayed press release time.
- Press receives the information *prior to* state and local governmental agencies.

# Food Safety Recall Challenges

- FDA is limited in its ability to share findings with public health agencies and industry.
- Major task developing and issuing public *messages/risk communication*.
- Classification of Recalls

# Food Safety Recall Challenges

- Release of laboratory testing results prior to company/ federal release of information.
- Over exposure may lessen the urge.
- How long does it take to complete a recall?
- Responsibility of state to get the information to local partners.

# Food Safety Recall Challenges

- Companies resistant to share specific distribution information.
- *State & Locals* lack the capacity to follow-up, investigate, communicate with affected parties.
- Denaturing and disposal of recalled food products, information limited.

# Food Safety Recall Challenges

- Most recalls are not serious enough to initiate emergency protocols
- Class 1 recalls with illness and toxin/pathogen tied to a product do warrant some level of immediate action
- Anything less for this type of recall is not allocating enough public health resources to the situation

# ***QUESTIONS?***

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