Sampling with a Purpose

Defining a sampling program

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Designing a Surveillance/Monitoring System

Purpose

- Information
 - To demonstrate HACCP system is working
- Enforcement
 - To demonstrate compliance with statutes
- "For cause"
 - As a follow up to previous failure
- Active or passive -- active
- Target for surveillance RTE, HACCP, Residue
- Representative -- ?



Uncertainties

Plant Iocation, size, intervention, shift, line, item Substrate product, component, environment Technique ■ single, subs, composite Method screen, determinative, confirmatory







Beef Plants





Distributing Resources

Farms

Slaughter plants or components

- Grinder
- Processing plant
- **Distributor**
- Retailer
- Consumer



Representative

Impossible to test all food produced or imported into the US. Verification testing works ■ Industry (GAP, GMP) Consumer (cooking and handling properly) Government (HACCP, outcome monitoring) Outcome feedback Detection Corrective Actions



Where should we sample?

Sample all plants that manufacture or process a product

Sample a subset of plants

- Plant size (production volume)
- Type of product
- Type of preventive intervention
- Prior results
- Random sampling
- Weighted random sampling
- Risk-based sampling
- Combination



Sampling Example







Random



•Define a goal:

Detect a 1% failure rate with a 95% certainty.

•Limit by analytical capacity

•Sample without replacement

•True luck of the draw

•Every plant has equal chance of being selected



Where

Sampling Example







Weighted Random



•Define a goal: Detect a 1% failure rate with a 95% certainty.

Limit by analytical capacity
Sample without replacement
Assign different weight according to plant size

♦Baseline

•The random selection is within a plant size so that we guarantee to have plants from all sizes included in equal numbers.



Where

Sampling Example







Risk-Adjusted Weighted Random



Define a goal

Risk driven

Limit by analytical capacity
Sample without replacement
Assign different weight

according to plant size
Assign a weight to plants with
prior positive results

•The random selection is within a risk category and plant size so that we guarantee to have plants that present the highest risk.



Where

What do we sample?

- Live animals
- Food component
- Raw product
- Manufactured product
- Food-contact surfaces
- Environment





Listeria monocytogenes Sampling Model

- Six sampling approaches
- **25,000** samples
- Random, Risk-based, follow up
- Listeria monocytogenes in processed products
 - Individual final product samples
 - 13,000 samples
 - Sample sets RLm (baseline), IVT (follow up)
 80 + ~~ IVT
 - Sample sets RLm (baseline) ~~ complete in 4 years
 - IVT ~~ target within 30 days



Listeria monocytogenes sampling programs

- Product sampling plan
 - Random sampling (ALLRTE) ~ $3000 \rightarrow 0.6\%$
 - Risk-Weighted random sampling (RTE001) ~ 9000 \rightarrow 0.5%
- Environmental sampling plan
 - Risk ranking sampling (RLm) ~ 20 sets/mo
 - Product ~ 0.3%
 - Contact surface $\sim 0.6\%$
 - Environment ~ 1.5%
- Consequential sampling plan
 - Biased by prior results (IVT) ~ variable
 - Product ~ 2.9%
 - Contact surface ~ 1.5%
 - Environment ~ 5.2%



Public Health Model





Application of PH Model

Hazard Identification

- Select plant
- Select line/shift
- Select lot
- Product type
- Laboratory result uncertainty
- Exposure Assessment
- Estimate of population exposure
- Outcome estimate (public health partners)



Laboratory Sample Result Uncertainty

What portion of the sample do we select?*
25g
13 - 25 g samples
Screen ~ 90%
Pathogen isolation ~ 100%
Genetic confirmation
Quantitative assessment (MPN) ~ currently defining

flow



Assurance

Monitoring results evaluated Actions taken Positive reinforcement ■ Increased line speed or less Agency testing Negative reinforcement Nonconformance incident report ■ Corrective action Enhanced testing Suspension of inspection



Application of PH Model

- Define purpose of sampling
- Select appropriate sampling methodology
- Define the sample prep procedure
- Apply method
- Laboratory result
- Establishment data
 - Compare similar plants to each other (product, size, preventive intervention)
 - Document effectiveness of a particular intervention strategy
 - Communicate with shareholders
- Outcome data
- Policy revision





















