



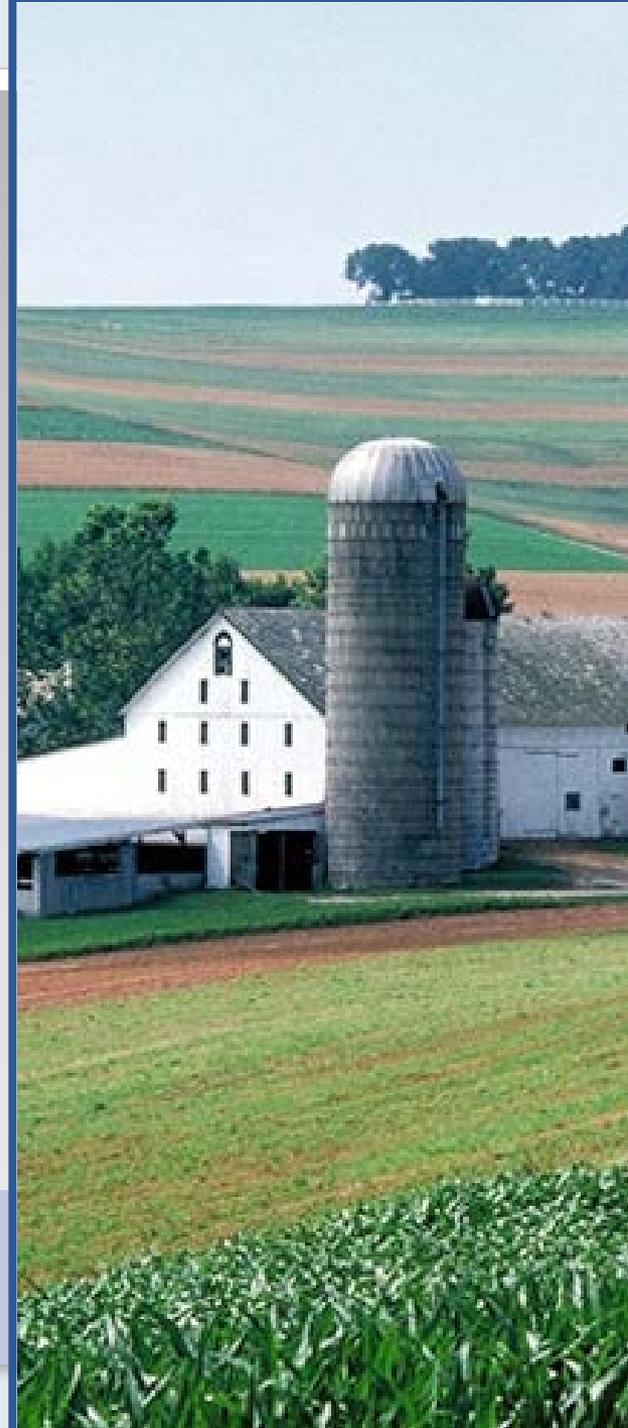
# Agricultural Marketing Service

Facilitating the Competitive and Efficient Marketing of Agricultural Products



- Facilitate the competitive and efficient marketing of agricultural products.

## AMS Mission



- U. S. Grade Standards
- Commercial Item Descriptions
- Inspection & Grading

## Grading & Product Certification Services



## Examples of commodities AMS grades

- Edible tree nuts
- Fresh and processed fruits & vegetables
- Meat & meat products
- Poultry products
- Shell eggs

## Grading & Product Certification Services

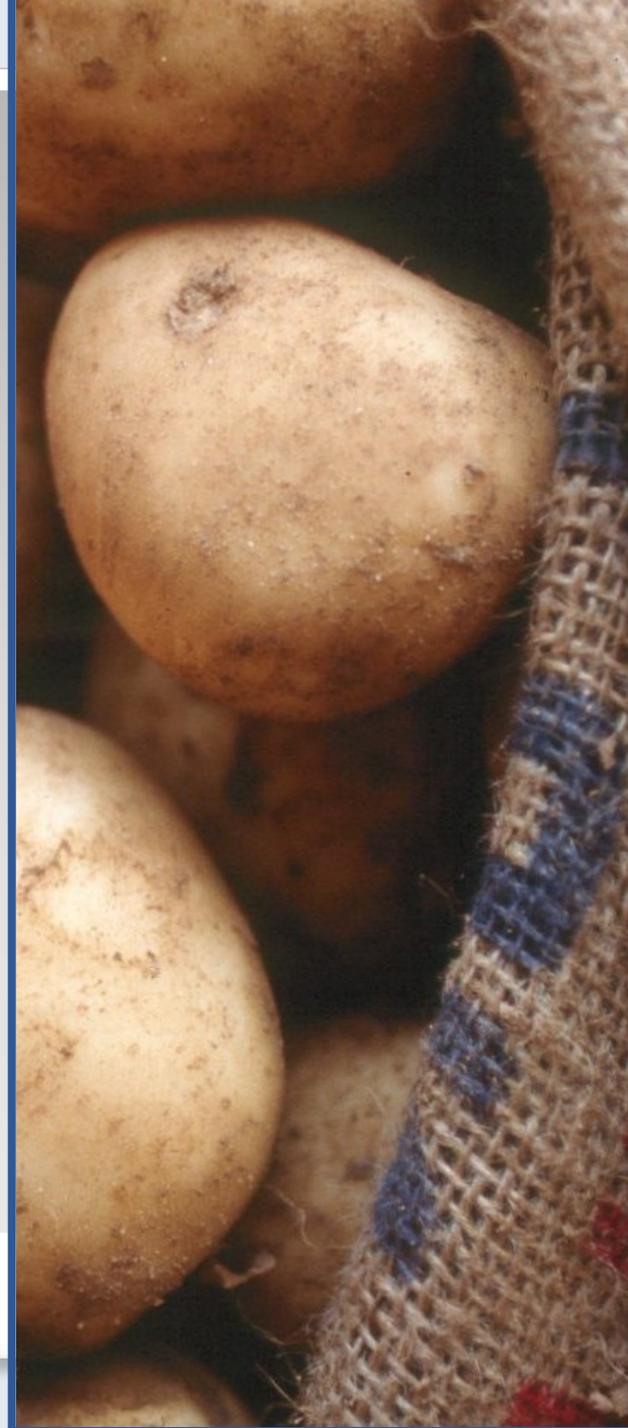


## AMS Services

- Impartial
- Objective
- Independent

Provided by qualified, well trained inspectors with national coverage

## Audit Verification Programs



- Good Agricultural Practices
- Good Manufacturing Practices
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
- Food Defense

## Audit Verification Service



# Good Agricultural Practices

- Farm Review
- Field Harvest
- Field Packing Activities
- Traceback

## AMS Verification Programs



# Good Agriculture Practices

- Food Safety Program
- Water Quality
- Worker Health & Hygiene
- Animals/Wildlife/Livestock
- Soil Amendments

## Audit Verification Programs



# Good Manufacturing Practices

- Plants & Grounds
- Buildings & Facilities
- Equipment
- Receiving & Transportation
- Traceback & Recall

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# Good Manufacturing Practices

- Cold Chain Management
- Personnel Hygienic Practices
- Water & Ice Quality
- Pest Control
- Sanitation Procedures

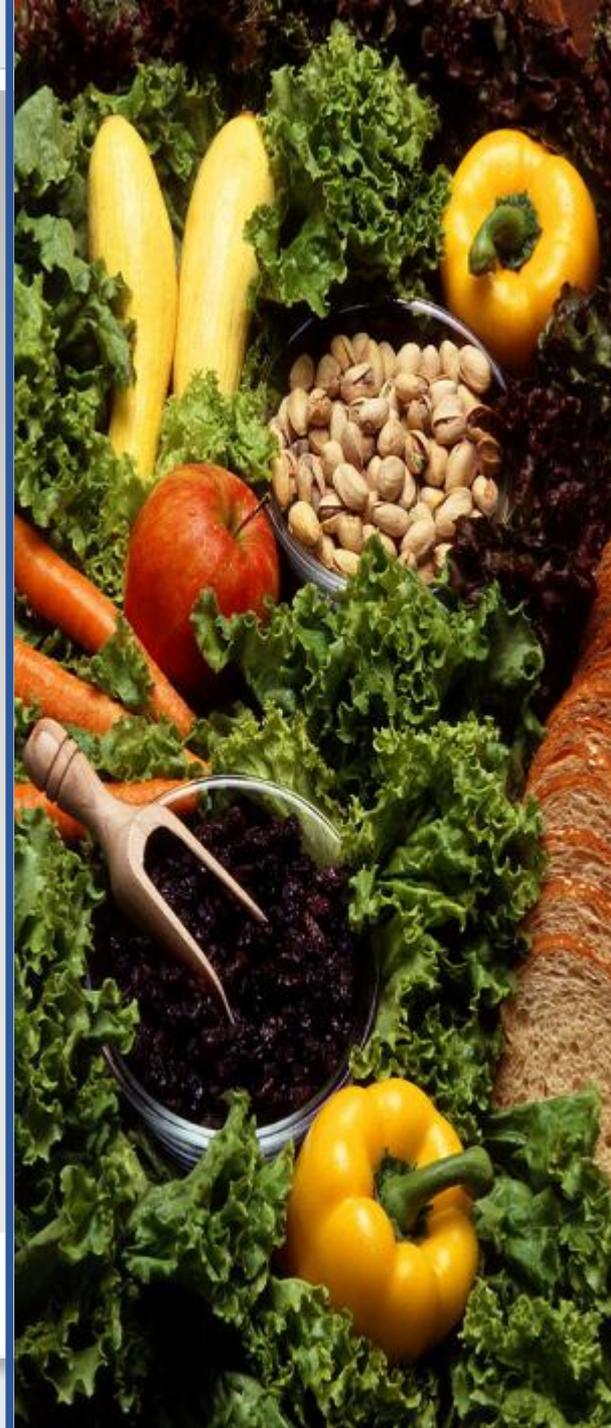
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# HACCP

- Prerequisite Programs
- Hazard Analysis
- Critical Control Points
- Monitoring Procedures
- Sanitation Procedures
- Corrective Actions

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# Qualified Through Verification (QTV)

- HACCP system
- Prerequisite Programs
  - GAPs
  - GMPS
  - Food Defense
  - Traceback



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# Food Defense

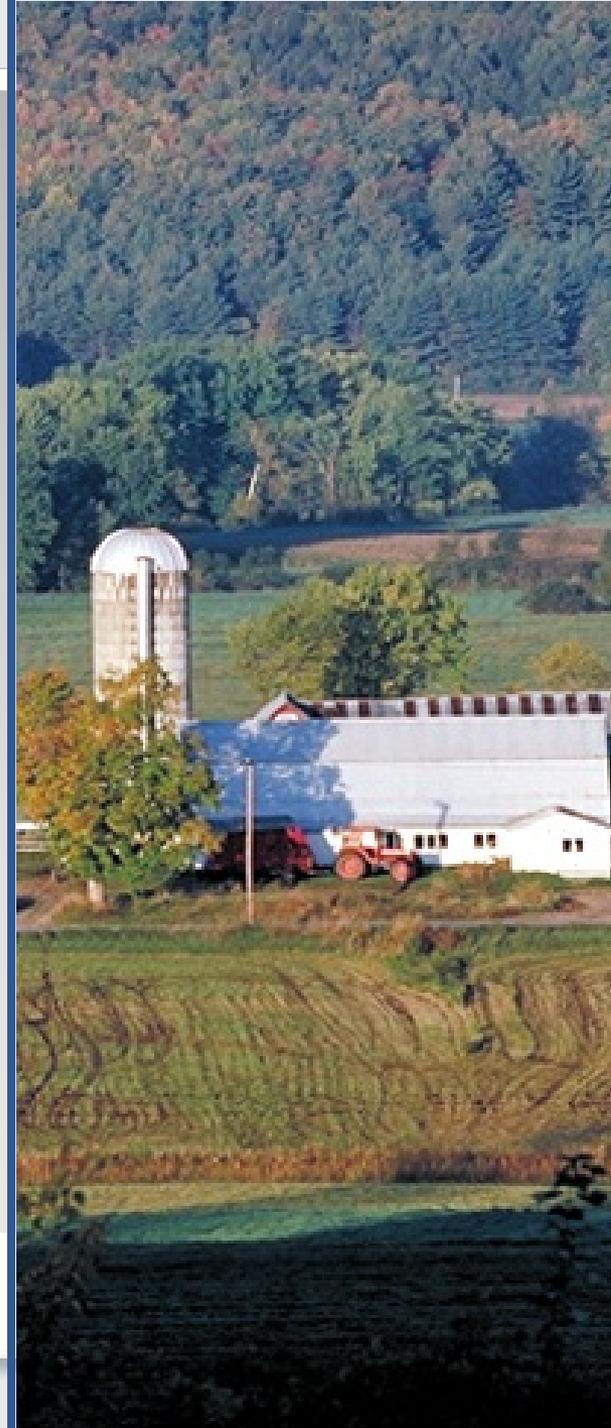
- Employee/Visitors
- Facility
- Transportation
- Mock Recall

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- Announced
- Follow-up verification of corrective actions
- Unannounced
- Fee \$92.00/hour

## AMS Verification Services





**QUESTIONS ?**

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