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PREFACE

Welcome to the 2002 "Blue Book." This book presents the 2002 Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) National Residue Program (NRP). [For those reading this electronically, this document has been commonly known as the "Blue Book" because the covers of the printed versions are blue.]

This text presents a comprehensive explanation of the process used to plan the NRP for 2002. In 1999, the NRP was modified to move towards a system of residue evaluation more consistent with modern risk assessment principles. The methodologies employed in the planning of the 2002 NRP, as described in this document, reflect these changes. Following the explanation of the planning process, this text provides a detailed description of the completed Domestic Monitoring Plan and Special Projects and Import Residue Plan for the 2002 FSIS NRP.

In addition to a description of the annual NRP, this Blue Book contains updated versions of four tables that our readers have found very useful: a list of the type and amounts of tissue collected for each analysis conducted in the FSIS NRP; a list of all established tolerances and action levels for drugs and food additives in food animal tissues; a list of all established tolerances and action levels for pesticides and environmental contaminants in food animal tissues; and a list that provides the performance characteristics and analytical methodologies of the FSIS Official Methods used in the NRP. These tables appear as Appendices I through IV, respectively, at the end of this publication.

The staff of the Residue Branch, Food Animal Sciences Division, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS, hope that you will find this *2002 National Residue Program* to be every bit as useful and informative as it has been in past years. We would like to thank all of our predecessors for providing us with tables and information that they developed and that we continue to use.

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