

activities is consumed on that farm or another farm under the same ownership. Some facilities located on farms may manufacture/process, pack, or hold food but not meet the definition of farm and therefore, would be considered mixed-type facilities that are required to register. Activities that would be considered manufacturing/processing include cutting, peeling, trimming, washing, waxing, eviscerating, rendering, cooking, baking, freezing, pasteurizing, homogenizing, mixing, formulating, bottling, milling, grinding, extracting juice, distilling, labeling, or packaging. Farms that mix feed would be considered mixed-type facilities if they manufacture/process feed on the farm with ingredients obtained from another source, and the resulting feed is then sold or transferred for final use offsite.

In the PRIA, FDA considered farms to be mixed-type facilities if they washed, cooled, or trimmed outer leaves. FDA agrees that the PRIA count of mixed-type facilities undercounted these facilities. In the interim final rule, farms that wash, cool, or trim outer leaves are not considered mixed-type facilities, and therefore, the count of mixed-type facilities is unchanged from the count in the PRIA.

To estimate the number of facilities that would be considered mixed-type facilities, FDA used the 1997 USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Census of Agriculture (Ref. 6), and data obtained from various county level Cooperative Extension Service (CES) offices (Ref. 15). FDA provides an estimate of the number of these mixed-type facilities in table 2. The Census of Agriculture provides the total number of

farms producing specific commodities. To estimate the number of farms that are mixed-type facilities, FDA used a sample of counties with information from their respective CES offices. CES offices from Clay County, Kansas; Monterey, Sonoma, Marin, and San Diego counties in California; Jackson County, Wisconsin; Gillespie and San Saba counties in Texas; Carroll County, Maryland; and Berks County, Pennsylvania provide data on the percentage of farms producing specific commodities to be considered mixed-type facilities (Ref. 15). FDA assumes that other commodities, including vegetables (non-organic), other fruits, and wheat, plus feed mixing on poultry and other livestock farms are not mixed-type facilities based on CES interviews (Refs. 15 and 1).

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