

FSIS provides a range of foundational and specialized courses for inspectors to improve their technical skills and knowledge. Continuous learning is emphasized through refresher courses that help FSIS field personnel stay current with inspection procedures, reinforce critical inspection skills and enhance technical expertise, especially during staffing transitions between job roles and inspection assignments.

## **Self-Paced Online Courses and Refresher Courses that are in AgLearn**

Here is a breakdown of the self-paced online refresher courses offered by the Agency. The following courses are available for **self-enrollment in AgLearn starting October 6, 2025**, allowing employees to complete them at their own pace during duty hours.

### **1. Enforcement, Investigation, and Analysis Officer (EIAO) Refresher (Duration: 8 hours)**

- **Content:** This course focuses on five important topics: Statistics, Validations, Routine risk-based *Listeria monocytogenes* (RLm) sampling program, Intensified Verification Testing (IVT), and Evidence Collection. It is targeted at EIAOs and PHVs who previously completed the EIAO course. Supervisory EIAOs and Frontline Supervisors (FLS)s are also encouraged to participate.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73924>

### **2. PHIS Electronic Export (Duration: 6 hours)**

- **Content:** This training covers how to perform the Export Certification functions in PHIS as outlined in FSIS Directive 13,000.5. It includes tasks for both CSIs and PHVs, such as approving or rejecting export applications, issuing replacement certificates, and signing and printing export certificates according to destination country requirements.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73904>

### **3. Further Processing & Labeling Refresher (Duration: 24 hours)**

- **Content:** This course covers topics like labeling, net weights, sausage operations, cured meat and poultry product operations, and meat and poultry products with added solutions. It includes multiple case studies and is targeted at CSIs who have job duties in a further processing establishment.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73926>

### **4. Import Inspection Refresher (Duration: 4 hours)**

- **Content:** This training reviews the regulatory basis and procedures for important types of inspection (TOI) such as Certification TOI and Label Verification TOI. It includes reviewing

health certification and application documents, unit counting, and Refused Entry procedures for shipments that fail to meet US requirements.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73732>

#### **5. In-Plant Safety Refresher Training (Duration: 4 hours)**

- **Content:** This course covers the FSIS Health & Safety program, Hazard Communication, Personal Protective Equipment, Occupational Noise, and General Safety. It is targeted at CSIs and PHVs who have previously completed Food Inspector, PHV, or In-plant Safety training.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73682>

#### **6. Thermal Processing Refresher (Duration: 8 hours)**

- **Content:** This course focuses on canning regulations, process deviations, investigation of canned food spoilage incidents, and case studies. It is targeted at CSIs who have job duties in a thermal processing establishment and previously attended the Thermal Processing Inspection course.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73927>

#### **7. Ready to Eat Fundamentals (Duration: 2 hours)**

- **Course Description:** FSIS Review of Ready-to-Eat (RTE) Inspection Fundamentals training covers certain important topics regarding RTE inspection, including regulatory authority for RTE inspection, back to RTE inspection basics, *Listeria* Rule 9 CFR 430, RTE sampling, using GAD methodology for RTE inspection, documentation and enforcement. This training was mandatory. All CSIs were to complete the training by Wednesday, February 19, 2025. This was stated in FSIS notice 49-24, published 12/17/2024. The class will remain available in AgLearn.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=72123>

#### **8. DVMO (Duration: 32 Hours)**

- The course focuses on several important topics; HH/GCP regulatory requirements, policies, and the DVMO's role in: HATS verification, stunning/handling, verifying if an establishment implements a Systematic Approach, conducting verification visits and DVMO enhanced outreach visits, HH/GCP noncompliance and enforcement, and other HH/GCP related

correlation, data, and duties assigned to the DVMO. It will also cover APHIS MOUs, time management, managing up, maxi flex work schedule, transition training, and communications.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73901>

## **9. RTE/SS (available November 17<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Self-Paced Public Health Veterinarian Refreshers**

Here is a breakdown of the Public Health Veterinarian (PHV) refresher courses. These courses are divided into separate 2-hour courses for different species. These courses are targeted at Office of Field Operations (OFO) PHVs who have attended entry-level PHV Training and may need familiarization with specific species due to a change of assignment. It focuses on helping the PHV make sound, supportable, and expedient antemortem and postmortem dispositions, including developing differential diagnoses and appropriate regulatory citations.

#### **1. PHV Refresher – Cattle (Duration: 2 hours)**

- **Content:** This course provides a brief overview of antemortem and postmortem procedures in cattle slaughter facilities.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73922>

#### **2. PHV Refresher – Swine (Duration: 2 hours)**

- **Content:** This course provides a brief overview of antemortem and postmortem procedures in swine slaughter facilities.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73923>

#### **3. PHV Refresher – Sheep & Goats (Duration: 2 hours)**

- **Content:** This course provides a brief overview of antemortem and postmortem procedures in sheep and goat slaughter facilities.

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73921>

### **Registration & Access for Online Self-paced Courses**

The Online Refresher courses listed above are available directly via **self-enrollment in AgLearn**, with no advanced registration required and 24/7 access.

To register:

1. Log into AgLearn using your government credentials.
2. Search for the course title (e.g., “PHV Refresher Swine”).

3. Launch the course and complete it at your own pace during duty hours.

For technical support, contact the **CFL Help Desk** at 1-833-275-6333 or email [CFLHelpDesk@usda.gov](mailto:CFLHelpDesk@usda.gov).

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### Explore More

Visit the <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/inspection-training-videos/inspection-mission-training> for videos, course calendars, and additional resources.

#### **FSIS-Import Inspection Refresher7200 Series**

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73682>

#### **FSIS-In-Plant Safety Refresher Training 4400 Series**

<https://aglearn.usda.gov/course/view.php?id=73732>