

# Public Health & Consumer Expectations

- ➔ • It is a **shared responsibility** of the food industry and the government to ensure that food provided to the consumer is safe and does not become a vehicle in a disease outbreak or in the transmission of communicable disease. This **shared responsibility extends to ensuring that consumer expectations are met and that food is unadulterated, prepared in a clean environment, and honestly presented.**
- Under FDA's 2012 Mission Statement the agency is responsible for:
- Protecting the public health by assuring the safety of our nation's food supply...and for advancing the public health by helping the public get accurate, science-based information they need about foods to maintain and improve their health.
- Accordingly, the provisions of the Food Code provide a system of prevention and overlapping safeguards designed to minimize foodborne illness; ensure employee health, industry manager knowledge, safe food, nontoxic and cleanable equipment, and acceptable levels of sanitation on food establishment premises; and promote fair dealings with the consumer.