



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

Food Fraud Working Together to Protect the Integrity of our Food System

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Food Fraud – Why we care

- Food Safety
- Food Traceability
- Economic impact
 - Consumers
 - International integrity of Canadian Food Supply



Food Fraud – CFIA Detection Activities

Legislative Authority:

Food and Drugs Act and Regs

*Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act
and Regs*

Inspection Activities

- Retail Inspections
- Directed Projects
- Complaint Investigations

Food Fraud Cases since September 2016

52 Charges Laid by CFIA - Ontario

Organic Chicken



Prime or Angus Beef



Kosher Dairy Products



June 2016 Conviction Greenhouse Vegetable Grower

More than \$1M of product sold to 3 national grocery chains

Charged:

Fraud (x2) - Criminal Code

Sell with false country of origin (x2) – FDA

Label & Sell vegetables with False labelling (x2) - CPLA

Market vegetables in import trade (x2) – CAPA

Guilty Pleas received on 6 counts

\$1.5M in total fines

3 year probation order overseen by CFIA

Product of Canada



Food Fraud - Enforcement

Warning Letters

- No financial penalty

Administrative Monetary Penalties

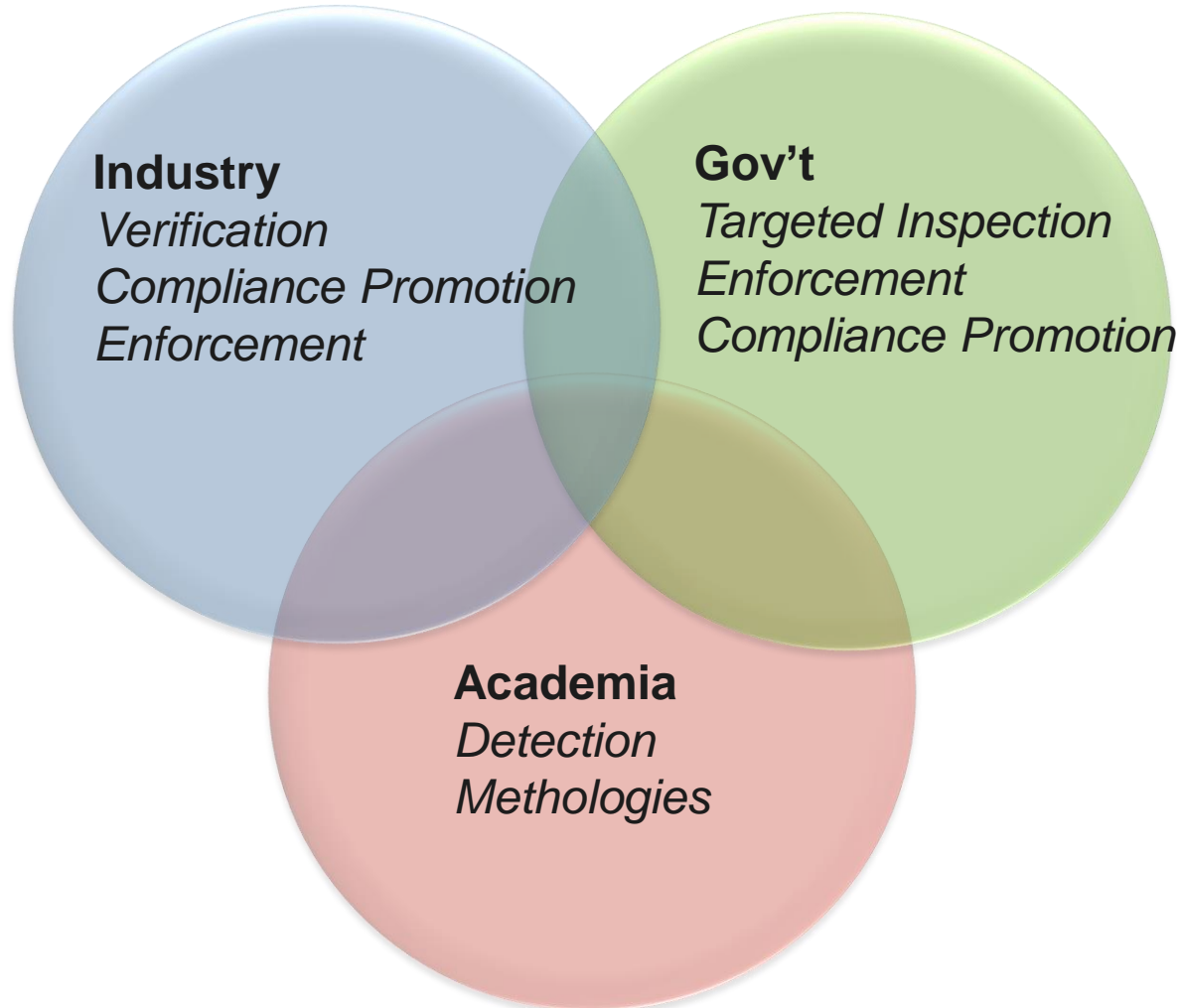
- Fines up to \$10 000

Prosecution

- Fines up to \$\$\$ and/or incarceration



Food Fraud – How to control it?



Food Fraud – CFIA next steps (Ontario)

- Continue to monitor and investigate alleged incidents of food fraud
- Continue to collaborate with industry, academia and other levels of government on initiatives aimed at reducing incidents of food fraud

