

USDA, FDA announce plan to split regulatory oversight of lab-grown meat

The Agriculture Department and FDA laid out new details on [November 16] about how the two agencies plan to split regulatory oversight over cell-based protein products — though it's still possible Congress could amend those plans.

Under the proposed joint regulatory framework, FDA would oversee “cell collection, cell banks, and cell growth and differentiation,” according to a joint [statement](#), and after that, the USDA will take over.

“USDA will then oversee the production and labeling of food products derived from the cells of livestock and poultry,” the statement added.

The agencies are still working out technical details of the framework. A public comment period will remain open through Dec. 26.

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Earlier this year, the debate over which arm of government would oversee the budding cell-cultured meat sector was seen as an interagency tug-of-war. Although Gottlieb and Perdue appear to largely be on the same page at this point, Congress might still tweak their roles.

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