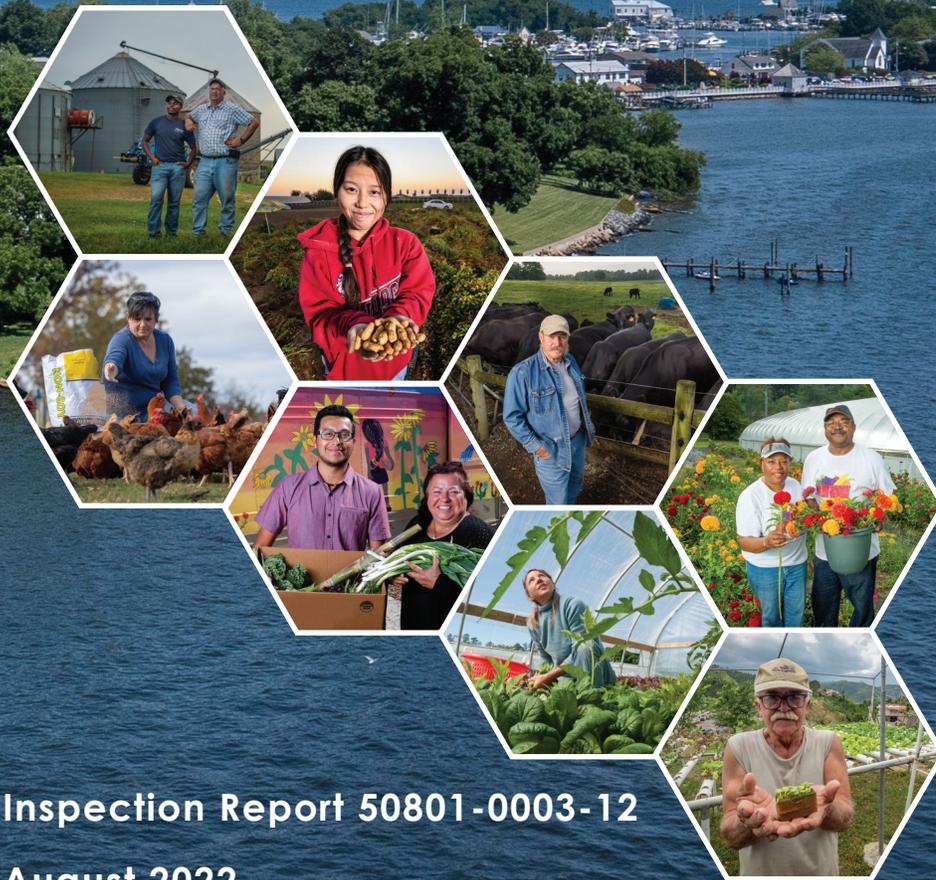




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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) evaluated and tested USDA's virtualization platforms for compliance with controls found in National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and industry best practices to determine the status of USDA's overall management and security of IT resources. We interviewed the Department and mission areas' IT personnel, examined documentation of the virtualization environment, assessed policies and procedures, obtained and evaluated vulnerability scan results, reviewed security settings, and tested for compliance. We found that the Department and mission areas did not fully implement Federally-mandated controls. **This report contains sensitive content. It is being withheld from public release due to concerns about the risk of circumvention of law.**

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