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Dr. Richard Roop is Senior Vice President of Science and Regulatory Affairs for Tyson Foods. He is responsible for the company's efforts in food safety, quality assurance, regulatory compliance, laboratory services, statistics, consumer relations and animal welfare. The policies and procedures developed and executed by members of this team (approximately 1500 team members) have impact on over 100 production and distribution facilities, 11 fresh meat laboratories, 4 regional and 2 corporate laboratories, and 54 plant based testing laboratories in the United States, Mexico, China, Brazil, India and Argentina.

Dr. Roop has been involved in the food industry for more than 28 years. He started his career as Group Leader for food product development for Central Soya, Inc. and then became Vice President of Technical Services for Holly Farms Foods, Inc. He joined Tyson Foods as Regional Manager of Quality Assurance in 1989 when Tyson acquired Holly Farms. He has since served as Tyson's Director of Corporate Quality Assurance and as Vice President of Food Safety and Quality Assurance before assuming his current position in 2004.

Dr. Roop holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a Ph.D. in food science from Purdue University. He has been active in numerous industry organizations, serving as President of the Ozark Food Processors Association for two years and is currently serving or has served on technical committees and boards for the National Chicken Council, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, Inflight Food Service Association, Cooperating for Food Safety, Medina International, and the Arkansas Biosciences Institute.

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Tyson Foods, founded in 1935 with headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas, is the world's largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork, the second-largest food company in the Fortune 500 and a member of the S&P 500.

The company is the recognized market leader in the retail and foodservice markets it serves, providing products and service to customers throughout the United States and more than 90 countries.

