



ONTARIO FOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION



Michael Cramer

43 years in the food industry

Director of Food Safety and Quality Assurance

Swift & Company/Con Agra

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Retired - third edition of his book “Food Plant Sanitation” and is teaching a Food Plant Sanitation class for Food Safety Net Services.

Michael Cramer graduated from West Chester University (PA) with a B.S. Health Education and concentration in Health Sciences. He started his career working for Swift & Company at the Butterball turkey plant in Birdsboro, PA during the summer while in college. Upon graduation he went to work full time in Quality Assurance for Swift & Company, ultimately Con Agra, for 16 years in meat, poultry, processed meats and corporate Food Safety and Quality Assurance.

After 16 years with Swift & Company/Con Agra, Mike left to join International Multifoods as Director of Food Safety and Quality Assurance. During his 27 years with the company there were multiple acquisitions (IBP, Tyson, Foodbrands America, Windsor Foods) and name changes (Dorskocil, Specialty Brands). Ultimately the company was purchased by Ajinomoto Foods North America, Inc. but the one constant was the company commitment to food safety and quality. Ajinomoto Foods has some of the best Asian (Ajinomoto, Ling Line, Tai Pei), Mexican (Jose Ole, Posada), Italian (Bernardi) and Appetizer (Fred’s) products on the market. Mike is proud to have been part of the leadership of the food safety and quality assurance team for this company for over 27 years.

In July, 2021, Mike retired after 43 amazing years in the food industry. Upon retiring he spent time the third edition of his book “Food Plant Sanitation” and is teaching a Food Plant Sanitation class for Food Safety Net Services. Mike is also able to spend more time with family and friends and thoroughly enjoy Central Texas, Belton Lake, hiking, traveling and life.

Love what you do, enjoy the time you are doing it and don't be in a hurry to retire. A career is a marathon, not a sprint so take time to enjoy the view around you while you can.