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Dr. Tim Jackson is a Senior Science Advisor for Food Safety with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, joining in 2022. In this role, Dr. Jackson supports programs in outbreak investigations, root cause analysis, and prevention strategies.

From 2017–2021, Dr. Jackson served as Vice President of Food Safety, Regulatory, and Social Compliance for Driscoll's team in North America and South America. He was responsible for food safety, regulatory (including organic) compliance, and compliance in worker welfare. Driscoll's is the global market leader in fresh strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries.

Dr. Jackson previously served as the Director of Food Safety for Nestlé US and Nestlé Canada from 2009–2017, with responsibility for thermal processing and food safety programs in hygiene, microbiology, allergens, and chemical contaminants. He joined Nestlé in 1995 as a research and industrial microbiologist. From 1998–2003, Dr. Jackson headed the Microbiology Laboratories at the Nestlé Quality Assurance Laboratory for the U.S. and Canada in Dublin, Ohio. In 2003, he joined the Nestlé Research Center in Lausanne, Switzerland, supporting Nestlé markets in the identification and validation of alternative methods. From 2004–2008, Dr. Jackson served as Chief Industrial Microbiologist for Nestlé's global operations in Vevey, Switzerland.

Dr. Jackson received his B.S. in Biology from Abilene Christian University and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Microbiology from Texas A&M University. While at the university, he led its administered training program for the USDA-FSIS inspectors at the Agency's newly established training center.

Dr. Jackson currently serves on the Executive Board of the International Association for Food Protection and serves on the Technical Committee of the Center for Produce Safety.