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Gary Smith

Vice President of Quality and Food Safety Systems

Treehouse Foods

With an MS in Environmental Biology from Governors State University and a BS in Animal Sciences from the University of Illinois, Gary brings 30 years of industry experience to his duties at Treehouse Foods.

In this role he is responsible for supplier and external manufacturers, warehouses, quality and food safety training, management of third party audits, consumer affairs and management of technical account managers for strategic customers.

Gary has worked as a regulator, buyer, supplier, this broad perspective means Gary is uniquely equipped to help organizations determine which standards offer the best benefits to their business and their most practical strategies for complying with them.

A leader in food safety and service

Gary has an extensive list of professional certifications and industry memberships and has been active on a number of policy-influencing committees. He currently serves as: Chair of the Food Safety Service Providers (FSSP); Advisory Board member for FSSC 22000; co-chair of food group of IAAR; a member of the Accreditation task force and Guidance document working group; a member of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI); and as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for SQFI. Previous committee work includes a Council III membership with the Conference for Food Protection.

Areas of professional expertise

- The inaugural SQF Institute Distinguished Service Award, which recognized Gary's life-long commitment to promoting and strengthening food safety and certification programs worldwide.
- FSPCA Lead Instructor for Preventive Controls for Human Food, Animal Food, FSVP and Produce.
- Certified Quality Auditor for HACCP under the American Society of Quality.
- Certified HACCP Instructor with the International HACCP Alliance and National Seafood Alliance.
- Member of the Technical Advisory Committee for SQFI.
- Member of the Advisory Board of FSSC 22000.
- Co-Chair of the IAAR Food Group.
- Member, International Association of Food Protection.
- Member, National Environmental Health Association.