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Since 1999, Dr. John Luchansky has been the Research Leader (RL) of the Microbial Food Safety Research Unit at the Eastern Regional Research Center of the Agricultural Research Service branch of the United States Department of Agriculture in Wyndmoor, PA. Dr. Luchansky has almost 30 years of experience working with a variety of both beneficial and harmful bacteria associated with foods. In his current position as RL, he has oversight of some 45 employees, including 18 Ph.D. level scientists, and a \$6.5M program at 4 different locations focusing on: developing technologies to eliminate pathogens from foods; exploiting genomics/proteomics to detect and characterize pathogens; and developing mathematical models to predict pathogen growth, survival, and death. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Food Science at Purdue University, the Department of Agriculture at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and the Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology at Drexel University. Dr. Luchansky received a B.S. degree (with distinction) in Microbiology from The Pennsylvania State University in 1980 and M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees, both in Microbiology, from Iowa State University in 1983 and 1987, respectively. He then worked at North Carolina State University as a Post-doctoral Research Associate from 1987 to 1989.