Lunch ~ N ~ Learn SEMINAR

THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

LOSING TRACK!
Do You Really Know From Where Your Lunch Has Come?

The Complexity of the Food System

Tomatoes
While the U.S. produces the most tomatoes, Mexico accounts for 71% of tomato imports, and Canada accounts for 27%.

Anchovies
56% of our anchovies are produced in Peru, while pizza anchovies come from Argentina, Croatia, Spain, and Italy.

Beef
2.5 billion pounds of beef were exported this year to top markets like Canada, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, and Hong Kong.

Cheese
14% of the raw buffalo milk used for mozzarella is made in Italy while 96% is produced in Asia.

Mushrooms
China produces 47% of our mushrooms across the globe, followed by the U.S which produces only 11%.

Spices
11.5% of India’s spices are exported to United Arab Emirates, the U.S., the EU, and Malaysia.

Peppers
95% of unprocessed peppers are exported through India, China, and the U.S.

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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Distinguished Speaker

TEJAS BHATT
DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL FOOD TRACEABILITY CENTER
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ABSTRACT
As agricultural and food commodities get traded globally in a complex web of interconnected supply chains, the food consumed by Americans been so distant and disconnected from where it was grown. Therefore, it is no surprise that foodborne outbreaks and recalls have grown larger and longer in recent years. With public health and industry viability at stake, food traceability has emerged as a high priority for public-private partnerships and collaborations. This talk will focus on one such success story on how stakeholders from governments, industry, NGOs and academia came together to solve one of the most pressing issues in the food and agricultural sectors – food traceability.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY
Tejas Bhatt is the Director of the Institute of Food Technologists’ (IFT) Global Food Traceability Center (GFTC). He directs GFTC’s science and policy initiatives related to food traceability. He is responsible for grants and contracts work at GFTC to conduct research and development in food science in partnership with governments, industry and academia. He has a unique interest in applying information technology through standards and protocols to tackle global issues like food traceability. He was the lead on the food product tracing pilots conducted for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as mandated by the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act. Mr. Bhatt received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Master of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Food Science, both from Purdue University. He has also earned a Certified Food Scientist credential from the International Food Science Certification Commission. He has authored or co-authored several peer reviewed publications, book chapters, and has presented at numerous national and international conferences.
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