

# Sean J. Leighton

Cargill - Vice President of Food Safety, Quality & Regulatory Affairs



Sean Leighton is Cargill's Global Vice President of Food Safety, Quality, and Regulatory Affairs. With a career spanning more than 15 years in the food and beverage industry, Sean has intimate knowledge of the science and standards that make food safe, and the strategies to ensure the quality of supply chains that feed our world.

Before joining Cargill in 2017, Sean served as Vice President of Quality Assurance, Safety, and Environmental Sustainability at The Coca-Cola Company, where he spent 12 years in roles of increasing responsibility. He also worked at Land O' Lakes Incorporated.

Sean's passion for food safety and quality extends beyond Cargill. He currently serves on advisory boards of the Global Food Safety Initiative, Institute of Food Technologists, and the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety. In these leadership roles, and in his daily work at Cargill, Sean is leading cutting edge work to nourish our world in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way.

Sean holds a bachelor's degree in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master of science degree in food science from the University of Minnesota, and an MBA from Emory University. Sean and his wife have two children reside in Minnesota.