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**Marking the Celebration of World Food Safety Day 2026**

As we mark World Food Safety Day 2026 under the theme “**From burden to solutions – safe food everywhere,**” we are reminded that food science is at the heart of both understanding and solving food safety challenges.

Food science provides the knowledge and tools needed to identify food safety hazards, investigate foodborne illness outbreaks, determine their root causes, and develop effective measures to prevent their recurrence. It is also the driving force behind innovations that make food safer, including processing technologies, preservation methods, food additives, packaging materials, and analytical tools that protect consumers and reduce the burden of foodborne disease.

Importantly, this day should remind us that food processing is one of the most powerful public health interventions ever developed. Safe and effective food processing technologies have contributed significantly to reducing foodborne illnesses, extending shelf life, improving food security, and making safe food more accessible to populations around the world. Misrepresenting or unjustifiably discrediting food processing risks undermining public confidence in technologies that have delivered substantial health benefits for generations.

Representing a global network of food scientists through its adhering bodies around the world, the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) calls for continued investment in food science, food technology, and innovation. Advancing these disciplines is essential to reducing the burden of foodborne disease, strengthening food systems, and ensuring that safe food is available to everyone, everywhere.

**Food science transforms knowledge into solutions, and those solutions are essential to achieving safe food everywhere.**



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