



American DairyTM
Products Institute

Center of Excellence



"Dairy expertise is only a call away"



We are committed to being the world's premier authority on dairy ingredients. As such, we are pleased to introduce a network of seasoned dairy industry professionals capable of addressing a wide range of topics for our membership.

The ADPI Center of Excellence (COE) is the key resource to the ADPI Academy and provides an easy and economical way for members to gain access to a pool of dairy industry experts with competencies in a broad range of areas to include:

Product Applications ~ Regulatory / Legal ~ Feed Industry~ Quality / Food Safety ~ Marketing

Risk Management ~ Supply Chain Management ~ Environmental Compliance ~ Business Development /Strategy

Cheese & Cheese Powders ~ Dairy Powders (NFDM/SMP; WMP, BMP, MPC / MPI, WPC / WPI, Lactose, Permeate)

Milk (Standard, Evaporated, Condensed, Ultra Filtered) ~ Milkfat & Butter ~ Human Nutrition ~ Animal Nutrition

COE resource professionals, as shown on the following page, are ready and willing to address ADPI member questions or concerns. Simply identify the person that has the expertise that you require, and make contact with that resource professional by phone. Please identify yourself as an ADPI member with name of member company and there will be no cost for this initial consultation (up to 2 hours per member per topic). As a member, you may then choose to employ/engage the consultant directly if more extensive assistance beyond your initial contact is required.

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Competitive assessments: dairy and non-dairy
 Innovation in non-traditional sectors
 Global product research



Business planning & strategy
 Consumer trends analysis
 Market intelligence and consumer insights



Human nutrition: efficacy of dairy ingredients and claims, innovation



Animal nutrition: ration designs, feed, co-product utilization



Product standards and regulations, specifications
 Regulatory guidance, GRAS, Codex



Food safety testing,
 Microbiological standards and specifications
 Safety & risk assessment
 QC Programs, HACCP implementation, audits



Process technologies, Plant design and audits.
 Innovation in technology and investments evaluations



Risk Management principles
 Pricing strategies
 Dairy market updates
 Commodity trends



Functional and chemical properties of dairy ingredients
 Applications how-to and guidance. Labeling

