

# **Dennis D'Amico, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Animal Science Food Safety at University of Connecticut**

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## **Biography**

Dennis D'Amico is an Associate Professor of Dairy Foods in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Connecticut where his research and outreach efforts focus on improving the safety and quality of milk and value-added dairy products. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Nutrition and Food Sciences and his Ph.D. in Food Microbiology from the University of Vermont. Prior to joining the faculty at UConn he was a founding member of the Vermont Institute for Artisan Cheese where he served as Senior Research Scientist and Lecturer working closely with the artisan cheese industry to develop risk reduction interventions and technical outreach programs. His research continues to examine the presence, ecology, and diversity of microbes in the cheesemaking continuum as well as the natural and novel means of controlling them with a focus on the development and use of natural interventions. Dennis has published more than 60 peer reviewed articles and abstracts on the topic of dairy food safety and quality. He also serves on the board of directors of the American Cheese Society and is an active member of several food safety organizations.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Dairy Science, Dairy Industry, Food Microbiology, Food Safety Standards, Food Science

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## **Education**

**University of Vermont**

Ph.D. Food Microbiology

**University of Vermont**

M.S. Food Microbiology/Technology

**University of Vermont**

B.S. Nutrition and Food Sciences

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## **Accomplishments**

**University of Vermont College of Agriculture and Life Sciences New Achiever Alumni Award**

The New Achiever Alumni Award recognizes and honors individuals who earned an undergraduate or graduate degree in the last 15 years (2003-2017) from a program currently or formerly affiliated with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

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