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Justin Ransom's, technical background in food safety and his previous experiences in the federal government, has made him an excellent addition to the Food Protection and Quality Systems group at OSI Industries; a leading manufacturer of products for the worlds most recognized branded food companies. Ransom's role at OSI has been focused on creating continuity in global food safety and quality standards in more than 45 plants in 17 countries. He also works with global customers in providing food solutions and developing food safety and quality expectations for raw materials and finished products. During his time at USDA in Washington, DC, he served as an International Marketing Specialist for USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, and his responsibilities included developing technical material for trade negotiators in resolution of beef trade disputes after the discovery of BSE in December 2003; as well as supporting the U.S. delegation in establishing international standards for meat cuts at the United Nations in 2005 – 2007. Plus he worked domestically on U.S. instrument grading and specifications for red meat proteins. Ransom's previous and current position makes him a unique asset that has worked with both government officials and industry leaders to affect federal policies from trade to food safety, and OSI is glad to have him take the organization to the next level in meeting ever-elevating food safety and quality standards. He was most recently recognized by Meat and Poultry magazine as one of the food industry's "Up and Coming Industry Leaders", and elected to the Board of Directors for the National Meat Association. Ransom was raised in production agriculture in TX and OK before earning his B.S. from Texas Tech University in Agricultural Communications-Marketing, and later a M.S. and Ph.D. in Animal Science and Food Safety from Michigan State and Colorado State University, respectively.