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Dr. Jim Gorny currently serves as Senior Vice President of Food Safety and Technology for the United Fresh Produce Association where he leads the association's food safety, quality assurance, supply chain technology and food security programs on behalf of the association's members. As the chief food safety officer at United Fresh, he advocates the membership's interests before all relevant health and safety regulatory officials, the Bush Administration, and the Congress.

Dr. Gorny received his Ph.D. in plant biology from the University of California at Davis in 1995, and his B.S. and M.S. degrees in food science from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

He is the author and editor of numerous scientific and technical publications pertaining to the quality and safety of fresh produce. Dr. Gorny is most recently a contributor and co-editor of a book entitled *The Microbiology of Fruits and Vegetables*, published in August 2005 by CRC Press. He is also the 2005 recipient of the International Fresh-cut Produce Association Technical Award.

Actively involved in the fresh fruit and vegetable industry since 1986, Dr. Gorny has worked extensively on food safety issues including implementation of Good Agricultural Practices, modified atmosphere packaging, quality assurance, operations, and general management issues, both nationally and internationally. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of California, where he serves as an extension educator in produce industry courses related to the postharvest handling of fresh fruits and vegetables.