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For over thirty years, Dr. Lobstein has spent his career in various aspects of the meat and poultry industry. A native of Illinois, Mark received Bachelor's degrees in both Chemistry and Agriculture from Murray State University and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Tuskegee University. Doctor Lobstein worked in a clinical setting in Murray, KY before accepting a position with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Meat & Poultry Inspection Division as a Supervising Veterinarian. Dr. Lobstein later took a position with the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) as a Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer in Mississippi and Tennessee and then later joined the poultry industry to develop and implement the FSIS HACCP based Inspection Models Project (HIMP) for ConAgra Foods in Gainesville, GA after which he assumed the position of Director of HACCP and Regulatory Affairs for what was later Pilgrim's Pride and had corporate responsibility for government and regulatory compliance. The USA Poultry & Egg Export Council (USAPEEC) then secured Dr. Lobstein as the Director of Technical Services for nearly eight and a half years before he began his own company providing consultation services to a number of international organizations and government entities in addition to the meat & poultry industries. Dr. Lobstein is currently employed as an International Marketing Specialist with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in Washington, DC. Mark is a veteran of the United States Air Force and in his free time, he enjoys flying and spending quality time with family and friends.