

**Shari Plimpton, PhD.** - Vice President, Director of Food Industry Programs

Shari Plimpton, Ph.D., vice president, director of food industry programs, Center for Innovative Food Technology (CIFT), serves as a resource for technology development and transfer, product development, process control, business development, food safety, and food industry training and education programs. She works as an advisor and educator for product development, processing technologies development, food product commercialization, food safety (including Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) instruction), quality management systems, nutritional labeling and food labeling rules.

Dr. Plimpton began her career in new technology research and product development working first with Pillsbury, and then Sandoz Nutrition (Minnesota). At Instant Products of America (Indiana), she was hired as business development manager and progressed to general manager. As an independent consultant, she served Kraft, Godiva Chocolatier, M&M Mars, and others.

Working with CIFT, Dr. Plimpton has worked with large and small businesses alike to address their unique challenges to remaining profitable in the food industry delivering increased profits, new sales, and new jobs through Ohio and national food manufacturers.



**Matt Inniger** - Project Engineer, Advanced Food Processing Technology Program Manager

Matt Inniger is a food processing engineer with substantial experience delivering solutions for CIFT food manufacturing clients in facility and process design, continuous improvement, wastewater system design, automation and robotics, and smart manufacturing, across a wide variety of company sizes and product categories.

Prior to joining CIFT, Matt worked at Glanbia Performance Nutrition where he developed new products, packaging, and manufacturing processes for the sport nutrition sector. He managed the optimization of new product quality characteristics, including production yield and shelf stability.

Inniger achieved his Bachelor of Science in Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering from The Ohio State University.

