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Renowned food scientist and academic leader John Floros became President of New Mexico State University on July 1, 2018. Prior to his current role, he was dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension at Kansas State University, where he led the development of a strategic plan, guided the college to record student enrollments, retention and graduation, and nearly 100% placement. As director, he steered K-State Research and Extension – an entity with faculty and staff in five colleges: Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Human Ecology, and Veterinary Medicine – to record extramural funding, with research expenditures of more than $105 Million. Under his leadership the College of Agriculture established the first ever NSF supported Center on Wheat Genomics; and four new Feed-the-Future Labs from USAID on wheat, sorghum and millet, postharvest loss reduction, and sustainable intensification, for a total investment of more than $100M in five years. Niche

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognized him for his "distinguished service to the people of U.S.A." as a member of the Science Board to the FDA. In 2017, he testified in front of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on "Agricultural Research: Perspectives on Past and Future Successes for the 2018 Farm Bill," and he recently co-chaired the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, Executive Committee on Science Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agricultural Research.

Dr. Floros served as professor and head of the department of food science at Pennsylvania State University (2000-12), as professor at Purdue University (1988-2000), and worked as an international industry consultant for more than 35 years. He earned his PhD in food science and technology from the University of Georgia.