

**John F. Stika, Ph.D.**

As president for the *Certified Angus Beef*® brand, John Stika guides grassroots programs to deliver premium beef from family farmers and ranchers to consumers' dinner tables. He has led the brand through 11 consecutive years of record sales, helping to satisfy growing demand for great-tasting beef in 17,000 restaurants and grocery stores worldwide.

John grew up on a small family farm in Kansas, and earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Kansas State University, and a doctorate in meat science from the University of Kentucky. He came to the brand in February 1999 as director of feeder-packer relations, and then director of packing and supply development. Moving on to vice president of business development, he led sales growth through retail, foodservice, international and value-added products before becoming president.

Through his expertise and experience from gate to plate, John has served as a board member of the American Meat Science Association, and is actively engaged in beef quality and related committees of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. John received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award in 2010 from K-State's College of Agriculture and the Achievement award from the American Meat Science Association. He resides with his wife, Deanna, and their three sons in Creston, Ohio, where they care for a small herd of Angus cattle and other livestock.