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Dr Finley is Head and Professor of Food Science at Louisiana State University. He is leading a program focused on development of functional foods which deliver targeted health benefits and are of culinary quality. Programs to train regulatory scientists, Culinology and Energy efficient processing are being developed.

Dr Finley was the chief Technology Officer of A.M. Todd Co. a 137 year-old firm specializing in food flavors, ingredients, and specialty agriculture. Under Dr Finley's technical leadership A.M. Todd transitioned from a commodity supplier to a provider of formulated flavors and functional foods ingredients that enhance health and wellness.

Dr Finley has had a distinguished career in the food industry as a leader and innovator of new technologies. Dr Finley came to A.M. Todd from Kraft Foods where he developed several low calorie technologies and satiety enhancing products. Fostered by his background at Monsanto John also served as an internal consultant in biotechnology. At Monsanto he was leader of the Food Science program which was focused on delivery of intense sweeteners and reduced calorie ingredient development. He also initiated a program to produce low calorie fats and fats with enhanced fatty acid profiles in conventionally bred and genetically engineered plants.

At Nabisco Dr Finley assembled and served as leader of the Fundamental Science program which resulted in multiple innovations and technologies to support the Nabisco businesses. In that role he also was co-inventor and leader of the development program for Salatrim and low calorie fat.

Dr Finley has authored over 100 technical publications, edited eleven books and holds 47 patents. Currently he is an associate editor for the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*.