

April Ramos – Nichols Farms – Mrs. Ramos currently serves as the Director of Quality Assurance for Nichols Farms in Hanford, CA and has been a member of the Nichols team for 15 years. Her educational background includes : Six Sigma Green Belt (Arizona State University), MBA (Fresno State), and Bachelor of Science – Microbiology (University of Southern Mississippi). April serves as the SQF Practitioner for Nichols Farms, is PCQI certified, and has completed the coursework for the Produce Safety Rule. April led and/or participated in the implementation of the Organic, HACCP, Pasteurization, and Preventive Controls Programs for the organization. She leads the quality harvest receiving activities, built and operated an USDA accredited aflatoxin laboratory for both AflaTest (domestic) and HPLC (export) protocols (since 2003), and ensures that Nichols Farms maintains the highest level of SQF certification (since 2011). She acts as a liaison between Nichols Farms and the customers and suppliers in order to maintain a food safe and high quality supply chain from “farm to fork”.