

April Ramos - Touchstone Pistachio Co.

Mrs. Ramos is the Quality Systems Director for Touchstone Pistachio Co. and has served within the pistachio industry for 18 years. Her educational background includes: Six Sigma Green Belt (Arizona State University), MBA (Fresno State), and a Bachelor of Science - Microbiology (University of Southern Mississippi). During her tenure, April has acquired/maintained SQF Level 3 certification for a pistachio processing plant in Hanford, CA for 8 years, consulted for another firm to achieve SQF Level 2 certification in December 2019, and worked with the Touchstone Terra Bella team to achieve SQF Level 2 in 2020. Mrs. Ramos is PCQI certified, completed coursework on the Produce Safety Rule, implemented Organic certification, HACCP, Preventive Controls, and Pasteurization programs within a processing plant. She leads the quality programs for processing, built a USDA accredited aflatoxin lab (2003), acts as liaison between the end customer and the processing plant(s), and manages the harvest incoming inspections. April believes in collaboration within the industry and maintaining a safe and high quality product throughout the supply chain from farm to fork.