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Ward Named Head of Department of Food Science at NC State

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North Carolina State University professor Dr. Donn R. Ward has been named head of the Department of Food Science in North Carolina State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, effective Sept. 1.

Ward joined the college in 1988 as an associate professor and extension specialist in the Department of Food Science, rising to the rank of professor in 1993. He also was coordinator of the graduate food safety minor. Since 2004, Ward has served as interim head of the Department of Food Science. Before coming to NC State, Ward was an assistant professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and an associate professor at Texas A&M University.



Dr. Donn R. Ward

A specialist in food safety issues associated with aquatic food products, Ward has been recognized at local, state and national levels for his work. In 1999, he received a Group Honor Award for Excellence from the United States Department of Agriculture for his outstanding leadership as national coordinator of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) training program. The North Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists gave Ward an Extension Education Award in 2001 for his Seafood Science and Technology Program. And in 2005 Ward was named a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists.

“With demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and extension, as well as a tremendous record of service to the college, university and community, Donn Ward will be an outstanding leader for our Department of Food Science,” said Dr. Johnny Wynne, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

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Ward earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in food science and technology from Virginia Tech, and a doctoral degree in food science and technology from Texas A&M.

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