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## Safety of Meat Products: Detection and Control of Microorganisms

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The production of meat products is a highly sensitive area due to the possibility of the introduction of spoilage and pathogenic organisms from primary production to the final product at retail level. In order to achieve a risk-based assessment of pathogen contamination in primary as well as secondary production, longitudinal sampling approaches are needed that encompass all levels of sampling (raw material, intermediate product, food environment, and vectors). The latest findings based on culture-based as well as culture-independent microbiological and molecular biological methods are necessary and should be used to detect contamination events in order to improve food safety at the consumer, trade, and producer levels. These methods should be applied in a networked manner in order to provide the best possible insight into bacterial transmission pathways.



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