

Gary J. Larson

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Gary J. Larson has worked in manufacturing and R & D for 40 years. He is presently Director of Manufacturing for Ukrop's Homestyle Foods, LLC. He has responsibility for two plants that produce chilled prepared foods and bakery products. This company was previously the manufacturing operation for Ukrop's Super Markets. When the retail stores were sold to Ahold USA, the Ukrop family retained the manufacturing business and this new company now sells great food to several retail chains.

Previously Gary has worked as Operations Manager of Virginia's Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership. In this role he helped guide the expansion of that consulting resource throughout the state of Virginia. He managed 15 consultants in six offices around the state providing business and operations consulting to small and medium manufacturers in Virginia.

The bulk of Gary's career was with Nestle USA in Manufacturing and Research and Development. He was Director of R&D and Vice President of Manufacturing for the refrigerated foods division of Nestle in the US. He helped to design, build and start up a manufacturing plant in Danville, VA, and was the plant manager for it's first four years of operation.

Gary has a BS in Chemical Engineering from WPI in Worcester, MA and an MBA from Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. He and his wife Kathy live in Chesterfield, VA. They have two daughters and one grandchild.