

## ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY

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## Techniques to quantify the risk -Lead by MultiCoop Project

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- Risk = Exposure x Bioactivity (Effect of substance x Response of organism)
- Toxic x Protective (bioactive) substances
- Mixtures of good and bad = complex view
- Dose-response often non-linear
- Real exposure = uptake from intestine and role of microflora
- Individual sensitivity (age, sex, genetic background)
- Big data issue = storing, mining and sharing



Techniques to quantify the risk (Multicoop)

- Analytical techniques:
- Contaminants (exposure) x Biomarkers (the effect on organism)
- Known = targeted analysis (multiple analytes, matrix independence)
- Developing world issue = cheap but reliable methods
- Scienion = Point of care kits, dry chemistry
- Unknown and Emerging = non-targeted screening + OMICS
- Fingerprinting x Profiling (DART-HRMS)

