

Business Playbook

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Jay Jandrain
President and Chief Executive Officer
Butterball, LLC

Jay Jandrain serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Butterball, LLC, the largest producer of turkey products in the United States. In this role, he leads the company's overall business strategy, overseeing a vertically integrated operation that produces and distributes approximately one billion pounds of turkey annually across retail and foodservice channels in the U.S. and international markets.



Jandrain was appointed CEO in December 2018 after serving as Chief Operating Officer, where he had responsibility for plant operations, supply chain, engineering, procurement, logistics, and research and development. Since taking the helm, he has focused on advancing Butterball's transformation from a seasonal whole-bird business toward a diversified, year-round branded protein platform, expanding value-added offerings and strengthening consumer relevance across meal occasions.

Since joining Butterball in 2002 as Director of Research & Development, Jandrain has held a series of increasingly senior leadership roles, including Vice President of Deli Sales, Vice President of R&D, Vice President of Integrated Business Strategy, and Executive Vice President of Sales. His experience spans product innovation, commercial strategy, and operations, positioning him to lead cross-functional growth initiatives and enhance profitability across the enterprise.

Beyond Butterball, Jandrain plays an active leadership role in the broader poultry industry. He serves on the National Turkey Federation's executive committee and was elected Chairman for 2025, where he represents industry stakeholders and helps drive priorities including animal health, food safety policy, and market expansion.

Prior to joining Butterball, Jandrain held multiple leadership positions in sales, marketing, and R&D at Cargill and Plantation Foods, building a strong foundation across both technical and commercial disciplines in the food industry.

Jandrain earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Mr. Jandrain and his wife reside in Chapel Hill with their four children.