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Richard H. Linton is dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State University. Prior to this role, Linton served as Department Chair of Food Science and Technology at The Ohio State University (2011-2012), and as a faculty member of the Department of Food Science at Purdue University (1994-2011). While at Purdue University, Linton also served as the Director (and founder) of the Center for Food Safety Engineering and as the Associate Director of Agricultural Research Programs. As dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Linton leads more than 325 faculty housed in 12 different departments, more than 2,500 undergraduate students and nearly 750 graduate students. Under his direction, the college has developed a new strategic plan that focuses on building people, programs and partnerships. Collaboration with industry and government is critical to the mission of the college, and Linton's dedication to this mission is demonstrated through the Plant Sciences Initiative and the Food Processing and Manufacturing Initiative, two endeavors that have the potential to create jobs, find solutions to global challenges in agriculture and foster support for local growers. Linton earned a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's in food science and a doctorate in food science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

