

IFT Statement: MAHA Commission Report

The release of the MAHA Commission Report emphasized the need for more “gold-standard science,” something that IFT’s scientific members spanning academia, government, and industry have delivered for more than 85 years across numerous Administrations. IFT serves as the objective voice of the food science community, advocating for truth in science that helps create a healthier food system. The Report spotlighted advancements that the panelists view as needed within our food system to better support children’s health, but a more holistic analysis of the extensive evidence-based scientific body of knowledge on food and public health needs to be included – an issue we hope the MAHA Commission remedies over the next 80 days as it prepares its actionable recommendations. In addition, there needs to be a broad stakeholder coalition to drive positive changes in public health, and that coalition for change must involve the food science community that has helped ensure we have a global food system that is sustainable, safe, nutritious, and accessible to all.