Trailblazing Women in Manufacturing: A Panel Discussion

Panelists:

## Andrea Wombacher, Vice President of Production Meati Foods

Andrea loves building and developing systems for manufacturing operations and coaching and developing teams. She is the Vice President of Production for Meati Foods, the Colorado Network 2024 Emerging Manufacturer.

Andrea has a degree in Biomedical Engineering and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa. The first 15 years of her career were spent with Nestle Purina Petcare, where she worked at three different factories and held positions as an Engineer, Assistant Quality Assurance Manager, Maintenance Manager and Manufacturing Excellence Manager (TPM and Ops performance).

Andrea joined Meati Foods in July of 2023 as the Director of Maintenance and Reliability and was promoted to Director of Operations and then to VP of Production.

Outside of work she enjoys hiking, biking, paddleboarding and ski/snowboarding with my husband Bill and our two sons, Liam (8) and Alex (5).

Meati Foods is transforming the food industry with their innovative use of mycelium to create nutrient-rich, sustainable protein products. Founded by two passionate Colorado scientists over a shared love of environmental solutions, Meati's commitment to reshaping the future of food has propelled them to the forefront of alternative protein innovation, bringing Earth-friendly nutrition to the masses.