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ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR FOOD SUPPLY—The threats to agriculture can be large. . . but many of them can be caused by organisms that are microscopically small. For instance, food pathogens like *Botulinum* or *Staphylococcus*. Or the bacteria that cause Johne's disease or bovine tuberculosis. The next issue of the magazine looks at research ARS is doing to protect the food supply from these various organisms, including a new way to kill food pathogens without using heat.