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Or it at least feels that way in the Boston area. Between our buzzing startup scene and the research of our world-class hospitals and universities, the distance between the possible and the impossible seems smaller than ever. Here are choice cuts from the cutting edge.

Holy Cow!

CHERYL FENTON

 

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Put the smell test on the back burner. **Safe Food Scientific Inc.** has invented a more scientific way to figure out if the beef in your fridge is safe to eat. After more than three years of research and development, the Lexington-based biotech firm has launched **Beef-Fresh Sensors**, featuring a liquid biosensor that measures bacterial contamination levels.

“As food supply lines extend farther across the globe, the vulnerabilities inherent in the system become even more pronounced,” says Donald McAlister, SFS’s chief executive officer. “You can quite literally see recalls and reports of adulterated food every day.” According to the CDC, food-borne bacteria cause an estimated 48 million illnesses, 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths each year in the U.S. SFS hopes to put a dent in those numbers with its sensor. Here’s how it works: As protein is consumed by bacteria, it emits a specific type of gas. The sensor detects this gas and alerts you when the levels get too high by changing color from yellow to blue. Simply slide a single-use sensor into an airtight container with the raw meat and look before you cook.

One catch: It’s not a one-sensor-fits-all scenario. Bacteria growth is affected by the type of proteins in the food, so SFS will be releasing sensors for pork, poultry, lamb and fish in the coming months, with deli meat not far behind. Consider them a lab in a tab.

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