# Arise with Rise John Slis IT Director

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## My Background

- 34 years in the Information Technology sector
- Over 18 years in the SAP arena
- Held various roles, within multiple industries, including manufacturing, retail, and banking
- 7 Years at Butterball
- IT Business Owner for the SAP Rise Project



John Slis

IT Director



## **Butterball Background**

- We are more than just whole turkeys
- Locations in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and North Carolina
- Operations include:
  - Live Operations: Feed mills, Hatcheries, Farms and Truck/Transportation
  - Plant Operations: All Operations from Processing to Distribution
- Over 6,800 team members that are comprised of Hourly, Salary Non-Exempt and Salary

## Project Background

- Business Drivers
  - Getting off the AS400
  - Going to the cloud
  - Getting back on SAP support
  - Positioning ourselves for S4/HANA
  - Business transformation
- Project Details
  - Upgrade from ECC 6.0 Enpk 6 to Enpk 8
  - Migration from DB2 to HANA DB
  - RSI Tax Engine to BSI Tax Engine
  - RSI code to SAP code
  - Simplement to SLT replication
- Go-live
  - April 7-9, 2023 (Easter Weekend)
  - Many scrubbed lift-offs prior to this launch day

## Why SAP Rise – Private Cloud Edition

- Cloud Based solution
- Hosted by SAP maintained by them
  - Our in-house Basis support is contracted
- Private over public
  - Flexibility upgrades
  - Customizations allowed
- Simplicity
  - Single Contract & unified service level
- Some of the freebies
  - Business Process Insights Starter Pack
    - SAP Signavio Process Insights: 50 GB with one-time load
    - SAP Signavio Process Manager: 3 users
    - SAP Signavio Process Collaboration Hub: 10 users
- Exclusive access
  - SAP's Newest Innovations Will Be Cloud Only
  - On-Premise and Hosted Deployments Will Not See Enhancements
  - New innovations in AI and sustainability will only be available to RISE with SAP and GROW with SAP customers

### The Start

- Pick your implementation partner wisely
  - One who has done several
  - Especially in your industry e.g. MFG
  - Familiarity with your systems AS400 and Seeburger
- Pick your System IDs (SYSIDs) wisely
  - SB1, DV1, QA1, PR1
    - Software Update Manager (SUM) and Database Migration Option (DMO) Tool – the combination of software update with the database migration.
    - IFS
- Keep It Simple Stupid KISS Principle
  - Manageable phases back on SAP support, upgrade, BSI Tax Engine and code, then migrate, then replace Simplement
- Know and document your landscape

### The Middle

- Strong Project Manager both sides
- Project Plan
  - Detail is good
  - Incorporate your steps in the project plan
  - More cycles the better refining the process
     & timing
  - Extensive testing
  - Change Management
- Transports

#### The Go-Live

- Detailed cut-over plan
  - 250 cutover tasks
  - Scheduled down to the minute
- Go-Live Milestones
- Teams bridge call
  - Bridge will stay open every day to allow team members to communicate issues & status of tasks
  - Check-in points on a 4-hour schedule
  - Showed project status
- Communicated our progress or delays
  - Executives email from our CIO
  - Team emails
  - Company First Up App
- Hold your ground Strong Leadership & strong SI with SAP

#### After Go-Live

- SAP Rise Page on our intranet
  - Link to report issues
  - Documentation new Gui, Fiori, etc.
- Hyper Care
  - With you SI
  - 3x day/daily meetings for 3 weeks
  - Ticketing System SAP Rise specific
  - Defect Log
- New world new way of doing business
  - Dealing with SAP
  - Refreshes
  - Updates

## Questions?



For questions after this session, contact me at jslis@butterball.com





