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Gertjan Schaafsma studied Human Nutrition at the Wageningen University and runs his own consultancy bureau in food, health and safety next to his professorship at the Wageningen University

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From 1975 until 1987 he was employed by the Netherlands Institute for Dairy Research (NIZO food research) where he finished his thesis on nutrition and osteoporosis. In 1987 he became head of the Physiology department at TNO Nutrition and Food Research in Zeist and from 1998 until 2000 he was employed by Campina (DMV International). For this company he founded in 1999 a nutrition research centre in Wageningen. In 1996 (until now) he became part-time professor in Nutrition and Food at the Wageningen University. In 2000 he returned to TNO to become business director in food, health and safety.

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