



I. Updated Entity-Relationship (ER) Model

The diagram below represents the final, normalized relational schema. This updated model explicitly shows the relationships required for traceability (linking specific ingredient lots to specific product lots) and versioning (Formulations), which were central to the project's complexity.

Analysis of Design Improvements

The final schema is a significant improvement over the initial design, strategically shifting complexity from vulnerable application code to the secure database layer. This design achieves BCNF by eliminating redundancy and enforcing integrity where it matters most.

1. **Atomic Lot Creation and Traceability:** We replaced simple auto-increment IDs for all inventory items with Composite, Human-Readable Lot Numbers. These keys are automatically generated and enforced by database triggers, guaranteeing uniqueness and consistency for all recall functionality.
2. **Centralized Traceability Bridge:** The BatchConsumption table was established as the immutable bridge. It links every finished ProductBatch to every consumed IngredientBatch, which is the foundational mechanism for fulfilling the Trace Recall requirement efficiently.
3. **Normalization and Consolidation:** We unified the old redundant user tables into a single AppUser structure linked by Foreign Keys, eliminating transitive dependencies and simplifying access control, leading to a schema that meets the BCNF standard across all core tables.
4. **Database-Enforced Integrity:** Critical safety rules (Negative Stock, Health Risk) were moved directly into Stored Procedures and Triggers to ensure they are non-negotiable and protected by the transactional rollback mechanism, preventing data corruption from application errors.