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Salmonella in Cooked Beef: An Update

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I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to you today on the Salmonella in cooked beef issue. Frequently, I have to talk about current problems or potential problems, but I believe that today we can look at the efforts of Government and Industry to control Salmonella in cooked beef as a huge success from the standpoints of the consumer, the Government and the Industry. This is not to say that all of the problems are completely solved. However, we can say that from a national perspective, this industry, prodded by FSIS, has made tremendous strides in technology, controls and concern for the safety of the product it produces.

Many of you are aware of the background of this problem, but for review and the benefit of those who are not, I will summarize this.

In the late 1960s, the production of cooked and roast beef began to move from small delis to small specialized processors of corned beef, roast beef and cooked beef. The new firms came under Federal inspection and many of these had little technical knowledge and their equipment was marginal. At about the same time, FSIS approved the pumping of beef with solutions of flavoring agents. The pumped product was preferred by customers, permitted processors to develop unique flavors, provided an economic advantage because of the added water and distributed surface bacteria to the core of beef rounds. FSIS had no cooking requirements for beef at that time since no problems had been perceived and there was a preference of many consumers for very rare beef. The prevailing attitude for beef was that one could sear the surface to destroy surface bacteria and safely consume the dish. This attitude prevailed amongst chefs, the industry and even scientists and historically, there was little or no epidemiological data to question it. Salmonella was a problem of poultry, pork or human carriers.

An outbreak of human salmonellosis from roast beef occurred in the New York area in 1969. The product was prepared from imported beef, and was nearly raw in the core. The firms sanitation was poor. The product was re-

called, and the firm was closed until many improvements were made. Other outbreaks occurred in 1971, 1974, two or three in 1975, and another in 1977. All of these were in the northeast and occurred in the late summer or early fall when the weather was hot. In 1977, FSIS passed emergency legislation requiring cooked beef to be heated to an internal temperature of 145°F. While the industry had done little, during this period, to improve the situation, they reacted strongly to the emergency regulation. Dr. Angelotti told the group that if they didn't like the regulation, they should provide data to support something different. We had not been able to find such information and the industry couldn't either. They did organize a coalition of trade groups to support a joint USDA/ABC Research Laboratory protocol to develop the data. The protocol was developed and ABC conducted the work. FSIS had added a new dimension to the protocol. We had inoculated Salmonella heavily both into the core and onto the surface of beef rounds, at our Beltsville laboratory, and cooked these to 145°F internal. We observed, as anticipated, the complete destruction of Salmonella in the core but survival of some on the surface. It is well known that Salmonella become more heat resistant when they are dry and it was hypothesized that this was the cause of survival in our dry kitchen range cook.

ABC Research did an outstanding job of rapidly completing the research called for in a comprehensive protocol. This work became the basis for the 1978 cooked beef regulations, which permit the use of 15 different combinations of temperature and holding times. Each provides an equal 7D destruction of Salmonella. Humidity and oven temperature were also incorporated into the regulation. This regulation is one of the most progressive ever written by FSIS. It provides for the production of a safe product, permits flexibility within industry and allows for the safe production of an extremely rare beef product for those who want it. The system worked fine for a couple of years and we reduced our testing frequency. In 1981, another sizeable outbreak occurred in the northeast. Our investigation into this incident showed

that the firm had significant post processing sanitation problems and that the separation of raw and cooked meat areas was inadequate. Health officials and epidemiologists from nine northeastern states reacted to this incident with a 21 point petition to the administrator of FSIS which essentially questioned the accuracy of the ABC research, the FSIS regulations and called for doing it over again. We prepared information and data that refuted the majority of these points and agreed totally with a couple of them. We knew that we had to rewrite the regulation to explicitly describe requirements for separation of raw and cooked product, record keeping, cooling and a whole host of peripheral concerns. These would be followed by both inspectors and processors. This was done, our inspectors were provided with training in the area and told not to permit any deviations from the regulations. Our laboratories increased their surveillance and review teams inspected plants to verify that the regulations were being enforced. No further outbreaks have occurred since that one in 1981, so there has been only one outbreak since the 1978 regulation. We have had several recalls based upon the testing program, however, these appear to be beneficial in that we are detecting problems before they cause illnesses.

Currently, one can assess the situation as follows:

• The regulations are sound; the cooking permitted kills Salmonella.

 Humidity is a critical control factor for rounds of beef cooked without a bag. We suspect that it is equally critical in producing other food products safely but is not always recognized.

 Packaging of cooked beef needs to be accomplished in an almost aseptic manner which is not too well understood by those who do it.

While technology has improved in many establishments, most still have no employees scientifically trained to assure compliance.

• Preoperational sanitation is essential. If equipment is cleaned at the end of a days shift and any area is missed, Salmonella can grow to enormous numbers during the night, particularly in the warm weather. Operators fail to see this aspect. We still see clean-up at the end of a shift and pack off of cooled, cooked rounds the following morning without recleaning or sanitizing.

• FSIS must continue to monitor these products heavily and indefinitely. Government testing keeps establishments aware of the need to follow the regulations. Our inspectors will "test" at the slightest deviation.

I thought you might like some statistics for our testing programs. We have two programs for cooked beef products, one is a surveillance program for firms producing over 40,000 pounds per month where monthly samples are taken through computer selection. The second program is designed for smaller producers, these are sampled every 2 or 3 months again by computer selection.

When a plant is sampled, we take a center slice approximately 1/2" thick from each product available that day such as cooked beef, roast beef and corned beef.

Each sample weighs approximately 200 grams and the entire sample is tested for Salmonella and E. coli.

Surveillance Program
July 1, 1983 through November 30, 1985

	E. coli	Salmonella
Cooked Beef	125/500	1/502
Roast Beef	98/417	2/419
Corned Beef	127/507	1/510
TOTAL	350/1424	4/1431

Monitoring Program

July 1, 1983 through November 30, 1985

	E. coli	Salmonella
Cooked Beef	116/551	0/553
Roast Beef	99/399	2/402
Corned Beef	135/544	1/549
TOTAL	350/1494	3/1504

This information tells us that the Salmonella problem in cooked beef has been reduced to an extremely low level. I'm not sure we can completely eliminate it and certainly the E. coli results show that there remains a potential that has to be controlled by constant industry and government vigilance. This is a tough sampling and testing program, the sample size is large and even the E. coli determination is an enrichment E. coli for the total sample. This is our innovation and it appears that we are measuring plant sanitation at a level of sensitivity not heretofore used.

Packaging, rebagging, trimming, etc., of properly cooked beef requires controls as stringent as those called for in processing. Unfortunately, it is one that deals with people and perceptions of sanitation. We can't measure human performance like we can oven performance. It must be done in a different way, and must be a continual process since new workers commonly enter the picture. The importance of employee knowledge and compliance with historic principles of sanitary handling of cooked beef cannot be over emphasized. Further, this statement applies not just to cooked beef but to most ready-to-eat prepared products including meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, etc.

In conclusion, the regulations are sound, the research was sound but until automation replaces the employee, food plant sanitation must be recognized as highly variable and in many instances a weak link that could lead to product involvement in human illnesses, recalls and other unpalatable consequences. Effective employee and

plant sanitation techniques are old-tech and inexpensive to attain. They are also frequently neglected or not strongly supported by management. Microbes patiently await their opportunity to attack. Historically, when given the opportunity, they can create as much mayhem in

1986 as they did in past decades or even centuries. We need our high tech ovens and packaging machinery but old-tech plant sanitation remains essential to the modern food processing plant.

MICROBIOLOGICAL MONITORING PROGRAM
Cooked and Roast Beef/Cooked Corned Beef (MM-9)

	No. Plants	E. coli	Salmonella
	Sampled	No. Pos./No. Tested	No. Pos./No. Tested
November 1 - 30, 1985			
Cooked Beef		4/15	0/15
Roast Beef		2/14	0/19
Cooked Corned Beef		6/19	0/14
Total	37	12/48	0/48
Fiscal Year 1984			
Cooked Beef		53/234	0/236
Roast Beef		37/142	0/145
Cooked Corned Beef		46/205	1/210
Total	427	136/581	1/591
Fiscal Year 1985			
Cooked Beef		37/218	0/218
Roast Beef		41/181	2/181
Cooked Corned Beef		45/230	0/230
Total	468	123/629	2/629
Fiscal Year 1986			
Cooked Beef		8/36	0/36
Roast Beef		6/30	0/30
Cooked Corned Beef		15/39	0/39
Total	79	29/105	0/105
Cumulative Total Samples			
July 1, 1983 to Present			
Cooked Beef		116/551	0/553
Roast Beef		99/399	2/402
Cooked Corned Beef		135/544	1/549
Total	1105	350/1494	3/1504

MICROBIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM Cooked and Roast Beef/Cooked Corned Beef (Tumbled/Massaged) (MS-3)

	No. Plants	E. coli	Salmonella
	Sampled	No. Pos./No. Tested	No. Pos./No. Tested
November 1 - 30, 1985			
Cooked Beef		4/17	0/19
Roast Beef		2/14	0/15
Cooked Corned Beef		2/20	0/21
Total	31	8/51	0/55
Fiscal Year 1984			
Cooked Beef		35/158	0/158
Roast Beef		38/127	0/128
Cooked Corned Beef		45/177	0/179
Total	292	118/462	0/465
Fiscal Year 1985			
Cooked Beef		62/271	1/271
Roast Beef		45/220	2/220
Cooked Corned Beef		57/234	1/234
Total	443	164/725	4/725
Fiscal Year 1986			
Cooked Beef		5/29	0/31
Roast Beef		2/24	0/25
Cooked Corned Beef		5/35	0/36
Total	55	12/88	0/92
Cumulative Total Samples July 1, 1983 to Present			
Cooked Beef		125/500	1/502
Roast Beef		98/417	2/419
Cooked Corned Beef		127/507	1/510
Total	881	350/1424	4/1431

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An Evaluation of the Precision of Reference Test Methods Used in the Analysis of Milkfat in Laboratory Control Samples

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INTRODUCTION

The advent of infra-red analysis of milk has introduced a variety of analytical issues heretofore unencountered in the dairy industry. Such devices require calibration against reference methods and then continuous monitoring of calibration, also against reference methods. Either individual plants must maintain the equipment and skilled technicians to regularly perform the reference analyses on control milk samples, or an independent laboratory must provide control samples for these laboratories. The latter is not only less costly, it has also been found to significantly lower between-plant variation in test results (4). However, maximum reduction in test variation requires that reference tests applied to control samples exhibit the highest possible degree of precision (repeatability). At the same time, if more than one method is approved as suitable for reference testing, it becomes necessary to know how well such methods agree with each other. Evidence in the scientific literature suggests some differences between the Babcock and Mojonnier results (2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8). Not only do the two procedures differ, but also the magnitude of the difference appears

to increase with increasing fat content (4, 5, 7).

The need for a high degree of precision and agreement between methods becomes that much more important in preparation of control samples used by laboratories in the calibration and monitoring of infrared equipment. With this in mind, the study reported herein was undertaken to assess both the relative precision of reference methodologies used in preparation of control samples by Dairy Quality Control Institute, Inc., and also to evaluate differences between the Babcock and Mojonnier methods. In addition, it seems desirable to begin to assess reference methods in terms of the unique requirements for their application to control samples.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

On a regular basis, Dairy Quality Control Institute, Inc. collects farm samples of raw milk and conducts reference test analyses on them. These samples are then minimally preserved with potassium dichromate and distributed to various dairy laboratories as "control" samples for calibration and monitoring of infra-red milk testing instruments. These samples now number 12 per set and range in milkfat test from about 2.5 to 6.0%.

Twelve lots of milk widely varying in composition were assembled each week. Two samples were taken from each lot and randomly ordered for presentation to technicians. Hence, each set consisted of 12 samples in

blind duplicate. One such set was retained by Dairy Quality Control Institute, Inc., the other delivered to Land O'Lakes, Inc. for testing purposes. In total, six such sets were tested by each laboratory over a sixweek period $(12 \times 2 \times 6 = 144)$ observations per laboratory).

Babcock analyses were conducted by two different technicians employed by Dairy Quality Control Institute, Inc. One technician in this same laboratory also performed Mojonnier analyses. This latter method was also applied by a technician at Land O'Lakes, Inc. Laboratories in Arden Hills, Minnesota. Mojonnier analyses were conducted as described in Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products, 15th edition (9). The Babcock method was somewhat modified from "Standard Methods" procedure. Specific changes and/or conditions of running the test included (a) an adjustment of milk temperature to 15.5°C (60°F), (b) adjusting of the specific gravity of the sulfuric acid to 1.825, (c) adjusting acid to 17.7°C (64°F) prior to addition to milk, and (d) the addition of precisely 17.5 ml of the acid to milk samples.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 gives evidence of the relative precision (repeatability) of the Babcock and Mojonnier analyses. Under the testing method used in Dairy Quality Control Institute, Inc., the Babcock test appears to be only slightly less precise than the Mojon-

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nier. The standard deviation of the difference of blind duplicate Babcock analyses was 0.0402 and 0.0442 for two different technicians, and 0.0166 and 0.0325 for Mojonnier analyses as conducted in each of two laboratories. In addition, the differences in test results were not statistically significant (p<.05) within or between technicians for the Babcock test nor within or between laboratories for the Mojonnier analysis. On single tests of the samples, after correction for bias, infra-red analyses showed a mean difference of 0.0097 and a standard deviation of the difference of 0.0385 between two instruments operated within the same laboratory. Overall, these data suggest that careful attention to methodology, along with steps designed to maximize consistency in Babcock testing, can produce a degree of repeatability in the

Babcock test not greatly different from the Mojonnier.

In Table 2 are shown the differences in overall average values of each method. The averages reflect 72 samples analyzed in blind duplicate over a range of 2.45 to just over 6% fat. Two technicians produced mean values of 4.206 and 4.204% using the Babcock test. It should be noted that these values differ only in the third decimal point, and then only by 0.002%. Once again, the data reflect the consistency possible in this method. Average values for Mojonnier analyses were 4.189 and 4.193% for each of two different laboratories. Hence, between-laboratory averages agreed to within 0.004%. This was just slightly better than single test averages obtained on the two infra-red testers operating in the same laboratory. In the latter, the means differed by 0.01%.

However, the data also show that the Babcock test produced consistently higher results than the Mojonnier, in this case ranging from 0.011 to 0.017% higher for two different Babcock technicians. Whether considered separately or combined, average data of the two Babcock technicians differed from comparable Mojonnier results to a statistically significant degree (p<0.05).

Not only do differences in test results exist, the magnitude of the difference increases with increasing level of fat in the milk. Again, this is not a new fact of the scientific literature. However, it is fact, and Table 3 provides evidence of it. These data show the difference between the two tests for the lower and higher testing samples as divided at mid-range by the computer. The latter accounts for the slight overlap in range values. Babcock data of technicians 1 and 2 were taken in the same laboratory as Mojonnier data of laboratory 1. If these results are compared, only within-laboratory variations are reflected. In this case, Babcock results of samples ranging from about 2.45 to 4.1% differed from the Mojonnier results by 0.004 and 0.007%, respectively, for the two technicians. For samples ranging in fat content from about 4.1 to 6.2%, these differences went from 0.03 to 0.015%, or between two to three times higher than those of lower fat content. Although the percentages are small and the data well within values reported in the scientific literature,

TABLE 1. Precision of the Babcock^(a), Mojonnier^(a), and Infra-red^(b) Methods on Raw Milk Samples.

Test Method	Mean (%)	Mean Difference	S.D. Difference
Babcock:			
Tech 1	4.206	.0014	.0402
Tech 2	4.204	.0042	.0442
Between-Tech		.0021	.0386
Mojonnier:			
Lab 1	4.189	.002	.0166
Lab 2	4.193	.0032	.0325
Between-Lab		.0038	.0198
Infra-red:			
Between-Inst.		.0097	.0385

⁽a) Results were obtained on 72 samples analyzed in blind duplicate by this method.

TABLE 2. Difference Between Babcock, Mojonnier, and Infra-red Analyses(a).

			Difference	
Method	Mean (%)	Babcock-Mojonnier	Babcock-IR(b)	Mojonnier-IR ^(b)
Babcock:				
Tech 1	4.206	.017 (Lab 1)	.012 (IR 1)	005 (IR 1)
		.013 (Lab 2)	.002 (IR 2)	015 (1R 2)
Tech 2	4.204	.015 (Lab 1)	.01 (IR 1)	001 (IR 1)
Tech 2	,,,,,,	.011 (Lab 2)	0.0 (IR 2)	011 (IR 2)
Mojonnier				
Lab 1	4.189			
Lab 2	4.193			
Infra-red:				
Inst. 1	4.194			
Inst. 2	4.204			

⁽a)Results are based on 72 raw milk samples analyzed in blind duplicate by Babcock and Mojonnier methods and single infra-red analyses of 12 control samples after the instrument was corrected for bias.

⁽b) Results represent single analyses of 12 samples on two instruments after correcting for bias.

⁽b) Abbreviation for Infra-red instrument, number 1 or 2.

TABLE 3. Difference Between Babcock and Mojonnier Methods at Relatively Low and Relatively High Levels of Fat in Raw Milk,

	BABCO	OCK			MOJONN	IIER		Difference
Tech No.	Range	Mean (%)	N ^(a)	Lab No.	Range	Mean (%)	N ^(a)	Babcock- Mojonnier (%)
1	2.475-4.1	3.392	36	1	2.45 -4.16	3.338	36	.004
	4.15 -6.2	5.021	36		4.119-6.179	4.991	36	.03
2	2.45 -4.15	3.395	36	2	2.453-4.121	3.388	36	.007
	4.075-6.15	5.013	36		4.136-6.161	4.998	36	.015
1 and 2	2.45 -4.15	3.394	72		2.45 -4.16	3.388	72	.006
combined	4.075-6.2	5.017	72		4.119-6.179	4.9945	72	.0225

(a) Numbers of samples analyzed in blind duplicate (i.e., 72 observations). The combined samples reflect means of two technicians and two laboratories, each totaling 72 samples analyzed in blind duplicate (i.e., 144 observations).

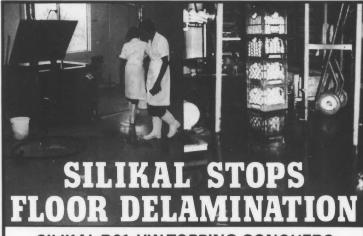
the ramifications are obvious. Furthermore, if between-laboratory variations are considered, the differences tend to mount in magnitude. For example, the high testing samples differed by 0.0225% when the results of two laboratories doing Mojonnier analyses were compared to the combined results of two technicians conducting Babcock tests.

In general, data from this study suggest that reference fat test results on control samples used for calibration and monitoring of infra-red instruments can achieve a precision, on duplicate analyses, of mean differences in significant figures out to the third decimal point. No values were as high or higher than 0.005. As for standard deviation of the difference, both the Babcock and Mojonnier methods gave results under 0.05, although the former was in fact somewhat less precise than the latter in this regard. For future consideration, it seems also noteworthy that Babcock and Mojonnier results do differ in statistically significant degree, and that such differences widen at higher fat tests. At some point, such differences will have to be resolved in terms of their application to control sample testing.

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Dr. Elmer H. Marth

Dr. Elmer H. Marth Receives the 1986 Borden Award

The American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) at its 81st annual meeting presented the Borden Award for 1986 to a scientist who has had a life-long love affair with the State of Wisconsin. Elmer Herman Marth was born in Jackson, Wisconsin in 1927 and earned his BS, MS and PhD degrees in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin. Following completion of his PhD in 1954, he remained at Wisconsin as an instructor in microbiology. In 1957, Dr. Marth left Wisconsin to begin a nineyear affiliation as a research microbiologist with the Research and Development Division of Kraft, Inc. In 1966, he returned to the University of Wisconsin as an associate professor in the Department of Food Science, with joint appointments in the Department of Bacteriology and the Food Research Institute. In 1971, he was promoted to his current position as Professor of Food Microbiology. In addition to directing an active research program, Elmer Marth is actively involved in the dairy and food microbiology teaching program. Many of the pre- and postdoctoral students who have been trained in his laboratory have become frequent contributors to the primary literature in dairy and food microbiology.

With this award Dr. Marth is being honored for his extensive contributions in the areas of microbial quality and healthfulness of dairy foods over the past ten years. Throughout his career, Marth has shown keen foresight in selection of research problems with high scientific potential and which have had direct relevance to the needs of the dairy industry. For example, by the time that Listeria contamination of milk products surfaced as a major public health problem in 1985, he had already established a major research program in this area. Dr. Marth and his many students have made substantial contributions to our knowledge in many other areas, including mycotoxin contamination of dairy products, reduced cheese yields caused by proteolytic activity of psychrotrophic microorganisms in milk, recognition that certain molds may degrade sorbic acid added to cheese and other foods as an antifungal agent, establishment of conditions which retard growth of staphylococci in cheese, and use of lactobacilli to degrade bitter peptides which commonly accumulate during accelerated aging of cheese. Full description of these and the many other related contributions of Dr. Marth would require a treatise-sized citation. These contributions are detailed in over 150 primary research articles published by Dr. Marth during the past ten years.

In addition to his intensive commitment to research and student training, Elmer Marth manages to find time to be an active member of a number of professional organizations. In addition to his many contributions to programs and activities of the American Dairy Science Association, for the past ten years he has served as editor of the Journal of Food Protection, a publication of the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, and has edited the 14th edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products for the American Public Health Association.

This award is a fitting honor for a scientist who has been a recognized leader in dairy microbiology for three decades. In a sense, receipt of the 1986 Borden Award completes an ADSA hat trick for Dr. Marth, who received the Association's Pfizer Award in 1975 and the Dairy Research Foundation Award in 1980.

The excellence of his research has also been recognized by the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians with the Educator and Citation awards given to Dr. Marth in 1977 and 1984, respectively, and by the American Cultured Dairy Products Institute with the Nordica Award given to him in 1979. Dr. Marth was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists in 1983, and has been a Registered Sanitarian in the State of Wisconsin since 1975.

Sodium Label Regulations Took Effect in July

Consumers should find it a little easier to cut back on sodium in their diets, thanks to a new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist.

Beginning July 1, 1986, the FDA required that the sodium content be shown on any food that provides nutrition information on the label, reports Mary K. Sweeten.

"The regulation should be of a real help to people who are concerned about the hidden sources of sodium in processed foods," she says.

According to the nutritionist, sodium content will be listed in milligrams per serving. Consumers can use that information to see if they are staying within the recommended sodium intake of 1,100 to 3,300 milligrams a day.

In addition, Sweeten says the FDA has defined the various terms that manufacturers may use to describe the sodium content of their products. These terms include:

- "Sodium Free" -- less than 5 milligrams of sodium in each serving.
- "Very Low Sodium" -- 35 milligrams or less in a serving.
- "Low Sodium" -- 140 milligrams or less per serving.
- "Reduced Sodium" -- the usual level of sodium for this product has been reduced by at least 75 percent.

"Sodium-conscious consumers should keep in mind that a product with little or no salt is not necessarily sodium free," Sweeten cautions, "since at least 70 sodium compounds, such as monosodium glutamate or sodium bicarbonate, are used in processed foods."

But she also points out that an FDA survey shows about half the food products available would already qualify as being "low-sodium" products. Among these foods are hot and cold cereals, fresh meats and poultry, some fish, frozen vegetables, and some desserts and snacks.

Whole Milk May Protect Against Stomach Ulcers

Researchers may be closer to identifying an agent in whole milk that helps protect against stomach ulcers. Elizabeth J. Dial, Ph.D., and Lenard M. Lichtenberger, Ph.D., both from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, said recent studies suggest a substance in milk fat, specifically the phospholipids, appears to be the protective agent found in whole milk.

The researchers summarized their findings during the Digestive Disease Week held May 17-21 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

In the study, researchers fed two groups of ulcerprone rats a diet including either whole or skim milk. Rats fed whole milk, which has a higher fat content, suffered less stomach damage. Dial and Lichtenberger say findings indicate that a fat or lipid component in milk may protect the stomach by enhancing the stability of a defense layer on the stomach lining. This layer helps guard against ulcercausing acids.

"Research has linked other components in milk such as calcium to aid in reducing the risk of high blood pressure and osteoporosis," said Elwood W. Speckmann, Ph.D., president of National Dairy Council. "Current research findings continue to show the importance of milk and of dairy foods to a well-rounded nutritious diet.

Research by Dial and Lichtenberger is being funded by the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, and is administered by National Dairy Council.

National Dairy Council conducts nutrition research and nutrition education programs for United Dairy Industry Association. UDIA represents 95 percent of the nation's dairy farmers and 86 percent of milk marketed.

Kansas State University Appointment and Promotions

William G. Ikins, Post-Doctorate at Michigan State University, has been named Assistant Professor in Food Chemistry at Kansas State University in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. Dr. Ikins received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Food Science at Michigan State University and his Ph.D. in Food Science and Toxicology also from MSU in 1986. In his new position, he will teach courses in Food Chemistry and Food Analysis. His research area is in N-nitrosamine formation and inhibition in food systems. He will participate in research efforts in dairy food products and other food systems. He is a member of IFT.

Recently several KSU Food Science faculty members received academic promotions. Ike Jeon, dairy food product specialist, has been promoted to associate professor. Carole Setser, a sensory evaluation expert, and Joseph Zayas, an internationally known meat scientist, have been promoted to full professors.

The chairman of the interdepartmental food science graduate program at Kansas State University is Daniel Y. C. Fung and the chairman of the undergraduate program is Franklin E. Cunningham.

1985 Dry Milk Census Results Now Available

The American Dairy Products Institute, national trade association of the processed dairy products industry, is pleased to announce the availability of its "Census of 1985 Dry Milk Distribution and Production Trends", a yearly publication compiled by the Institute. This publication contains comprehensive industry data and reliably reflects domestic sales and specific markets of utilization for nonfat dry milk, dry whole milk, and dry buttermilk. Data on the utilization of concentrated forms of these milk products also are presented.

This industry-wide survey of the end-use of dry

milks distributed in 1985 is intended to serve as a guide in directing promotional efforts to continue the expansion of commercial markets for dry milks. Continued research and development of new uses for the various concentrated and dry milks are necessary for full expansion of this segment of the dairy industry and represents a program objective of the Institute.

This publication is available for purchase at \$4.00 per copy; for further information contact the American Dairy Products Institute, 130 North Franklin Street, Chicago, IL 60606. Telephone: (312) 782-4888.

Abstracts of Guidelines Prepared by Task Committees of the Northeast Dairy Practices Council

Guidelines on Stray Voltage on Dairy Farms — NDPC 42 (Revised February 1986) Single Copy \$2.00.

Abstract: This guideline contains basic information on stray voltage (properly known as neutral-to-earth voltage) on dairy farms - possible causes, troubleshooting and methods of correction.

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— NDPC 30 (Revised March 1986) Single Copy
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Abstract: This guideline is written for regulatory officials, sanitarians, cooperative extension agents, engineers and others who are advising dairy farmers on potable water supplies in the northeastern states. This material will assist the reader in evaluating existing water supplies and in the approval of new systems. Specific discussion, including tables and diagrams are provided to: evaluate existing water quality problems; find probable causes and possible solutions; locate and construct new water sources: interpret laboratory reports; provide water treatment; understand backflow prevention; and give common sense reasons why violations can create hazards and provide some acceptable options to make needed corrections.

Guidelines for Cleaners and Sanitizers for Dairy Farms — NDPC 20 (Revised March 1986) Single Copy \$3.00.

Abstract: This guideline gives a general introduction about cleaners and sanitizers and includes a resolution about bulk handling of these products. It then provides a list of dairy farm cleaners, sanitizers, udder

washing compounds and teat dips marketed in the northeast.

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New Seafood Videotape Now Available from NIFI

"Handling and Evaluating Seafood" is a new, exciting, 20-minute videotape from the National Institute for the Foodservice Industry, which demonstrates how to use proper sanitation to protect the quality of several market varieties of seafood.

Among the subjects covered by the video are:

- The importance of featuring seafood -marketing its popularity in diet, nutrition and health.
- · Seafood's variety, versatality and convenience.
- Choosing and working with a responsible supplier.
- Procedures for receiving and storing major market forms of seafood:

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The videotape is available in three convenient forms: ½" Beta, ½" VHS, and ¾" Umatic.

For more information contact: Educational Program Department, National Institute for the Foodservice Industry, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2620, Chicago, Illinois 60606; telephone 312/782-1703.

Preventive Sanitation and Food & Drug Compliance Workshop Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

THE HUGE' CO., INC. and its division, the American Sanitation Insitute, will present another "Preventive Sanitation and Food & Drug Compliance Workshop" including EPA/FIFRA and Pesticide Updates.

The seminar will be held on September 29, 30, and October 1, 1986, at the Hyatt-Cherry Hill, New Jersey, seven miles east of Downtown Philadelphia.

This workshop is of special interest to Food Industry Plant Management, QA and QC Managers,

Directors of Sanitation, Sanitarians and Pest Control Operators.

Some of the speakers and their topics are as follows: Matthew Lewis from the FDA in Newark. NJ, will give the keynote address on "The FDA Mission Role and Policy Relating to Clients in the Food Industry". From the same FDA office, Leonard Fantasia's topic will be "FDA Enforcement Policies and Compliance Procedures". Edward Marshall, Bell Laboratories, Madison, Wisconsin, will speak on "Rodents in Food Plants and Warehouses". Dr. Rafael Pedraja, from the Kitchens of Sara Lee, will address two topics: "Corporate Responsibility" and "The Development and Refinement of a Preventive Sanitation Program". Representatives from the American Sanitation Institute (ASI), Dr. Joseph D. Foulk, Ph.D., R.S., Thomas L. Huge' and Lawrence O'Brien, will also conduct a variety of presentations related to preventive sanitation.

Other topics of discussion will include pesticide labels, employee practices, sanitation hazards, and insect and bird control. A new topic will be added to this seminar on cleaning and sanitizing chemicals, their type, dilution, use and safety. Instruction in the above topics will be enhanced through the use of slides and films.

For further information and/or registration, call Christine Verplank toll-free at 800-325-3371 or 314-725-2555.

Certified Professional Food Sanitarian (CPFS) Testing Programs Revised — New Beverage Category Added

The nationally recognized, Food Sanitation Institute, EMA, "Certified Professional Food Sanitarian" (CPFS) certification testing programs, established in 1976, have been completely revised and updated. "As time has a way of changing things, as related to food sanitation, from operating procedures, chemical usage, to federal rules and regulations, the CPFS examinations were all reviewed and revised," reported CPFS/FSI/EMA committee chairman, Richard C. Liebing, CPFS, plant environmentalist, Gerber Products Company (Fremont, Michigan).

At the request of individuals within the beverage industry the CPFS committee created and established a new CPFS Beverage Examination Category. The "Certified Professional Food Sanitarian" voluntary certification program now consists of a two-part examination, the first consists of general type sanitation questions relating to all segments of the food sanitation profession. The second part is offered in eight specific categories of food processing -

beverage; baking and confectionary; warehousing; food services; grain processing; meat, poultry and frozen foods; dairy products, and canning.

Since the inception of the CPFS food programs hundreds of food "sanitarians" have availed themselves of this voluntary certification program that certifies professional food sanitarians. The established programs recognize both the academic and experience level of the applicant candidates and by examination and board review process credits accordingly. Both programs and CPFS examinations are reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as a fulfillment of the training requirements of Section 110.10(7c) of the Good Manufacturing Practices.

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Applicant candidates are eligible for the certification examination if they meet one of the following requirements:

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A complete descriptive booklet on the food industry "Certified Professional Food Sanitarian" voluntary certification program is available by contacting the Food Sanitation Institute, EMA, certification office at 1019 Highland Ave., Largo, FL 33540. Telephone 813/586-5710.

Du Pont Establishes Awards Competition

The Du Pont Company has established the "Du Pont Awards" for innovation in food and packaging technology. Sponsored by Du Pont in cooperation with the National Food Processors Association, the awards will recognize innovative new ideas in all aspects of food processing and packaging that expand the use of plastic materials in food packaging.

The competition will honor innovations in technology coming from any part of the food industry, including food processors, container makers, equipment manufacturers, primary materials suppliers, distributors and others who play a role in the development of food products packaged in plastics.

The awards competition will be conducted in cooperation with the National Food Processors Association, a non-profit scientifically based industry organization representing more than 600 food processors and suppliers to the industry, and winners will be announced at the NFPA convention, Jan. 24 to 28, 1987. The deadline for entries is Nov. 30, 1986.

Any new food product, package or process used in food production involving packaging with plastic materials and first marketed or put into commercial use in North America between July 1, 1986, and

Dec. 1, 1986, is eligible for the competition. Plastic materials must be an essential component of the final product package. However, innovations represented in competition entries may come from any part of the food industry, including processing or packaging converting technology and equipment, packaging materials and product marketing concepts.

Judging will be conducted by a panel of experts from the food processing and packaging industries, as well as industry suppliers, educators and members of the trade press.

Criteria for evaluating entries will include: improvements in flavor, taste, aroma, and appearance of the food product; making the product easier to use, safer, more nutritious, available to greater numbers of people, less expensive to make, buy or use; extending shelf life; reducing spoilage or waste; and improvements in product retailing.

To learn more about the "Du Pont Awards" or to obtain an entry form, call (302) 999-2525.

Bob Nissen Announces Retirement

Robert L. Nissen, Vice President of Sales, Ladish Co., Inc., Tri-Clover Division has announced his retirement.

Nissen became advertising manager of the Kenosha, WI based firm in 1951, and general sales manager in 1957. He held the position of vice president of sales since 1980. Nissen is the immediate past president of DFISA and was a member of the DFISA Board of Directors for eight years. He was also chairman of the technical committee, a group that reviews sanitary standards for food and dairy processing equipment.

In recent years, he has been actively involved in an international task committee, designed to encourage the establishment of international sanitary standards. He is also past president of the National Association of Dairy Equipment Manufacturers, and a member of the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (IAMFES).

Nissen plans to stay in the Kenosha area, and will remain active with the IAMFES.

ASTEC Announces Formation of New Division

Aseptic Technology Engineering Company (ASTEC) has announced the formation of a new division, ASTEC Development Company, to concentrate on the development of new technology and new markets for

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Glynn Hatley, formerly Executive Vice President, has been appointed President of ASTEC.

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"The Industry's Best": Theme for Food and Dairy Expo '87

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John M. Martin, DFISA executive vice president, said he expects the 1987 EXPO to surpass the size and scope of all previous expositions. Exhibits at Food & Dairy EXPO '85 filled more than 262,000 net square feet and attracted high-ranking visitors from 70 nations.



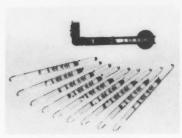
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For more information on low frequency induction technology for cap sealing and corona treating equipment, contact: Enercon Industries Corp., P.O. Box 773, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. 414-255-6070.

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For The Sanitarian



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COCKROACHES

Although there are about 55 species of cockroaches found in the US, 4 species commonly cause problems for the food industry. These insects are the:

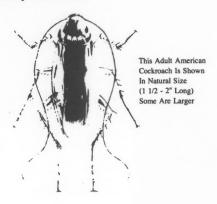
- American Cockroach
- · German Cockroach
- · Brown-Banded Cockroach
- · Oriental Cockroach

The description and habitat of each type will be discussed below.

American Cockroach

Description of Adult

Adults are reddish-brown to dark brown and are 1 1/2 - 2" long. They are among the largest cockroaches found. The wings are fully developed in both sexes and can be used for flying great distances. They can live for 2 - 2 1/2 years. They are considered good swimmers and can swim for a short period of time.



Egg Case

The egg case is 3/8" long and is reddish brown or black. The female cockroach deposits the egg case that contains about 16 eggs. They hatch 45 days later and

the nymph period lasts 160 days. During the adult lifespan, a female will deposit about 50 egg cases.

Habitat

American cockroaches prefer basements and furnace rooms; they develop in damp basements and sewers and can be found around pipes and plumbing fixtures.

German Cockroach

Description of Adult

This is the most active and most common of all the cockroaches. They are usually light brown, but can be very dark. Adults are 1/2" to 5/8" long and are more slender than other cockroaches. They have two dark streaks or stripes running lengthwise down the back. Their wings are well developed, and folded over giving them a pointed appearance at the rear end. They rarely fly. These cockroaches do not move far from their resting place. These cockroaches are shown below.



Female With Egg Case (Slightly Larger Than Natural Size)

Egg Case

The egg case is yellowish or red-brown in color and the female always carries the capsule for about a month until it is ready for hatching. It usually contains about 30 to 48 eggs - more than the other cockroaches. The young mature in about 36 days. Adults usually live more than 200 days and 3 or more generations can occur in one year.

Oriental Cockroach (Approximately 2 Times Natural Size)

They are often found in kitchens and cooking areas because they like heat and moisture. They live around sinks, water pipes, cupboards, in stoves, under refrigerators, water fountains and other appliances.

Brown-Banded Cockroach

Description of Adult

The brown-banded cockroach resembles the German cockroach but is slightly smaller and lacks the two dark stripes. The adults are 3/8 to 1/2" long and are dark brown to a pale golden color. These cockroaches have two brownish-yellow bands that traverse the back. The male has fully developed wings and is lighter in color than the female, whose wings are short and non-functional.



Egg Case

The egg case is yellowish or red-brown and the female deposits and attaches it in out-of-the-way places. Places of attachment include furniture, especially the undersides of shelves, the bottoms of drawers, tables and sinks. There are about 18 eggs in each case and after hatching they mature to adults in 54 days. The adult life span is about 200 days and there may be two generations annually.

Habitat

The brown-banded cockroach prefers high locations in heated rooms and is often found in cupboards, closets, storage rooms, desks, inside books, book bindings and telephones. They are generally found in clusters.

Oriental Cockroaches

Description of Adult

The Oriental cockroach is often referred to as one of the filthiest cockroaches. It is dark brown to shiny black and is 1 - 1 1/4" long. The male has fully developed, short wings while the female has underdeveloped wings. The lifecycle of the Oriental roach is similar to the American cockroach and they are also considered good swimmers.



Egg Case

The egg case is dark-brown to nearly black in color and usually contains 16 eggs. The female does not carry the case, but deposits it. The young mature in about 128 days. The average adult lives about 1 year.

Habitat

The Oriental cockroach is found in cool, damp areas such as basements, sewers, and crawl spaces. They live in sewers and sometimes enter the building through sewer drains. They are also found around toilets and sinks where they are seeking sources of water.

The next issue of Food Science Facts will discuss the methods used to control cockroaches in food establishments





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HEPATITIS A — ALLEGANY COUNTY

How do you get to Wellsville, New York? Ask any one of 9,000 people in the Southern Tier of New York who got immune globulin (IG) shots in August and September. It all started in July 1985 when a young woman came from Texas to visit her family, who operated the South Main Sub Shop, in Wellsville, New York. She was not feeling well and had had a blood specimen taken when she visited a doctor before she left Texas. She helped out in the sub shop from July 15th on, even though ill. Her blood test was later reported positive for hepatitis A (IgM). The first 1,000 IG shots were the result of the mid-August onset of hepatitis A in four of her family members, some of them sub shop workers. Her sister also worked in Linza's Meat Market in Wellsville slicing cold cuts. Through newspaper and radio, people were notified that they should get IG shots if they ate at the sub shop or purchased cold cuts from the meat market in mid-August. Immune globulin may prevent hepatitis A only if given within 14 days of exposure to the virus. By the time the clinic was set up and news releases were out, the two week deadline was fast ap-

The other 8,000 people to get IG shots were involved because the 14 day deadline had passed for another young woman from Alfred, New York who had eaten at the sub shop during August. When she went for the shot, she was told that it was too late. She developed Hepatitis A on September 4, 1985, and had worked for several days before and a day or so after onset. Her duties included slicing and packing cold cuts, and packing and icing baked products at the Shurfine Market, Alfred, New York. Her blood tested positive for hepatitis A (IgM test) on 9/10/85 when press releases went out, and over 8,000 people came for IG shots.

At least 15 cases of hepatitis A have been positively linked to the South Main Sub Shop in Wellsville. None have been linked to the Shurfine Market in Alfred so far. (Reported by Jeffrey Booth, New York State Department of Health and the Allegany County Health Department).

Editor's Note: This outbreak illustrates the "ripple effect" that occurs when food handlers are victims of foodborne diseases that are spread by food handlers. Identification of victims of foodborne disease outbreaks who are food handlers is particularly important with hepatitis A outbreaks in order to stop the ever expanding "ripple" or spread of the disease. Because the disease is easily spread through contaminated moist foods that are served without further cooking, personal hygiene of food handlers is of primary importance. Immunizing food handlers with IG within 14 days of their exposure to hepatitis A is the goal. However, as the Wellsville outbreak illustrates, this is not always possible. Hepatitis A virus is shed in feces in the highest numbers and the victim can be infective for up to a week or two before onset of symptoms (1). In fact, shedding of virus and infectivity drop off rapidly after onset of symptoms and most victims are probably noninfective a week after onset of jaundice (1). This infectivity before symptom onset has a profound effect on control measures. Exposed food handlers must be advised of the importance of personal hygiene, especially handwashing after using the bathroom. Proper handwashing can greatly reduce the opportunity for the spread of this disease through food handlers. Food handlers exposed to hepatitis A should be followed-up to check for symptoms. As with any disease that can be spread through food, as soon as

symptoms are noticed, the food handler must not handle food that will be eaten without further cooking.

The New York State Department of Health Memorandum Series 83-94 entitled "Actions that must be taken when a food handler is reported to have an infection capable of being spread through food" is available in limited numbers from the Food Protection Section. Bureau of Community Sanitation and Food Protection - (518) 474-3291. This publication offers valuable information about 16 diseases, including a detailed algorithm on handling of hepatitis A cases.

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USDA'S MEAT AND POULTRY HOTLINE TO BE TOLL-FREE

If the best things in life are free, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline can be added to that list on July 1, when the service became toll-free.

"An estimated two million cases of food poisoning occur every year, and many can be prevented by proper food handling," according to Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "The hotline's home economists can help consumers with questions ranging from how long to keep meat and poultry in the refrigerator to how to pack a safe picnic lunch.

Changing the hotline to a nationwide toll-free number allows us to reach just about anyone who needs our help," said Houston.

Consumers dialing the new number — (800) 535-4555 — can get food safety tips for meat and poultry products and report problems experienced with such products. The toll-free hotline will operate from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. EDT.

"The toll-free number makes the service more accessible," Houston said. "A test conducted in three states last fall showed we could anticipate 24,000 calls during the first year of the new service."

Callers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area can reach the hotline at (202) 447-3333. Hearing impaired individuals can reach the service by dialing either the "800" or the local Washington number. Both provide access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD).

Since 1982, the hotline has operated without a toll-free number and has handled about 2,000 calls each year, Houston said.

For more information about the hotline, write to: Public Awareness, FSIS-USDA, Room 1163-S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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SURVEILLANCE DATA — JUNE 1985

During the period January 1, 1985 through June 20, 1985, there were 295 investigations involving 1,689 cases of possible foodborne illness reported. Of the 295 investigations, 177 (60%) were not foodborne or insufficient information was available to include the investigation as a foodborne disease outbreak. During this period in 1984, 241 of 347 (68%) investigations fell into this category. While the number of reported investigations is down this year, the quality of the reports and

percentage of investigations that are confirmed or suspected foodborne disease outbreaks are higher.

SALMONELLA REPORTING INCREASES

There have been 15 outbreaks of salmonellosis reported in 1985 through August. Of those outbreaks where serogroups were reported, seven were serogroup B and 5 were serogroup D. Serogroup was not reported in three outbreaks. Salmonella serotype enteritidis was the most commonly reported serotype, accounting for all five of the serogroup D outbreaks. Eleven of these outbreaks occurred between May and August 1985.

In 1984, there were five outbreaks of salmonellosis reported through August and 11 for the entire year. Serogroup B was reported in six of the outbreaks, D in three and. . .in two. Serotype enteritidis was reported as the serotype in two of the serogroup D outbreaks. Serotyping was not reported for the third serogroup D outbreak. Three of these outbreaks occurred between May and August 1984.

The apparent increase in Salmonella serotype enteriditis in 1985 has not been shown to be linked to a common source so far. This increase makes it important to obtain detailed food histories on all reported cases of salmonellosis; and report any outbreaks to the Regional Office of Public Health as soon as

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SURVEILLANCE DATA — MAY 1985

During the time period January 1 - May 31, 1985, there were 279 investigations involving 1,306 cases of possible foodborne illness reported. There were 6 incidents where SALMONELLA was identified as the etiologic agent reported in May; this is more than were reported for the previous four months combined.

STAPHYLOCOCCAL FOODBORNE INTOXICATION-CHEMUNG COUNTY

The Chemung County Health Department reported a classic staphylococcal food poisoning during June 1985. They were able to submit samples of all foods served as well as several patient specimens to the New York State Health Department Bacteriology Laboratory.

The outbreak followed a 12:30 PM luncheon held by a local women's club. All the food was prepared by one person. Of the 15 attendees, 14 became ill with sudden onset of vomiting an average of three hours after the meal. Diarrhea developed in most of the ill persons about an hour after onset of vomiting. Two were hospitalized and a total of 10 reported to emergency rooms, so intense were the symptoms. All of the victims recovered over the next few days.

The luncheon consisted of sliced ham, deviled eggs, potato salad, and strawberry shortcake with whipped topping. STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS was isolated from the ham (1.4 \times 10⁸ cfu/gm), the deviled eggs (2.5 \times 10⁷ cfu/gm), and the potato salad (8 \times 10⁷ cfu/gm). Even the mayonnaise and cream had small numbers of staphylococci. Stool specimens from two of the victims contained the same phage type of S. AUREUS as the foods (53 at RTD, 53/83A at CON). For the first time, the lab was able to identify STAP. enterotoxin (type A).

A food preparation review showed that the foods were prepared the previous day and refrigeration space was inadequate. Much of the food remained unrefrigerated for many hours. In addition, the food handler was recovering from a stroke which had paralyzed one side of her face, causing her to drool. Her saliva was the probable source of the staphylococci. NYS MFS Newsletter 11/85

Home Canned Sweet Corn Recipe causes Botulism. . .

A 23-year-old male was admitted to a Kentucky hospital complaining of weakness in the arms and legs in addition to trouble swallowing and speaking.

The patient had onset of his symptoms approximately 12-24 hours prior to admission. Weakness in the legs developed concurrently with the dysphagia and dysphonia. Weakness progressed upward and by late in the afternoon on the day of admission, he could not walk and had trouble speaking. He had some nausea and diarrhea. He was admitted to the hospital and a CT scan of the brain was scheduled. While undergoing CT. he had a respiratory arrest and required incubation. 24 hours after admission, he was transferred to a West Virginia hospital. CT scan of the brain and LP did not determine the etiology of his respiratory arrest.

Diagnoses entertained at this time included Guillain-Barre Syndrome, botulism and myasthenia. Because Guillain-Barre syndrome could not be ruled out, plasmapharesis was carried out. Electromyograms showed virtually no motor neuron activity with preservation of sensory neuron conduction. At this time, a more complete history became available. The patient had, apparently, eaten some "pickled corn" made by his mother. The recipe she followed did not call for adding large amounts of salt and vinegar to the pickling broth and canning was done in a hot water bath as described below.

CANNING PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE OF BOTULISM (AUG. 1984)

- 1. Cut sweet corn off the cob and add 5 cups of water.
- 2. Cook in an open kettle for 30 minutes.
- 3. Return the corn and water to 15×1 quart jars.
- 4. Add 1 TBS vinegar and 1 TBS salt to each quart jar, cover with lids and process for 10 minutes in a hot water bath.
- 5. Remove from the bath and store in a cabinet.

Samples of the corn that the patient had supposedly eaten, samples of pickled corn representative of other quart jars in the same canning "batch" in addition to samples of stool from the patient were sent to the CDC for screening for botulism toxin. Three of thirteen pickled corn jars tested were positive for the presence of botulinum toxin, type A. The patient's stool was positive for botulinum toxin of the same serotype. Interestingly, the jar from which the patient was thought to have eaten was negative and a jar from which the patient's mother had eaten

Over the next two months the patient had some return of motor function; however, he expired on 25 December 1984 of pulmonary complicatons partially caused by his respiratory

Comments: The incidence of foodborne botulism has continued to increase. This case represents a typical case associated with home canning. Only vegetables high in acid, such as some

of the varieties of tomatoes, may be canned by the "hot water bath" method. Alternately, canning in a pressure cooker or pickling the vegetables with relatively high concentrations of vinegar and salt will prevent bacterial growth. In this case, the addition of merely 2 tablespoons of salt and vinegar for each quart of water was clearly insufficient to prevent bacterial growth.

The course of botulism varies from patient to patient depending on how much toxin the patient has ingested. In the case of the patient presented here, the onset of paralysis within 12 - 24 hours inferred that he had ingested a large amount of toxin. The role of treatment with anti-botulinum antitoxin is not clearcut. If treatment is to be effective, it should be administered as soon as possible after onset of symptoms, preferably before they occur. If a patient is completely paralyzed, it is unlikely that treatment will have any beneficial effect. Moreover, administration of this equine anti-toxin is associated with a 10% incidence of adverse reactions. With proper life support, including respiratory support and hyperalimentation, the prognosis is guarded, although recovery of respiratory function may take as long as 2 months and complete recovery a year or longer.

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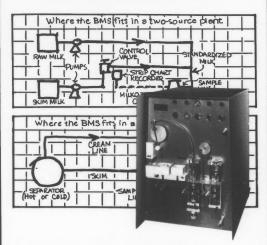
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Joint Seminar Held April 21

Joe Byrnes, Kraft Foods and 1st vice president of the Associated Illinois Milk, Food, and Environmental Sanitarians (AIMFES), hands audience questions to Elliot Ryser, Department of Food Science, University of Wisconsin during the spring seminar conducted jointly by AIMFES and the Chicago Dairy Technology Society.

Other speakers (r to I): Charles Price, FDA Region 5, Lewis Schultz, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Bruno Jadowic, Quality Chekd Dairy Products Association - with Tom Chojnacki, Dupage County Health Department at far left. Not pictured: Michael McClory, McClory Consulting Services.

The seminar, held April 21, attracted more than 140 sanitarians for a full afternoon session which closed with a banquet and an address by Dale Seiberling, Seiberling Associates, Incorporated.

TAMFES Meeting Highlights

Two hundred and eighty-eight individuals registered for the Fourth Annual Texas Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians meeting held June 3rd and 4th at the South Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas. David Cochran, P. E., Associate Commissioner for Environmental and Consumer Health Protection, kicked off the meeting with welcoming remarks. Ed Auler Investments, gave a talk on the history and expected growth of the wine industry in Texas. A talk on medical fraud followed Mr. Auler's talk.

Featured speaker's for the food session included talks on fumigation, drugs in animals, regulatory disparities, ground water in Texas and irrigation of foods. Speakers for the milk session covered such topics as quality aspects of cultured dairy products, shelf life prediction methods, Food and Drug surveillance, engineering a water treatment program, management practices and titratable acidity, and public health implications of the recent salmonellosis and listeriosis outbreaks associated with milk and dairy products.

As a result of a talk given by Jerry Kozak, Chief Milk Safety Branch, Food and Drug Administration, it was decided in the business meeting to set up a milk sanitarian training program that would be sponsored by the Texas Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians and assisted jointly by the Texas Department of Health and the Food and Drug Administration.

Joe Goddard, Texas Tech University, served as president for 1985-86 and conducted the annual business meeting. James Roberson, H.E.B. Grociers, in San Antonio, will serve as President of TAMFES for 1986-87. Wendell Littlefield, Texas Department of Health, Milk and Dairy Division, was elected as president-elect and Janie Park as Secretary.

A Bar-B-Que and Country-Western dance at the Manchaca Volunteer Fire Department highlighted the entertainment program.

Plaques and certificates of merit were given to Mr. Kirmon Smith and Dr. Ron Richter for outstanding service to the Texas Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians.

Award Presented at FAMFES Annual Conference April 22, 1986

The Florida Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (FAMFES) Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to *Ms. Tammy J. Thomas*, a senior in food science. This award was presented at the FAMFES annual educational conference, April 22, 1986 at the University Inn, Orlando, FL. *Mr. Marc A. Vargas*, a senior in food science, is also recognized by the Food Science & Human Nutrition Department as the recipient of the HOWARD APPLEDORF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$250.

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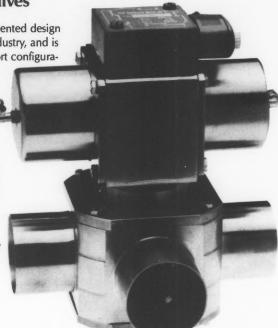


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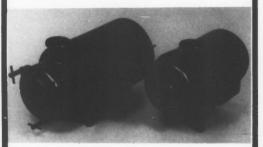
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Measurements in the Rheology of Foodstuffs, by J.H. Prentice, Elsevier Science Publishing Co., Inc., New York, NY, 1984.

This book is based on the simple but basic premise that readings of rheological instruments are as much a measure of the device as the material under test. The state-of-the-art of rheological measurements is such that our interpretation of the physics of what occurs by a material in an instrument is more limiting than our mathematical description of material behavior. The book describes rheological behavior from the fluid flow point of view, not from the solid view point. With the mathematical equations in mind, the terms are identified which need to be experimentally determined. This methodology is particularly useful if one wants to compare instruments' basic operating principle, build a better instrument, or choose between available instruments. The reader will not find a list or description of instruments that have been or are commercially available. The book also describes the accuracy and reliability that is required when making measurements with various instruments to obtain adequate measures of the physical parameters. A third of the book is used to illustrate common food materials (milk, fruit juices, chocolate, fats, and cheese) response in usual instruments and how the results can be interpreted. The book could be more helpful if references would have been provided, not only to document what the author said, but also to direct the interested reader to sources of more information on select subjects.

This book would be good for someone embarking on basic research on food rheology but then must be followed by other texts or articles which are more specific and in depth for the particular application. Another reason for reading the book would be to assist someone having a problem trying to explain an inconsistency between instrument readings and description of material's structure. It is a book which the rheology researcher should read at least once to get the big picture.

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Microbiology of Frozen Foods, Edited by R.K. Robinson, Elsevier Science Publishing Company, New York, 1985. 290 pages.

Microbiology of Frozen Foods, edited by R.K. Robinson, Ph.D. is a well documented review of frozen food processing and marketing systems. Frozen foods have become an important and larger segment of the foods consumers purchase in the grocery store. Frozen food ingredients that the food manufacturing industry incorporates

into the products they market now is very significant. Freezing prepared meals and foods in foodservice also is an important process step. This book is very timely for these reasons. Food scientist, whether student or quality assurance director should have this concise (290 pages) book on frozen foods available for study and reference.

Dr. Robinson of the University of Reading has compiled eight chapters, including his, on freezing for the catering industry, written by twelve other food scientists from the U.K., Denmark, New Zealand, South Africa and Nigeria. A substantial reference section following each chapter helps provide substance to this very worthwhile book on the microbiology of frozen foods. The text is well written in logical sequence and the illustrations and tables compliment the text.

The first three chapters deal with the basics of food freezing technology, the effects of freezing and thawing on foods and on the microorganisms contained in the frozen foods. Not only are the many aspects of freezing on the microbiology of foods reviewed, but also the physical and chemical characteristics of frozen foods are discussed.

The microbiology of frozen meat and meat products, fish and related products, dairy foods, and meals of food-service are covered. The most extensive coverage is on meat and fish. Freezing dairy foods is not covered to the extent many people might prefer. Frozen vegetables, fruits and other miscellaneous foods are not included in this book, an unfortunate omission.

Freezing meals for food service is covered rather briefly, but adequately, in one chapter. The last chapter deals with the laboratory examination of frozen foods including the details of sampling, sample preparation and dilution; as well as sublethal injury to the microorganisms in food. The methods of enumerating aerobic bacteria including psychrophiles (psychrotroples), E. coli, Staph. aureus, Salmonella spp., Cl. perfringens, Bacillus cereus, and Vibrio parahaemolyticus are reviewed.

The book is a very good reference text for food scientists involved in quality assurance in food and food ingredient processing as well as food service. This book also would make a good basic text for food science students.

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Food Sanitation: Study Course, Anna Katherine Jernigan, 1984, ISU Press, Ames, IA

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The chapters are brief, factual, easy to read, and pertinent. The only exception is in the chapters dealing with dishwashing and warehousing procedures. Manual dishwashing instructions should have been included along with the dishwasher information.

A comment is made in the chapter on warewashing about using 2 compartments of a sink to clean utensils. In reality three compartments are required to properly wash, rinse, and sanitize utensils.

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I would recommend this study course manual especially for in-house training of food service workers.

Food Sanitation has been approved by the Iowa Dietetic Association.

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The Quality of Frozen Foods, Mogens Jul. Academic Press, New York, NY. 1984. 292 pages.

This book is the result of a workshop entitled "Frozen Foods as Viewed by the Consumer" in late 1980. The author states that the book was written to illustrate some of the uncertainties and perhaps some misconceptions, which exist in the area of frozen foods.

The book includes an introduction to food freezing, quality and nutritional aspects of freezing, early research investigations, freezing rates, product changes during freezing, time-temperature-tolerance (T-T-T) aspects, product-process-packaging (P-P-P) factors, T-T-T/P-P-P combined effects and research needs, shelf life studies, components of the freezer chains, labeling, energy, cost of freezing and effects of thawing.

The author has included extensive references to both current and older research literature. Professor Jul has

compiled an impressive reference list at the end of the book. In many instances, the author disagrees with published literature. However, this feud adds spice to a very technical book.

Many of the examples and references presented throughout the book are based on Scandinavian findings from meat and fish freezing studies. The remainder of the technical information provided is the result of the extensive experience of Professor Jul, previous Danish books ("Industriel Levnedsniddlekonserving 1-3" and "Konservingsteknik 1-2") and American journal publications.

Professor Jul attempts to clarify many misconceptions about the quality and nutritive value of frozen foods. This is accomplished in the first half of the book. The second half of the book is highly technical, including extensive literature references and difficult reading, directed in my opinion to the research scientist. The food industry can benefit from the first half of this book. The readers will be treated to a refreshing discussion about freezing rates and the current dilemma of freezing fast versus slow.

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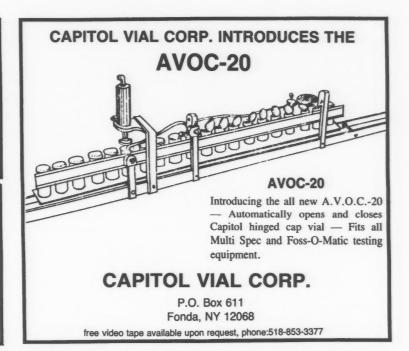
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Evaluation of Methods for Extraction of Enteric Virus from Louisiana Oysters, Mary Townsend Cole, Marilyn B. Kilgen and Cameron R. Hackney, Department of Food Science, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803 and Department of Biology, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70803

J. Food Prot. 49:592-595

Six techniques were evaluated for recovery of poliovirus from Louisiana oysters. The methods were compared for percent recovery rates, toxicity, ease of extraction, bacterial contamination, and final volume of oyster concentrate. Oyster samples were contaminated with 30-40 plaque forming units of Poliovirus type 1 and processed by six variations of adsorption-elution-precipitation and elution-precipitation methods. The method developed by Ellender et al. (Natural enterovirus and fecal coliform contamination of gulf coast oysters. J. Food Prot. 43:105-110) was judged to be the preferred method for gulf coast oysters.

Detection of Enteroviruses and Bacterial Indicators and Pathogens in Louisiana Oysters and Their Overlying Waters, Mary Townsend Cole, Marilyn B. Kilgen, Lawrence A. Reily and Cameron R. Hackney, Department of Food Science, Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803 and Department of Biology, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70803

J. Food Prot. 49:596-601

Field studies were conducted for 1 year to determine levels of enteroviruses in Louisiana Gulf Coast oysters and their overlying waters. Levels of human enteric viruses were compared with bacterial pathogens (Salmonella and Vibrio parahaemolyticus), fecal coliform levels, and physicochemical water parameters (pH, salinity, temperature, and conductivity). Samples of 20-30 oysters and 380 L of overlying water were collected monthly from both "open" and "closed" oyster growing areas. Enteric viruses were found predominantly in January and February. Viruses were isolated only from areas which exceeded the 14 fecal coliforms/100 ml standard for shellfish harvesting waters.

Changes in Manganese Content in Lactobacillus plantarum During Inhibition with Sodium Nitrite, D. L. Collins-Thompson and I. Q. Thomson, Department of Environmental Biology/Food Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada NIG 2W1

J. Food Prot. 49:602-604

Lactobacillus plantarum ATCC e8014 and L. plantarum (MC) were sensitive to NO_2^- under anaerobic conditions. This sensitivity was linked to an increase in cell-associated manganese levels. Normal manganese levels under aerobic conditions in the presence of NO_2^- were 1×10^7 atoms/cell. Under anaerobic conditions with NO_2^- , these levels increased to 3×10^8 to 2×10^9 atoms/cell depending on the sensitivity of lactobacilli to NO_2^- . This study suggests that in trace metal metabolism, NO_2^- may stimulate uptake or transport of ions such as manganese.

Enterobacteriaceae Identification from Stock Cultures and High Moisture Foods with a Four-Hour System (API Rapid E), N. A. Cox and J. S. Bailey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Richard B. Russell Research Center, P.O. Box 5677, Athens, Georgia 30613

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The API Rapid E is a 4-h system for the identification of Enterobacteriaceae that has not previously been evaluated with food isolates. A total of 232 cultures, representing 13 genera of Enterobacteriaceae, was used in this study; 47 were known stock cultures and 185 were freshly isolated from raw foods (broiler carcasses, chicken sausage, hamburger, scallops and shrimp). Each food isolate was inoculated into the API Rapid E and also into two other miniaturized systems (Micro-ID and API-20E) which served as the reference. API Rapid E correctly identified 219 (94.4%) of the cultures to species. Ten of the thirteen errors in identification occurred with Enterobacter spp. because of false-negative reactions with the Voges-Proskauer test. The predominant Enterobacteriaceae encountered in each food were Escherichia coli (broiler carcasses), Serratia marcescens (chicken sausage), Enterobacter aerogenes (hamburger), Enterobacter cloacae (scallops) and Klebsiella oxytoca (shrimp). The degree of accuracy with the variety of organisms tested in this study coupled with the 4-h incubation should make the API Rapid E a practical alternative to conventional procedures for the practicing food microbiologist.

Interrelations Among Ecological Variables in Stored Cereals and Associations with Mycotoxin Production in the Climatic Zones of Western Canada, R. N. Sinha, D. Abramson and J. T. Mills, Research Station, Agriculture Canada, 195 Dafoe Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2M9, Canada

J. Food Prot. 49:608-614

The incidence of mycotoxins and the interrelations among ecological variables in western Canadian common and durum wheat and barley were determined using 440 railway car samples collected during 1981-83. The 41 Prairie Crop Districts represented by the samples were ranked according to the incidence of fungal infection, mite infestation and other grain quality loss critera and grouped according to climatic subdivisions. Principal component analyses determined linear relationship patterns of ecological variables; ranking of the crop districts was done by Kendall's ranking approximation technique using the first (C1) and second (C2) principal components. Only five samples originating from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba contained ochratoxin A, with levels of 10-51 ppb. None of the samples contained aflatoxins, sterigmatocystin, citrinin, or penicillic acid. All samples containing ochratoxin A had established contamination of species in the Aspergillus glaucus group (10-86% infection level), and Penicillium spp. (20-80% infection level). Most of these samples had low germinability, high fat acidity levels and were infested by stored-product mites including, Acarus siro complex, Lepidoglyphus destructor (Shrank) and Tarsonemus granarius Lindquist. In wheat, the C₁ accounted for 24% of the variability indicating that poorly germinated wheat was associated with the presence of Penicillium, Aspergillus glaucus group, Wallemia sp., and the fungivorous mites, T. granarius and A. siro. The C2 accounted for 10% of the variability indicating that an increase in free fatty acids was correlated with a high incidence of Aspergillus flavus and A. versicolor. Pronounced C2 interrelations for wheat were most common in crop districts lying in the Sub-humid Prairie, the northern part of the Dry Belt and the southern part of the Humid regions. Similar relationships for durum wheat and barley were also defined and ranked on maps.

Control of T-2 Toxin Production Using Atmospheric Gases, Nachman Paster, Rivka Barkai-Golan and Moshe Calderon, Departments of Stored Products and of Fruit and Vegetable Storage, Agricultural Research Organization, The Volcani Center, P.O. Box 6, Bet Dagan 50250, Israel

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When the fungus Fusarium tricinctum NRRL 3299 was grown under atmospheres enriched with 50% CO_2 and above (given in combination with 20% O_2), T-2 production was reduced to 4.0 μ g/45 ml of medium, as compared with 21.2 μ g/45 ml of medium produced in an atmosphere of air. At 60% $CO_2/20\%$ O_2 and 80% $CO_2/20\%$ O_2 , a significant reduction in fungal growth was also observed. The possibility of using controlled atmospheres as a means for mycotoxin control is discussed.

Growth and Toxin Production by Clostridium botulinum in Sauteed Onions, Haim M. Solomon and Donald A. Kautter, Division of Microbiology, Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C. 20204

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In October, 1983, sauteed onions in "patty-melt" sandwiches were epidemiologically responsible for a large outbreak of botulism in Peoria, Illinois. Spores of strains of *Clostridium botulinum* type A, recovered from Spanish onions or from patients who consumed sauteed onions, produced high toxin titers within 48 h from 2 spores/g of onions when experimentally in-

oculated into sauteed onions. Laboratory strains of *C. botulinum* type A which normally produce high-titered toxin in culture media yielded very low toxin titers and required 3 to 4 d and an extremely high inoculum of spores/g of onions. Five strains of *C. botulinum* type A were isolated from 75 raw onions obtained from the Peoria restaurant where the outbreak occurred.

Microbiological Quality of Non-Dairy Creamers, Fillings and Toppings, Donald W. Warburton and Karl F. Weiss, Bureau of Microbial Hazards, Food Directorate, Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0L2

J. Food Prot. 49:621-622

A study conducted in 1984-1985, in the province of Ontario, Canada, assessed the bacteriological quality of three types of non-dairy substitutes including creamers, fillings and toppings. All sample units tested contained acceptable levels of aerobic colony count (ACC), yeast/mold and aerobic sporeformers. Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus and Salmonella were not detected in any of the 79 lots tested, indicating that good hygienic practices were used during the manufacture of these products.

Aflatoxin Estimation in Corn by Measurement of Bright Greenish-Yellow Fluorescence in Aqueous Extracts, E. B. Lillehoj, T. J. Jacks and O. H. Calvert, ARS, USDA, Southern Regional Research Center, New Orleans, Louisiana 70179 and Department of Plant Pathology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65211

J. Food Prot. 49:623-626

A procedure was developed for efficient extraction of bright greenish-yellow (BGY) fluorescent material from ground corn (Zea mays L.) samples and subsequent quantitative determination of fluorescence emission in a fluorometer. The technique was designed to be inexpensive, rapid and utilizable at remote locations for estimation of aflatoxin levels. A simple, in vitro method for production of the BGY-fluorescing material from kojic acid was developed to provide a reference standard. Water was identified as an effective solvent for extraction of the BGYfluorescence from corn; fluorescence in aqueous extracts was stable at pH 6-7 for up to 22 h at room temperature. Samples with aflatoxin concentrations of 0 to 12,000 ppb yielded BGYfluorescence emission units of 0 to 175. A correlation coefficient of r = 0.77 was determined for BGY-fluorescence vs total aflatoxin levels (B_1, B_2, G_1, G_2) and r = 0.88 for the fluorescence vs aflatoxin B1, B2. The results provided a basis for effective determination of BGY-fluorescence as an estimate of aflatoxin levels in corn.

Effects of Handling and Preparation of Turkey Products on the Survival of Campylobacter jejuni, G. R. Acuff, C. Vanderzant, M. O. Hanna, J. G. Ehlers and F. A. Gardner, Department of Animal Science and Department of Poultry Science, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843

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Various cooking procedures (roasting, braising, stewing and microwave cooking) applied to turkey thighs, and washing procedures for contaminated utensils (knives and cutting boards) and food handlers' hands were evaluated for their effectiveness in removing *Campylobacter jejuni*. Roasting, braising and stewing were effective in destruction of *C. jejuni* on contaminated turkey thighs even when the meat was undercooked, reaching an internal temperature of 55°C. Destruction of *C. jejuni* by microwave cooking was assured more fully if a meat thermometer was used to check the internal temperature of the sample rather than by visual evaluation. Washing of utensils with water and detergent, either by hand or in a dishwasher, removed *C. jejuni* except from wooden cutting boards washed by hand. Minimal hand washing procedures may not assure complete removal of *C. jejuni* from contaminated hands.

Examination of Imported Cheeses for Aflatoxin M_1 , Mary W. Trucksess and Samuel W. Page, Division of Chemistry and Physics, Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C. 20204

J. Food Prot. 49:632-633

A total of 118 imported cheeses from 13 countries were analyzed for aflatoxin M_1 . Six were very hard types that included Parmesan, Romano and Sapsago; 74 were hard types that included Swiss and Cheddar; and 38 were soft or semisoft types, mainly Camembert and cheese spreads. Eight (6.8%) contained aflatoxin M_1 at levels of 0.1 to 1.0 ng/g (limit of determination was 0.05 ng/g).

Microbiological Quality of Canadian Frozen Meat Pies, K. Rayman, K. F. Weiss, G. Riedel and G. Jarvis, Food Directorate and Field Operations Directorate, Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0L2

J. Food Prot. 49:634-638

One hundred and twenty samples of a variety of frozen meat pies were collected from 20 manufacturers across Canada and analyzed for aerobic colony count, coliforms, Salmonella, Clostridium perfringens, Staphylococcus aureus, and yeasts and molds. Salmonella was not isolated from any of the pies and only low numbers of C. perfringens and S. aureus were found. The highest aerobic colony count, coliforms and yeasts and molds were observed in pies with uncooked pastry. The degree of contamination in these pies was not alarmingly high to warrant establishment of microbiological standards or guidelines for these products.

Restructured Pork From Hot Processed Sow Meat: Effect of Mechanical Tenderization and Liquid Smoke, Joseph C. Cordray, Dale L. Huffman and William R. Jones, Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36849-4201

J. Food Prot. 49:639-642

A 2 × 2 factorial design was used to study the effect of tenderization and liquid smoke on sensory and physical attribution of a fully cooked restructured pork item. The lean and fat mass was removed intact within 30 min postmortem from sow carcasses and assigned to a tenderized or non-tenderized treatment with and without liquid smoke. The four treatment groups were: non-tenderized, no liquid smoke (NTNS); non-tenderized with liquid smoke (NTS); tenderized, no liquid smoke (TNS); and tenderized with liquid smoke (TS). Mechanical tenderization was accomplished 1 h postmortem and the two original portions were subdivided for a 1% acid-neutralized liquid smoke treatment. Total processing time from exsanguination to a fully cooked product was 8 h. There were no differences (P>0.05) among any of the treatments for cohesiveness, juiciness, flavor or connective tissue scores or cooking loss. The TNS treatment had higher (P<0.06) tension values as determined by Instron measurements than the NTNS treatment. There were initially no practical differences between TBA values for fresh-frozen and cooked-frozen restructured pork. However, after 30 d of storage (-23°C), the cooked-frozen product had significantly higher TBA values than fresh-frozen prod-

Recovery of Aeromonas hydrophila from Oysters Implicated in an Outbreak of Foodborne Illness, Carlos Abeyta, Jr., Charles A. Kaysner, Marleen M. Wekell, John J. Sullivan and Gerard N. Stelma, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Seafood Products Research Center, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174 and Food Research Laboratory, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

J. Food Prot. 49:643-646

Potentially pathogenic Aeromonas hydrophila organism were isolated from oysters frozen at -72°C for 1-1/2 years. The oysters which had been associated with 472 cases of gastroenteritis in Louisiana in November 1982, were examined and found negative for Salmonella, pathogenic Vibrio parahaemolyticus, and diarrhetic shellfish poison. In 1983, oysters from the same shellfish growing area in Louisiana were implicated in seven cases of gastroenteritis caused by A. hydrophila. The oysters collected in 1982 were reexamined and found to contain A. hydrophila (MPN 9.3/100 g). Twenty-three of 28 strains identified by the MICRO-IS and API-20E systems were positive for at least one of the tests for virulence which included the suckling mouse test, the adrenal Y-1 mouse cell test, and hemolysin assays. Of five strains tested, all showed activity in the rabbit ileal loop. Although these results do not prove that A. hydrophila caused the outbreak in 1982, they suggest that in cases of foodborne illness involving oysters, A. hydrophila should be included in the screening tests.

Adenosine Triphosphate Bioluminescent Assay to Enumerate Bacterial Numbers on Fresh Fish, Donn R. Ward, Kathleen A. LaRocco and Debra J. Hopson, Seafood Processing Research Laboratory, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Hampton, Virginia 23669 and United Technologies, Packard, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

J. Food Prot. 49:647-650

The microbial quality of fresh fish was determined by using a bacterial ATP bioluminescent assay. Assay procedures included differential filtration followed by enzymatic degradation of somatic ATP. This technique limited interference from non-bacterial ATP sources and thus bacterial ATP was quantitated by using the luciferin-luciferase reaction in an automated luminometer. Good correlation (r = .96) was obtained from four species of finfish when microbial counts, determined from ATP analyses, were compared to counts determined by using conventional plate count procedures.

Impact of Bacterial Injury and Repair in Food Microbiology: Its Past, Present and Future, Bibek Ray, Animal Science Department, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming 82071

J. Food Prot. 49:651-655

Studies done during the past 25 years revealed that microorganisms present in semipreserved foods can be injured by sublethal treatments. The injured cells, irrespective of differences in sublethal treatments, have similarities in their manifestation of injury and their repair. A simple resuscitation step incorporated into currently recommended isolation procedures would enable detection of these cells. In the future, microbial cell injury studies should be directed to include not only effective detection of index and pathogenic bacteria from foods, but also growth inhibition of spoilage microorganisms and preservation of lactic cultures.

Water Relations of Foodborne Bacterial Pathogens - An Updated Review, J. A. Troller, Proctor & Gamble Co., Winton Hill Technical Center, 6071 Center Hill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

J. Food Prot. 49:656-670

The effects of aw limitation on growth and metabolic activities of foodborne bacterial pathogens continue to be actively investigated in laboratories throughout the world. Perhaps the most intensive work over the past 10 years has centered on growth of Clostridium botulinum in multicomponent systems. This emphasis undoubtedly has been the result of concern about the role played by sodium nitrate in formation of nitrosamines and the possibility of a prohibition of the addition of this preservative to foods. While investigations have continued on C. botulinum and more "traditional" foodborne pathogens, a "new" group of pathogens, some of them opportunistic, has emerged. Several of these organisms are covered in this review whereas others are not for the simple reason that the water requirements of these organisms have not as yet been investigated. Particularly surprising is the lack of aw-related information on Listeria monocytogenes, Aeromonas hydrophila and colohemmorrhagic Escherichia coli. In fact, the water requirements of gram-negative bacteria in general and the Enterobacteriacae in particular seem to have been somewhat neglected. Researchers intending to do aw-related research should consider trends in the American diet and in commercial food processors that supply much of it. For example, no one can deny that consumption of fish and seafood products has increased in the diets of many Americans yet potential pathogens indigenous to these products have received little investigative work in terms of their water requirements. Scombroid poisoning, a form of histamine poisoning, may be caused by several species of gramnegative bacteria, yet we know nothing of the effect of aw on these organisms, their heat resistance, combinations with modified atmospheres, pH, preservatives, etc. Similarly, limited application of gamma irradiation for sterilization of spices has been approved by the FDA, however, the effect of aw in these irradiated systems is largely unknown. Certainly greater thermal resistance at low aw levels has been reported; however, it is surprising that investigators have not searched for a similar effect with irradiation. Despite these shortcomings, a sizeable body of literature and knowledge of aw and its effects on microorganisms has emerged. Some of the research has only begun to exploit the hard-won knowledge of how microorganisms adapt to, and cope with, environments of low aw. Based on extrapolations of these efforts and our greater awareness of these physiological facts, one can only predict even greater advancements during the next decade.



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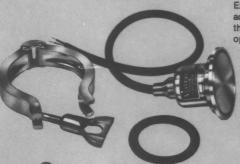
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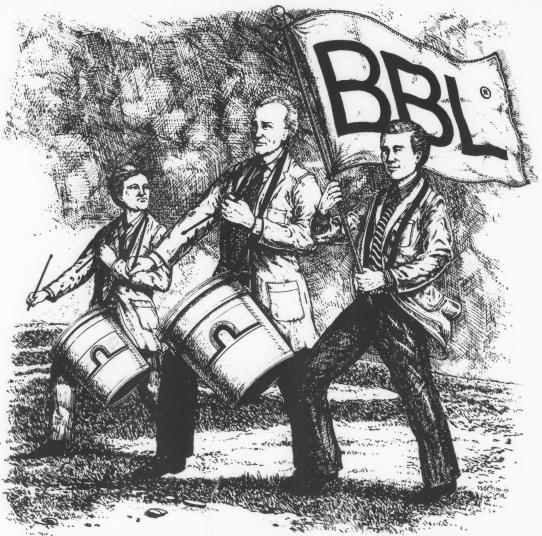
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