OVERVIEW OF FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

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- Food processing is the transformation of agricultural products into food, or of one form of food into other forms.
- Or Food processing is a variety of operations by which raw foodstuffs are made suitable for <u>consumption</u>, <u>cooking</u>, or <u>storage</u>.
- Food processing generally includes the basic preparation of foods, the alteration of a food product into another form, and preservation and <u>packaging</u> techniques.

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 Food processing equipment is an umbrella term referring to the components, processing machines, and systems used to handle, prepare, cook, store, and package food and food products.

LIST OUT THE EQUIPMENT'S EMPLOYED DURING BREAD MAKING!?



Types of Food Processing Equipment

- □ Preparation
- o ☐ Mechanical processing
- o □ Heat processing
- o □ Preservation
- o □ Packaging

FOOD	PREPARATION EQUIPMENT BY UNIT	OPERATION
Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Cleaning	Removes foreign matter and contaminants—e.g., soil, oil, insects, skins, chemicals, etc.—from the surface of raw food material via wet and dry cleaning processes	Wet Processes Soak/floatation tanks (soaking) Spray washers (spray washing) Washing systems (washing) Sterilizers (sterilizing) Ultrasonic cleaners Dry Processes Air classifiers Magnetic separators Screening separators

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Grading	□Closely related to, and often precluding, sorting processes □ Assesses several characteristics of food matter (e.g., flavor, damage, skin color, aroma, etc.) to determine the overall quality	Tungsten lights (candling) Image processors Laboratory equipment

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Peeling/Skinning	Removes inedible or undesirable material to increase the overall quality and/or appearance of the final food product	 □ Pressure vessels (flash steam peeling) □ Stationary/rotating blades (knife peeling) □ Carborundum abrasive rollers/bowls (abrasion peeling) □ Conveyors and furnaces (flame peeling)

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Sorting	Operates similarly to and overlaps with dry cleaning processes Classifies and separates foreign matter and contaminants from raw food material based on a measurable physical characteristic (typically size, shape, weight, or color)	Dry Processes ☐ Air classifiers ☐ Magnetic separators ☐ Screening separators Sorting machinery ☐ Disc separators (shape sorting) ☐ Sieves/screens (size sorting) ☐ Machine vision sorting systems ☐ Sorting conveyors

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Size Reduction	Reduces the average particle size of solid food matter through mechanical processes involving compression, shear, or impact force.	Grinding/Crushing □ Impact mills □ Pressure mills □ Attrition mills Jaw □ crushers Roll □ crushers □ Strainers/pulpers Cutting/Chopping □ Knives/blades □ Band saws □ Slicing machines □ Meat grinders

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Size Enlargement	Increases the average particle size of solid food matter through mechanical processes, such as extrusion, agglomeration, or forming.	 Extrusion Non-thermal extruders Single-screw extruders Twin-screw extruders Refrigerated extruders
		Agglomeration Rotating □ pans Rotating drums □ High-speed agitators □ Tableting equipment □ Pelletizing equipment
		Forming Bread molders Pie and biscuit formers Confectionary molders Enrobing machines

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Homogenization	☐ Also referred to as emulsification ☐ Reduces the average particle size and increases the consistency of semi-solid and liquid food matter.	☐ Homogenizers☐ Emulsifiers☐ Colloid mills☐ High shear mixers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Mixing	□ Also referred to as blending □ Combines and disperses two or more components into one another to achieve and maintain a uniform mixture and/or an alteration to the functional or aesthetic qualities of the food product (e.g., texture) □ Type of equipment depends on the form of the food components—gas/liquid, liquid/liquid, liquid/solid, solid/solid	Fluid Mixers Agitated tanks Paddle mixers Anchor mixers Turbine mixers Dough/Paste Mixers Horizontal dough mixers Sigma-blade mixers Cutter mixers Diffusive (passive) mixers Convective (active) mixers Drum blenders

HEAT PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (PRESERVATION BY THE APPLICATION OF HEAT)







Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Baking	Similar to, and often referred interchangeably with, roasting. Employs heated air (heated by convection, conduction, and radiation)—and, in some cases, water vapor—to heat and produce physical and chemical changes in food material, such as texture or flavor Assists in the preservation of food matter by destroying microorganisms and reducing the amount of moisture at the food surface Suitable for producing bread, crackers, biscuits, and other flour- based or dough-based products	Baking ovens □ Direct heating ovens □ Indirect heating ovens □ Batch ovens □ Continuous and semicontinuous ovens

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Blanching	 □ Employs heated water or steam to inactivate undesirable enzymes and reduce the number of microorganisms which can cause spoilage □ Also cleans, removes excess air from, softens, and improves the overall quality □ Typically follows preparation operations and precedes preservation operations, such as packaging, dehydrating, or freezing □ Suitable for fruits and vegetables 	Blanchers ☐ Steam blanchers ☐ Hot water blanchers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Dehydration	□ Employs heat to remove (i.e., evaporate) water from solid, semi-solid, or liquid food material with the intention of producing a solid food product with sufficiently low water content □ Increases the shelf life of food products due to the reduced water content which inhibits microbial growth and enzyme activity □ Reduces weight and volume and/or transforms the form of the final food product.	Dryers ☐ Convective dryers ☐ Contact (conductive) dryers ☐ Vacuum dryers ☐ Freeze dryers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Evaporation	 □ Removes volatile solvents (typically water) from food material by boiling to increase the concentration of solid contents □ Increases the shelf life of food products due to the reduced water content, but also increases the rate of chemical deterioration □ Reduces the weight and volume of the final food product □ Typically precedes operations, such as crystallization, precipitation, and coagulation □ Suitable for liquid-based food products 	Heat exchangers Evaporators Condensers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Frying	 □ Employs heated (~160−180 °C) fat or oil to transfer heat directly to food material □ Reduces moisture content, forms a surface crust (changes texture and structure), and inactivates microorganisms which improves shelf life and overall quality 	Fryers ☐ Batch fryers ☐ Continuous fryers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Pasteurization	□ Processes food material under medium temperatures (70–100 °C) to inactivate most enzymes and microorganisms (but not spores) which cause spoilage □ Produces food products with limited shelf lives (short-term preservation method) □ Little to no impact to quality and characteristics beyond the shelf life □ Suitable for dairy, fruit/vegetable-based, wine, beer, and egg products.	Pasteurizers □ In-container pasteurizers □ Continuous flow pasteurizers Heat exchangers □ Plate heat exchangers □ Tubular Heat Exchanger □ Concentric tube heat exchangers

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Roasting	□ Similar to, and often referred interchangeably with, baking. □ Employs heated air (heated by convection, conduction, and radiation)—and, in some cases, water vapor—to heat and produce physical and chemical changes in food material, such as texture or flavor □ Assists in the preservation of food matter by destroying microorganisms and reducing the amount of water at the food surface. □ Suitable for meats, nuts, vegetables, etc.	 □ Roasting machinery □ Roasting ovens □ See Baking Equipment Employed Baking ovens □ Direct heating ovens □ Indirect heating ovens □ Batch ovens □ Continuous and semicontinuous ovens

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Sterilization	 □ Processes food material under high temperatures (100+ °C) to inactivate all microorganisms and enzymes (including microbial spores) □ Can be heated by steam, hot water, or direct flames □ Produces food products with long shelf lives (long-term preservation method) □ May result in a significant impact on quality and characteristics 	Sterilizers/sterilizing retorts In-container sterilizers Continuous flow sterilizers Heat exchangers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Chemical	 □ Employs natural and non-natural chemical substances to prevent or inhibit spoilage □ Can change the pH and other qualities of food material 	Natural Salt (salting) Smokers (smoking) Acids (e.g., acetic acid, vinegar, etc.) Non-Natural Sorbic acid Sulfur dioxide Benzoic acid

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Heat Processing	See Heat Processing Equipment section	

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Irradiation	 □ Employs ionizing radiation to destroy microorganisms and inactivate enzymes which cause spoilage □ Little to no heating of food material 	☐ Irradiation equipment, such as isotopes and electron accelerators

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Refrigeration** (Removal of Heat)	□ Reduces the temperature of food material to depress the biochemical and microbiological processes of microorganisms and enzymes which cause spoilage □ Helps maintain quality and characteristics of food material	Chilling (-1°C-8°C) Chillers Mechanical refrigerators Cryogenic systems Freezing (below freezing point) Freezers Mechanical refrigerators Cryogenic systems

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Water Reduction	□ Reduces the amount of water in food matter in solid, semi-solid, or liquid food material to inhibit microbiological and enzymatic process which cause spoilage	Drying ☐ Convective dryers ☐ Contact (conductive) dryers ☐ Vacuum/freeze dryers Solute Addition ☐ Sugar ☐ Salt Concentration ☐ Evaporators ☐ Condensers







Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Packaging Material Creation	 □ Enables the identification of food contents and the indication of handling, storage, and usage instructions (e.g., ingredient list, production date, barcodes, etc.) □ Allows for branding and marketing (e.g., brand name, logo, etc.) 	Printers (e.g., flexographic, photogravure, planographic, screen, or ink-jet)

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Filling	Used to fill a set volume of the packaging containers with liquid, paste, or small pieces of solid food material	Volumetric Fillers

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Sealing	☐ Creates a double seam in filled food and beverage cans	Seamers
Sealing	☐ Capable of forming, filling, and sealing flexible film packaging containers	Form-Fill-Seal (FFS) Systems

Unit Operation	Description	Equipment Employed
Quality Control	□ Verifies that filled packaging containers are at the required fill weight and removes underweight products from the production line	Check-weighers

Instrument	Function
Alcoholic beverage analyzers –	Can be used to measure the alcohol content, density, color, and pH of alcoholic beverages
Carbonated beverage analyzers	 measure product density, temperature, current/fresh/inverted sugar concentrations, degree of inversion, and CO2 levels.
Food analysis equipment	various instruments that can be used to measure the fat, protein, and oil concentrations in food samples and detect the level of gluten in foods.

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Pesticide detection instruments	detects the presence of pesticides in food samples.
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Chemical imaging (NIR/Raman) systems	devices that use analysis of samples by detecting and analyzing light that is in the near-infrared, visible, or near-ultraviolet light areas of the electromagnetic spectrum.
Magnetic analyzers	detect low levels of iron in food samples by measuring the imbalance in resonance between two air core coils which can be translated into a signal that reflects the level of iron present in the sample.

Moisture analyzers	also known as moisture balances, these devices are used to establish the percentage of moisture in a food sample, either by weighing the sample before and after an evaporation process or by using an absorption spectrometer to analyze the gas emitted during evaporation to establish its content.
Polarimeters	devices that pass polarized light through a sample and measure the angle at which the emitted light emerges. Optically active substances will cause a change in the polarization angle of the emitted light, which can be used to establish concentrations of sugars such as glucose and sucrose.
Refractometers –	are devices that measure the angle of refraction from light that is passed through a liquid, gel, or solid substance and using that to establish parameters such as the salinity and sugar content.

Rheometers & Viscometers	are instruments that can measure the viscosity of a fluid and the behavior of fluids when shear or stress forces are applied to it. Having this information can reveal the properties of the fluid that relate to its structure and elasticity.
Saccharimeters	are instruments that specifically measure the concentration of sugars present in a solution. They do so by measuring the refractive index of the liquid as light as passed through it.
Titration Equipment	can be used to detect and measure the concentration of a substance within a liquid through acid/base titration. The addition of titrant of known concentration to a known volume of solution with unknown concentration can determine that unknown concentration through a reaction neutralization.

Other equipment	 additional equipment often employed in food quality applications includes ovens, centrifuges, water baths, and dry baths.

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