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Issues in Food Production, Processing, and Preparation: 2011 Edition

Fundamental Food Microbiology, Fifth Edition

As with the first edition this book includes chapters on established fish processes and new processes and allied issues. The first five chapters cover fish biochemistry affecting processing, curing, surimi and fish mince, chilling and freezing and canning. These established processes can still show innovations and improved theory although their mature status precludes major leaps in knowledge and technology. The four chapters concerned with new areas relevant to fish processing are directed at the increasing globalisation of the fish processing industry and the demands, from legislation and the consumer, for better quality, safer products. One chapter reviews the methods available to identify fish species in raw and processed products. The increased demand for fish products and the reduced catch of commercially-important species has lead to adulteration or substitution of these species with cheaper species. The ability to detect these practices has been based on some elegant analytical techniques in electrophoresis.

Indian Science Abstracts

The safety and microbiological quality of fermented foods covers complementary aspects of such products. Food fermentation is primary intended to
improve food preservation, thereby modifying food properties. However, the management of chemical and microbiological hazards is a leading aspect for innovative processing in this domain. Similarly, microbiological quality in fermented foods is of peculiar importance: all microorganisms with a positive effect, including probiotic bacteria, fermentative bacteria, Saccharomyces and non-Saccharomyces yeasts, can be relevant. The fitness of pro-technological microorganisms impacts nutritional quality, but also sensory properties and processing reliability. This book provides a broad view of factors which determine the safety and microbiological quality of fermented foods. A focus is made on the interconnection between starter properties and the expectations related to a probiotic effect. All chapters underline the involvement of fermented foods towards better resource management and increasing food and nutritional security, especially in developing countries.

**Dissertation Abstracts International**

This book offers the latest scientific research on applied microbiology presented at the IV International Conference on Environmental, Industrial and Applied Microbiology (BioMicroWorld2011) held in Spain in 2011. A wide-ranging set of topics including agriculture, environmental, food, industrial and medical microbiology makes this book interesting not only for microbiologists, but also for anyone who likes to keep up with cutting-edge research in microbiology and microbial biotechnology. Readers will find a major collection of knowledge, approaches, methods and discussions on the latest advances and challenges in applied microbiology in a compilation of 136 chapters written by active researchers in the field from around the world. The topics covered in this single volume include biodegradation of pollutants, water, soil and plant microorganisms, biosurfactants, antimicrobial natural products, antimicrobial susceptibility, antimicrobial resistance, human pathogens, food microorganisms, fermentation, biotechnologically relevant enzymes and proteins, microbial physiology, metabolism and gene expression mainly, although many other subjects are also discussed.

**Microbiology of Ethnic Fermented Foods and Alcoholic Beverages of the World**

Advances in Food Research

**Report of the Seventh Session of the Committee for the Development and Management of Fisheries in the Southwest Indian Ocean**

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Micro-Organisms in Foods

Today, flavor chemists can generate copious amounts of data in a short time with relatively little effort using automated solid phase micro-extraction, Gerstel-Twister and other extraction techniques in combination with gas chromatographic (GC) analysis. However, more data does not necessarily mean better understanding. In fact, the ability to extract

Industrial Exploitation of Microorganisms

The magnificent Himalayan Mountains, the highest in the world and home to the famed Mount Everest and K2, are also imbued with a rich diversity of ethnic fermented foods. Dr. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, one of the leading authorities on food microbiology, has studied Himalayan fermented foods and beverages for the last twenty-two years. His comprehensive volume, Himalayan Fermented Foods: Microbiology, Nutrition, and Ethnic Values catalogs the great variety of common as well as lesser-known fermented foods and beverages in the Himalayan region. This volume begins with an introduction to the Himalayas and the Himalayan food culture. Using a consistent format throughout the book, Dr. Tamang discusses fermented vegetables, legumes, milk, cereals, fish and meat products, and alcoholic beverages. Each chapter explores indigenous knowledge of preparation, culinary practices, and microorganisms for each product. Additional information on microbiology and nutritive value supplements each section, and discussions on ethnic food history and values as well as future prospects for these foods complete the coverage. Dr. Tamang demonstrates that fermentation remains an effective, inexpensive method for extending the shelf life of foods and increasing their nutritional content through probiotic function, and therefore remains a valuable practice for developing countries and rural communities with limited facilities.

Indian Food Packer

Written by an international panel of professional and academic peers, the book provides the engineer and technologist working in research, development and operations in the food industry with critical and readily accessible information on the art and science of infrared spectroscopy technology. The book should also serve as an essential reference source to undergraduate and postgraduate students and researchers in universities and research institutions. Infrared (IR) Spectroscopy deals with the infrared part of the electromagnetic spectrum. It measure the absorption of different IR frequencies by a sample positioned in the path of an IR beam. Currently, infrared spectroscopy is one of the most common spectroscopic techniques used in the food industry. With the rapid development in infrared spectroscopic instrumentation software and hardware, the application of this technique has expanded into many areas of food research. It has become a powerful, fast, and non-destructive tool for food quality analysis and control. Infrared Spectroscopy for Food Quality Analysis and Control reflects this rapid technology development. The book is divided into two parts. Part I addresses principles and instruments, including theory, data treatment techniques, and infrared spectroscopy instruments. Part II covers the application of IRS in quality analysis and control for various foods including meat and meat products, fish and related products, and others. *Explores this rapidly developing, powerful and fast non-destructive tool for food quality analysis and control *Presented in two Parts -- Principles and Instruments, including theory, data treatment techniques, and instruments, and Application in Quality Analysis and Control for various foods making it valuable for understanding and application *Fills a need for a comprehensive resource on this area that includes coverage of NIR and MVA
**Microbial Biotechnology in Crop Protection**

Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance, Second Edition describes the processing and manufacturing stages of market milk and major dairy products, from the receipt of raw materials to the packaging of the products, including the quality assurance aspects. The book begins with an overview of the dairy industry, dairy production and consumption trends. Next are discussions related to chemical, physical and functional properties of milk; microbiological considerations involved in milk processing; regulatory compliance; transportation to processing plants; and the ingredients used in manufacture of dairy products. The main section of the book is dedicated to processing and production of fluid milk products; cultured milk including yogurt; butter and spreads; cheese; evaporated and condensed milk; dry milks; whey and whey products; ice cream and frozen desserts; chilled dairy desserts; nutrition and health; sensory evaluation; new product development strategies; packaging systems; non-thermal preservation technologies; safety and quality management systems; and dairy laboratory analytical techniques. This fully revised and updated edition highlights the developments which have taken place in the dairy industry since 2008. The book notably includes: New regulatory developments The latest market trends New processing developments, particularly with regard to yogurt and cheese products Functional aspects of probiotics, prebiotics and synbiotics A new chapter on the sensory evaluation of dairy products Intended for professionals in the dairy industry, Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance, Second Edition, will also appeal to researchers, educators and students of dairy science for its contemporary information and experience-based applications.

**Papers Presented at the Seventh Session of the Indo-Pacific Fishery Commission Working Party on Fish Technology and Marketing**

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**Beneficial Microbes in Fermented and Functional Foods**

The golden era of food microbiology has begun. All three areas of food microbiology—beneficial, spoilage, and pathogenic microbiology—are expanding and progressing at an incredible pace. What was once a simple process of counting colonies has become a sophisticated process of sequencing complete genomes of starter cultures and use of biosensors to detect foodborne pathogens. Capturing these developments, Fundamental Food Microbiology, Fifth Edition broadens coverage of foodborne diseases to include new and emerging pathogens as well as descriptions of the mechanism of pathogenesis. Written by experts with approximately fifty years of combined experience, the book provides an in-depth understanding of how to reduce microbial food spoilage, improve intervention technologies, and develop effective control methods for different types of foods. See What’s New in the Fifth Edition: New chapter on microbial attachment and biofilm formation Bacterial quorum sensing during bacterial growth in food Novel application of bacteriophage in pathogen control and detection Substantial update on intestinal beneficial microbiota and probiotics to control pathogens, chronic diseases, and obesity Nanotechnology in food preservation Description of new pathogens such as Cronobacter sakazaki, E. coli O104:H4, Clostridium difficile, and Nipah Virus Comprehensive list of seafood-related toxins Updates on several...
new anti-microbial compounds such as polylysine, lactoferrin, lactoperoxidase, ovotransferrin, defensins, herbs, and spices. Updates on modern processing technologies such as infrared heating and plasma technology. Maintaining the high standard set by the previous bestselling editions, based on feedback from students and professors, the new edition includes many more easy-to-follow figures and illustrations. The chapters are presented in a logical sequence that connects the information and allow students to easily understand and retain the concepts presented. These features and more make this a comprehensive introductory text for undergraduates as well as a valuable reference for graduate level and working professionals in food microbiology or food safety.

**Modified Atmosphere and Active Packaging Technologies**

This volume presents a wide range of new approaches aimed at improving the safety and quality of food products and agricultural commodities. Each chapter provides in-depth information on new and emerging food preservation techniques including those relating to decontamination, drying and dehydration, packaging innovations and the use of botanicals as natural preservatives for fresh animal and plant products. The 28 chapters, contributed by an international team of experienced researchers, are presented in five sections, covering: Novel decontamination techniques Novel preservation techniques Active and atmospheric packaging Food packaging Mathematical modelling of food preservation processes Natural preservatives

This title will be of great interest to food scientists and engineers based in food manufacturing and in research establishments. It will also be useful to advanced students of food science and technology.

**Sensory-Directed Flavor Analysis**

This book embodies 21 review articles contributed by subject experts of various areas of industrial microbiology. The articles are devoted to pharma industries, food and enzyme industries, textile industry, agro-industry and cottage industry. Yeast is one of the important microorganisms which have been used to produce beverages, alcohols and fermented food commodities for a very long time. In recent years, it has been the first choice among eukaryotes to use in recombinant technology. Yeast and Spirulina are being used and marketed as Single Cell Protein (SCP). Mushrooms have been used by humans down the ages. In addition to a rich source of mycoprotein, they have medicinal values also against many ailments. Number of bioactive novel compounds is increasing with the discovery of microbial species and newer groups of microorganisms. Some chapters are devoted to microbial bioinoculants used as biofertilizers because they are rich source of nitrogen and phosphorus for both legumes and non-legumes. They are being manufactured and sold in market with different trade names. In addition, several microbial enzymes have been produced and commercialized by various industries, but highly active and potential enzymes produced through recombinant DNA technology hold much importance. For example, microbial proteases find application in detergent leather, food and pharma industries and provide eco-friendly technology for bioremediation. Laccase has been worked out to be a good tool for bioremediation of non-degradable wastes and xenobiotic chemicals. Besides, laccase-based biosensors have also been constructed which can be used for phenol determination, monitoring of lignin and plant flavonoids. Various microbial phytases as feed supplemented have been used in freshwater and marine aquaculture for improving the growth performance of fishes. Nowadays aquaculture is growing rapidly to meet increasing food demand throughout the world for high quality fish. More than 16,000 bioactive compounds have been isolated from actinomycetes alone including antibiotics, enzymes, vitamins, amino acids, siderophores and nanoparticles. Biosynthesis of nanoparticles by bacteria, actinomycetes and algae has been reported and work is being done nationally and internationally.

**Shellfish Processing and Preservation**

"This book provides contemporary information that brings together current knowledge and practices in the value-chain of mango fruit from production through consumption" --
The harvesting, processing and consumption of edible insects is one of the main keys to the sustainability of food chains on the African continent. Insects are the largest and most successful group of animals on the planet and it is estimated that they comprise 80% of all animals. This makes edible insects extremely important to the future survival of large populations across Africa and the world. Insects offer a complete animal protein that includes all 9 essential amino acids and are very competitive with other protein sources. They are also a good source of beneficial unsaturated fats, and many insects have a perfect Omega 3:6 balance. African Edible Insects As Alternative Source of Food, Oil, Protein and Bioactive Components comprehensively outlines the importance of edible insects as food and animal feed and the processing of insects in Africa. The text also highlights indigenous knowledge of edible insects and shows the composition and nutritional value of these insects, plus presents reviews of current research and developments in this rapidly expanding field. All of the main types of edible insects are covered, including their nutritional value, chemical makeup, and harvesting and processing details. The various preparation technologies are covered for each insect, as are their individual sensory qualities and safety aspects. A key aspect of this work is its focus on the role of insects in edible oils and gelatins. Individual chapters focus on entomophagy in Africa and the various key aspects of the continent's growing edible insect consumption market. As it becomes increasingly clear that the consumption of insects will play a major role in the sustainability of food chains in Africa, this work can be used as a comprehensive and up-to-date singular source for researchers looking for a complete overview on this crucial topic.

**Fermented Foods and Beverages of the World**

**Infrared Spectroscopy for Food Quality Analysis and Control**

A proceedings volume based on the World Fisheries Congress, held in Athens, Greece, this book includes coverage of donor-assisted international fisheries development, international fisheries research - programmes and perceived needs, and seafood technology in Developing countries.

**Himalayan Fermented Foods**

**Frontiers and New Trends in the Science of Fermented Food and Beverages**

This book provides detailed information on the various ethnic fermented foods and beverages of India. India is home to a diverse food culture comprising fermented and non-fermented ethnic foods and alcoholic beverages. More than 350 different types of familiar, less-familiar and rare ethnic fermented foods and alcoholic beverages are traditionally prepared by the country's diverse ethnic groups, and include alcoholic, milk, vegetable, bamboo, legume, meat, fish, and cereal based beverages. Most of the Indian ethnic fermented foods are naturally fermented, whereas the majority of the alcoholic beverages have been prepared using dry starter culture and the ‘back-sloping’ method for the past 6,000 years. A broad range of culturable and unculturable microbiomes and mycobiomes are associated with the fermentation and production of ethnic foods and alcoholic drinks in India. The book begins with detailed chapters on various aspects including food habits, dietary culture, and the history, microbiology and health benefits of fermented Indian food and beverages. Subsequent chapters describe unique and region-specific ethnic fermented foods and beverages from all 28 states and 9 union territories. In turn the classification of various ethnic fermented foods and beverages, their traditional methods of preparation, culinary practices and mode of consumption, socio-economy, ethnic values, microbiology, food safety,
nutritional value, and process optimization in some foods are discussed in details with original pictures. In closing, the book addresses the medicinal properties of the fermented food products and their health benefits, together with corresponding safety regulations.

**Fisheries Resource Utilization and Policy**

In recent years, there has been an increase in the concern of society and industries about how food and beverages are produced, the production of natural compounds as well as the concern of industries on fermentation-based processes. Thus, there are several approaches worldwide that are looking for low time and low cost fermentation-based processes integrating not only molecular biology procedures but also engineering. This book contains eleven chapters written by international experts in the field of fermentation. It covers all recent aspects on fermentation-based processes with potential applications in many fields such as bio combustible production, food and beverage processing, and biomedicine.

**Fisheries Resource Utilization and Policy**

Aflatoxins, natural fungal toxins found in foods and animal feeds, have great public health significance. This book presents the basic and applied toxicology of aflatoxins, including analytical identification, agricultural and veterinary implications, toxicology and carcinogenesis in humans, and economic and regulatory problems associated with aflatoxin contamination and control. Molecular mechanisms of aflatoxin toxicity Analytical issues in sampling and analysis Regulatory and economic issues associated with aflatoxin contamination of food and feed Presentation of human and animal toxicology, veterinary, and agricultural issues related to aflatoxin contamination

**Advances in Food Research**

**Ethnic Fermented Foods and Beverages of India: Science History and Culture**

Many factors are relevant in making the proper choice of food packaging material, including those related to shelf life and biodegradability. To meet these demands, new processing and preservation techniques have arisen, most notably modified atmosphere packaging (MAP) and active packaging (AP). Modified Atmosphere and Active Packaging Technologies

**Safety and Microbiological Quality**

**Bacterial Activity and Nutritive Value of Fruit Yogurt**

From time immemorial fermented foods have undoubtedly contributed to the progress of modern societies. Historically, ferments have been present in virtually all human cultures worldwide, and nowadays natives from many ancient cultures still conduct a wide variety of food fermentations using deep-rooted recipes and processes. Within the last four centuries, scientific research has started to unravel many aspects of the biological process behind fermentations, which has contributed to the improvement of many industrial processes. During our journey in the research field, we have always been attracted to the development of scientific research around fermentations, especially autochthonous ferments: a natural repository of novel biomolecules and biological processes that will positively impact on many application fields from health, to food, to materials.
Progress in Food Preservation

Yogurt is a cultured, semisolid and curdled food product. It is made from fermented milk by a bacterium. Whereas, fruit yogurts are the milk products that are fermented by special cultures of lacto-bacteria. The consistency of fruit yogurts are jelly like and containing different types of fruits as additives and flavor. Four samples, in three replicates of fruit yogurt and fruit curd was prepared. The strawberries were used to made fruit yogurt and curd. The purpose of the study was to examine the nutritional quality by proximate analysis and find out microbiological status by total bacterial and plate count of fruit yogurt and fruit curd. The variation in nutritive value and microbiological load among fresh and stored fruit yogurt were also evaluated. The resulting data had been subjected to analysis of variance. Significant results will be subjected and compared in this book.

Handbook of Plant-Based Fermented Food and Beverage Technology

Microbes in Applied Research

Did you know? It's estimated that fermentation practices have been around since as early as 6000 BC, when wine was first being made in Caucasus and Mesopotamia. Today, there are roughly 5000 varieties of fermented foods and beverages prepared and consumed worldwide, which accounts for between five and forty percent of daily meals. Fermented Foods a

Fish Processing Technology

Shellfish is a broad term that covers various aquatic mollusks, crustaceans and echinoderms that are used as food. They have economic and ecological importance and have been consumed as food for centuries. Shellfish provide high quality protein with all the dietary amino acids essential for maintenance and growth of the human body. Shellfish are a major component of global seafood production, with shellfish aquaculture rapidly growing in recent years. There are many different processing methods used across the world. Shellfish are very perishable foods and must be preserved just after catching or harvesting. This makes the preservation of seafood a critical issue in terms of quality and human health. To date there have been a number of books on seafood processing and preservation, but all of them have been mostly focused on fish. Shellfish Processing and Preservation is the first reference work to focus specifically on shellfish, providing comprehensive coverage of the production methods, biological makeups and preservation methods of all major shellfish species. Individual sections focus on crustaceans such as shrimps and prawns, crabs and lobsters plus molluscs including mussels, scallops and oysters. Cephalopods such as squid and octopus are also covered in depth. For each species processing and preservation methods such as chilling, freezing, canning and curing are examined, plus the important safety aspects specific to each shellfish type. Shellfish Processing and Preservation is an essential publication for any researchers or industry professionals in search of a singular and up-to-date source for the processing and preservation of shellfish.

Dairy Processing and Quality Assurance

Summary Report of and Papers Presented at the Tenth Session of the Working Party on Fish Technology and Marketing
This is a cumulative index of Volumes 1-45 of the Advances in Food and Nutrition Research series, established in 1948. This eclectic serial recognizes the integral relationship between the food and nutritional sciences and brings together outstanding and comprehensive reviews that highlight this relationship. Contributions detail the scientific developments in the broad areas encompassed by the fields of food science and nutrition and are intended to ensure that food scientists in academia and industry, as well as professional nutritionists and dieticians, are kept informed concerning emerging research and developments in these important disciplines. Series established in 1948 Advisory Board consists of 8 respected scientists Unique as it combines food science and nutrition research together

**Food safety, modernization, and food prices: Evidence from milk in Ethiopia**

Modern marketing arrangements are increasingly being implemented to assure improved food quality and safety. However, it is not well known how these modern marketing arrangements perform in early stages of roll-out. We study this issue in the case of rural-urban milk value chains in Ethiopia, where modern processing companies - selling branded pasteurized milk - and modern retail have expanded rapidly in recent years. We find overall that the adoption levels of hygienic practices and practices leading to safer milk by dairy producers in Ethiopia are low and that there are no significant differences between traditional and modern milk value chains. While suppliers to modern processing companies are associated with more formal milk testing, they do not obtain price premiums for the adoption of improved practices nor do they obtain higher prices overall. Rewards to suppliers by modern processing companies are mostly done through non-price mechanisms. At the urban retail level, we surprisingly find that there are no price differences between branded pasteurized and raw milk and that modern retailers sell pasteurized milk at lower prices, ceteris paribus. Modern value chains to better reward hygiene and food safety in these settings are therefore called for.

**Microbes in Applied Research**

**African Edible Insects As Alternative Source of Food, Oil, Protein and Bioactive Components**

Microbiology of Foods 6: Microbial Ecology of Food Commodities was written by the ICMSF, comprising 19 scientists from 11 countries, plus 12 consultants and 12 chapter contributors. This book brings up to date Microbial Ecology of Foods, Volume 2: Food Commodities (1980, Academic Press), taking account of developments in food processing and packaging, new ranges of products, and foodborne pathogens that have emerged since 1980. The overall structure of each of the chapters has been retained, viz. they cover: (i) the important properties of the food commodity that affect its microbial content; (ii) the initial microbial flora at slaughter or harvest; (iii) the effect of harvesting, transportation, processing and storage on the microbial content; and (iv) the means of controlling processes and the microbial content. The section on Choice of Case has not been included in this 2nd edition, reflecting the changed emphasis in ensuring the microbiological safety of foods. At the time of publication of Microbial Ecology of Foods, Volume 2: Food Commodities, control of food safety was largely by inspection and compliance with hygiene regulations, coupled with end-product testing. Such testing was put on a sound statistical basis through sampling plans introduced in Microorganisms in Foods 2: Sampling for Microbiological Analysis: Principles and Specific Applications (2nd edition 1986, University of Toronto Press).

**New Advances on Fermentation Processes**

**Handbook of Mango Fruit**
Fermented food can be produced with inexpensive ingredients and simple techniques and makes a significant contribution to the human diet, especially in rural households and village communities worldwide. Progress in the biological and microbiological sciences involved in the manufacture of these foods has led to commercialization and heightened int

**The Toxicology of Aflatoxins**

This edited volume is a comprehensive account of plant diseases and insect pests, plant protection and management for various crops using microbial and biotechnological approaches. The book elucidates the role of biotechnology for the enhancement of crop productivity and management of bacterial and fungal diseases via eco-friendly methods. It discusses crop pest pathogen interaction and utilizing this interaction in a beneficial and sustainable way. This book is of interest to teachers, researchers, plant scientists and plant pathologists. Also the book serves as additional reading material for undergraduate and graduate students of agriculture, forestry, ecology, soil science, and environmental sciences.

**Advances in Food and Nutrition Research**

This book focuses exclusively on the beneficial effects of microbes in food. The section on traditional and modern fermented foods covers the role of microbes and their diversity in fermented foods, interaction between the different microflora present in fermented food products, development of starter cultures to improve the nutritional and sensory quality of fermented foods, and factors and processes affecting the safety of various fermented foods. The second section focuses on microbes in and as functional foods: probiotics, prebiotics and synbiotics.