NATIONAL DAIRY FOODS RESEARCH CENTERS

RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS RESOURCES

APPLICATIONS LABS
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
TECHNICAL TRAINING AND SHORT COURSES
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
National Dairy Foods Research Centers, supported by the National Dairy Council, help dairy companies bring innovative products that use dairy and dairy ingredients to consumers safely. Established in 1987, the network is made-up of six dairy centers encompassing over 16 universities across the United States. The mission of the Centers is to conduct research, educate professionals, transfer knowledge to industry and create dairy products and ingredients with improved health, safety, quality, and functionality.

Each Center has a comprehensive array of expertise and resources including dairy pilot plants to accomplish this mission. The Centers transfer knowledge to industry by developing future professionals, offering technical assistance, providing technical training and short courses. Applications labs within the dairy centers assist in concept creation, prototype development, trouble shooting, scale-up, sensory, and consumer evaluation.

Over the last 30 years, the dairy centers have contributed significantly to the steady growth of the dairy industry.

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL**
For 100 years, National Dairy Council (NDC), the non-profit organization funded by the dairy checkoff program and managed by Dairy Management Inc. (DMI), is committed to research, education, and science-based communications. NDC works with and through industry, academic, government and commercial partners to drive pre-competitive, demand-building research in product, nutrition, and sustainability. The NDC program provides a comprehensive approach to dairy innovation and leverages the expertise of National Dairy Foods Research Centers, major universities, government agencies, as well as other leading scientific organizations and trade associations.

**ABOUT DAIRY MANAGEMENT INC.**
Dairy Management Inc.™ (DMI) is funded by America’s nearly 43,000 dairy farmers, as well as dairy importers. Created to help increase sales and demand for dairy products, DMI and its related organizations work to increase demand for dairy through research, education and innovation, and to build trust in dairy foods, farms and businesses.
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OVERVIEW

The California Dairy Foods Research Center is a comprehensive effort to bring the full capabilities of the Dairy Innovation Institute at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, along with other Cal Poly departments and programs, and other institutions within California to support the dairy industry from farm to table. Working with the California Dairy Research Foundation (CDRF), whose purpose is to promote research and development activities that benefit dairy producers and processors in the consumer marketplace, the scientists, technologists and other experts continue to work with the industry to provide innovative solutions that support the nation’s dairy industry and the global marketplace. The California Dairy Foods Research Center conducts applied and strategic dairy research and development in the areas of product technology and utilization, ingredient technology and utilization, products for health enhancement, food quality, and food safety. The applications and outreach programs facilitate innovative uses of dairy foods and ingredients by the food industry. Facilities at the Dairy Innovation Institute are state-of-the-art, equipped with advanced and routine analytical equipment, dairy foods pilot plants, and a commercially licensed dairy processing facility. The Dairy Innovation Institute serves as the focal point to draw upon expertise and resources from throughout Cal Poly and other collaborating institutions in the packaging, engineering, business, chemistry, microbiology and other disciplines. Adjacent to the Dairy Innovation Institute is the Cal Poly university dairy farm, where fresh milk is available for research and development activities. Research from campus laboratories at Cal Poly also focuses on investigating the health benefits of specific high-value milk components for commercial application.
RESEARCH FOCUS

The California Dairy Foods Research Center offers significant expertise in and resources for research and development involving dairy products and ingredients. Research is industry-driven and can address the specific needs of companies in research or applications. Current research includes:

- Cheese technology (flavor, texture, yield, starter culture performance functional properties)
- Milk, dairy ingredients and dairy products quality (sensory, functionality, composition, physical properties manufacturing efficiency) and shelf-life
- Process development (membrane and other concentration/fractionation processes, UHT and other heat treatments, and non-thermal processes)
- Product development, dairy ingredients applications (prototypes, nutritional labels) and flavor lexicons
- Dairy nutrition and health (probiotics, bioactives)
- Dairy quality assurance (food safety, environmental stewardship, testing methods development)

DAIRY INGREDIENTS APPLICATION PROGRAM

This program provides technical support to manufacturers, users and marketers of dairy proteins, dairy carbohydrates, and dairy fat-based powders and concentrates such as non-fat dry milk (NFDM), skim milk powder (SMP), milk protein concentrate (MPC), whey protein concentrate (WPC), lactose, delactosed permeate (DLP), butter and milkfat. It involves transfer of existing research information, technical training, preparation of information bulletins, providing solutions/information on technical product applications issues, and carrying out targeted short-term projects to address specific applications needs, including new food and product development. Approximately 8,270 square feet of processing area is available in the pilot plant facilities. Applications support and specialized analytical capabilities are also available. Sensory expertise is available for food and beverages by QDA style descriptive testing and affective/consumer testing with the use of Compusense® Five or Compusense at-hand software. The plant is fully equipped for all traditional unit operations for the manufacture of dairy foods and ingredients, and is licensed by the state of California for commercial manufacture of dairy foods. Additionally, space is available to accommodate specialized equipment for research and development projects on a short-term basis. Four chemistry labs support work in the areas of microbial, physical and chemical analyses of dairy foods and ingredients.

For additional information, visit www.dptc.calpoly.edu/content/facilities
EQUIPMENT

» HTST – 270 to 600 gallons per hour for ice cream mix, milk, etc., and associated cold milk separator, batch tanks (1 × 80 gallons, 2 × 100 gallons, 1 × 200 & 1 × 300 gallons with heating and cooling, 1 × 400 gallons with heating, 2 × 500 gallons), pasteurized surge tanks, CIP systems, etc. (HTST is a legally sealed unit by the state of California)

» 1/2 to 1 gallon plastic federal rotary filler

» Scholle filler for 3- to 6-gallon bags

» Microthermics UHT (direct and indirect heating) with clean-fill hood and aseptic homo (25 L/hr)

» Continuous ice cream freezer (Hoyer Frigus SF 600) (50 to 150 gallons/hr)

» Ingredient feeder (Hoyer Addus FF 2000 C2) (10 to 200 L/hr)

» Sawvel cup filler—pint to 3.5 oz.; 35 cups/minute (pint)

» Emery Thompson batch ice cream freezer (40 qts.)

» Egli continuous pilot-scale butter churn (1 to 2 lbs/min)

» PMS 30-gallons/hr HTST with two-stage homogenizer

» Technogel 100 L/hr continuous ice cream freezer

» Marriott Walker rising film evaporator (100 lbs/hr evaporative capacity)

» Open-water jacketed cheese vats (Stoelting 500 gallons, Stoelting 3 to 50 gallons, Kusel 2 to 100 gallons with drain table)

» Two Universal 50-gallon specialty cheese vats

» 150-gallon Damrow Double-O enclosed cheese vat

» Blentech process cheese cooker (50 to 100 lbs.)

» Stefan process cheese cooker (5 lbs.)

» Suprema pasta filata system (molder and cooker/stretcher)

» Koch vacuum packaging system (1- to 40-lb. block)

» Miscellaneous tanks and pumps

» High-shear Silverson mixer

» 4 Groen process steam kettles (40 to 60 gallons)

» 2 APV conical bottom swept-surface processors (100 gallons)

» Legal batch pasteurizer system (200 gallons)

» 4-booth sensory evaluation area with test/preparation kitchen and Compusense software system

» Controlled atmosphere cold storage (approx. 3,000 sq. ft.)

» Cold storage (-15 to -40 F) (approx. 200 sq. ft.)

» Spiral-wound DDS UF and RO system (50 to 100 L/hr)

» Niro Pilot R-12 MF/UF/RO system (60 to 90 gal. feed/min)

» Niro Filterlab spray dryer FLG-60 (60 lb/hr. water evaporation rate, capable of drying milk, whey and agglomeration)

» Small pilot-scale supercritical carbon dioxide fluid extraction system
SUPPORTING ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT

Fast-performance liquid chromatography
Separation analysis and isolation of proteins from milk, whey and dairy products

Pulsed field gel electrophoresis
DNA-based differentiation of probiotic lactic acid bacteria

Gel electrophoresis acrylamide
Analysis of proteins and peptides: native, denaturing, urea, gradient and two-dimensional

Preparative isoelectric focusing
Isolation and characterization of proteins

Gel densitometer
Individual protein concentration determination

Polymerase chain reaction thermal cycler
DNA characterization, bacteria identification and determination, gene manipulation, etc.

ELISA plate reader
Multiple antibody and enzymatic assays for milk product component analysis or microbiological safety

Membrane transfer platform
Northern, southern and western blots of RNA, DNA, and protein analysis and identification

Dot blot instrument
Antibody and enzyme quantification and titration

Ultracentrifuge
Sedimentation of milk and cellular components

Phase contrast microscope
Microbiological analysis of spores

Digital imager
Quantification and record-keeping of dairy product sample structure and composition

Pilot plant scale affinity chromatography column
Large scale-up of laboratory affinity chromatography procedures

Gas pycnometer, tap density, powder flowability
Characterization of bulk density, particle density and angle of repose

Gas chromatography / mass spectrometry (GC / MS)
Flavor and other compound characterization and identification

High-pressure liquid chromatograph (HPLC)
Protein and peptide analysis of dairy foods

Laser diffraction particle size analyzer
Particle size and particle size distribution of dry dairy powders, emulsions and colloidal dispersions

Texture analyzer
Texture profile analysis, firmness, etc.

Hunter colorimeter
Whiteness, color intensity and hue, appearance of dairy foods and ingredients

Differential scanning calorimeter (DSC)
Thermal properties of milk components

Block digestion and distillation system
Nitrogen/protein analysis

Autotitration system
Determination of buffering capacity

High-throughput nitrogen analyzer
Quantification of total milk protein, casein and whey protein content of foods

Fourier transform infrared analysis
Milk component analysis

Water activity meter
Water activity measurement

Countertop food dehydrator
Food dehydration

**NOTE 1:** In addition to the specialized equipment available, the Dairy Innovation Institute routinely carries out chemical (fat, protein, ash, total solids, pH), physical (viscosity, color) and microbiological (APC, yeasts, molds, coliform, lactobacilli) analyses and related research, plus the development of dairy foods and ingredients.

**NOTE 2:** In addition, Cal Poly works with several departments on campus (Materials Engineering, Biological Science, and Food Science & Nutrition) for more specialized expertise, instrumentation, and processing equipment.
COURSES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

- Annual Dairy Ingredients Symposium
- Short Course: Manufacture of Cheese, Grading and Sensory Analysis
- Short Course: Manufacture of Ice Cream
- Short Course: Economics of Cheese Manufacture for Small Businesses
- Short Course: Manufacture of Cultured Dairy Products

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OVERVIEW

The Center for Dairy Research (CDR) is located within a licensed, operating dairy plant on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and is one of the premier dairy research centers in the world. Building on Wisconsin’s tradition as the “Dairy State,” the Center explores functional, flavor and physical properties of cheese/cheese products and other milk components used as ingredients and as finished products. CDR researches cheese making and dairy protein processing/separation procedures, use of dairy ingredients in foods, and technologies for product safety and quality. More than 30 researchers and scientists are involved in conducting basic and applied dairy research. Collectively, the CDR staff has over 250 years of food industry experience, which creates a unique mix of academic and industry perspectives to help address any challenges facing the dairy industry. The facilities (including two pilot plants) and equipment are extensive, allowing the Center to not only create new products, uses and processes, but also to meet the unique needs of the food industry. Annually, the CDR provides specialized training and short courses to over 1,400 industry personnel.

RESEARCH FOCUS

- Functional properties of cheese, cheese products and cultured dairy products
- Functional dairy proteins (casein alternatives, milk protein concentrate (MPC), modified whey protein concentrate (WPC), etc.) and ingredients
- Dairy-based beverages
- Dairy food safety and quality systems
- Dairy processing (membrane filtration, drying, separation, etc.)
- Cheese technology (coagulation, yield, performance, ripening)
- Specialty cheese
CHEESE
The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a long and proud history of cheese research and outreach. The CDR extends the art and science of cheese making into the realm of specialty cheese innovation, as well as cheese as an ingredient. Its licensed cheese makers/scientists provide industry with training programs, research facilities, cheese making protocols for specific end use, and leading-edge technologies for adjusting the texture, taste and/or functionality of cheese in food applications.

The CDR cheese making pilot plant is located within the University of Wisconsin-Madison Dairy Plant, a licensed, operating dairy. This setting allows for flexibility in all aspects of the cheese making process. The pilot plant is designed for manufacture of any retail cheese variety (fresh, cream, cottage, hard, soft, semisoft, surface-ripened, molded and eyed), process cheese and cheese food, plus cold pack.

CDR cheese applications staff, through consultation, pilot plant trials, applications, sensory and analytical laboratory evaluation, and on-site trials and visits, works in a confidential manner with all entities of the dairy industry. From dairy producers and manufacturers to ingredients suppliers and equipment manufacturers, applications staff works with the entire cheese distribution system, including foodservice, retail, wholesale, brokers, converters, warehouses, executive chefs and quick-service restaurants – wherever cheese is used in food application systems. Staff members also provide direct technical support for the end use of natural, process and cold pack cheeses, as well as cheese in food applications.

DAIRY PROTEIN/INGREDIENTS
CDR has an extensive program focusing on dairy ingredients. Working on a confidential basis, the program strives to meet the needs of regional and national dairy ingredient processors and food manufacturers. These needs include process, product and applications support. The dairy ingredient program and applications lab offer technical support for whey, buttermilk, nonfat dry milk, permeate, whey protein concentrate (WPC), whey protein isolate (WPI), individual whey proteins, milk protein concentrates and isolates, milk protein fractions and native whey protein. Services include training and seminars, process development, process troubleshooting, ingredient functionality testing and prototype development. Application areas of expertise are beverages, baked products, confections, dairy products, energy bars, cultured products, and prepared foods.

ANALYTICAL SERVICES
Analytical services are offered to support projects carried out at the Center for Dairy Research. CDR provides comprehensive chemical and microbiological testing services and follows EURACHEM-CITAC Guide CG-2 as quality assurance guideline of nonroutine and R&D analysis of samples. Tests performed include crude protein, casein, true protein, milkfat, total solids, mineral content by reference methods, enzymatic and HPLC determination of lactose and galactose, protein profiles of milk and milk products by capillary electrophoresis, cheese proteolysis and determination of particle size analysis. Rheological tests performed include texture profiles, cheese meltability and functional properties of milk products.

Microbiological dairy food safety and quality tests are routinely determined, including tests for coliforms, standard plate count, plus yeast and mold. Shelf life and microbial challenge studies also are performed.

SAFETY/QUALITY APPLICATIONS
Providing an active approach to safety and quality, the CDR staff performs audits of dairy facilities, solves problems for dairy plants and reviews dairy facilities' good manufacturing practice (GMP) programs. CDR staff works with facility personnel to improve their GMP program and establish or modify a HACCP program. Staff members also interpret government regulations related to specific dairy products and dairy facilities and provide technical expertise in HACCP implementation and compliance with the Committee for the Assurance of Wisconsin Dairy Product Safety requirements, as well as training on implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

In addition, cheese and dairy ingredients produced at CDR are monitored for microbial safety.
TURBO

The TURBO program, or Tech Transfer, University, Research and Business Opportunity, is an economic development initiative that supports the commercialization of novel dairy technologies and products. Whether your company is interested in licensing a CDR technology or working with CDR to develop a novel technology or product, the TURBO program can help bring your idea to the market. This assistance may include technical support, reimbursable grants, market research or another form of business assistance.

SENSORY ANALYSIS

CDR staff designs, conducts and summarizes sensory analysis of cheese and dairy ingredients, using modern sensory testing approaches including the use of FIZZ Networks software with trained panelists performing a wide range of consumer and quantitative tests to meet the customers’ needs. Evaluations include flavor, body/texture and appearance profiles, as well as cheese functionality for shredding/slicing and cooking applications. Panels conducted range from trained to focus group, from descriptive to consumer.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The CDR pilot plant facilities meet the needs of the dairy and food processing industry by offering access to smaller-scale equipment. The small-vat product development capability in the cheese pilot plant helps evaluate new cheese making processes. The dairy ingredient pilot plant has the capability to perform milk and whey processing of all types to produce beverages, yogurt, ice cream, sauces, spreads, dips and salad dressings. In addition, the applications lab at CDR has equipment to test the functionality of cheese as an ingredient, including a full line of foodservice pizza ovens. CDR also can evaluate the functionality of dairy ingredients and formulate dairy ingredients into baked products and confections. The chemical and microbiological laboratories extend more than 5,000 square feet and offer some unique testing capabilities.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The Center for Dairy Research
UW-Madison
Pilot Plant Equipment

CDR offers a full cheese making manufacturing line located in a state-licensed, state-inspected, operating dairy manufacturing facility. The natural cheese manufacturing line includes multiple raw storage tanks, separator, homogenizer, HTST and various membranes (RO, UF, MF) for full milk standardization based on any desired ratios or incorporation of any ingredient before pasteurization of cheese milk. CDR has the capabilities to manufacture any style and variety of cheeses.

EQUIPMENT

» 30-gal. bulk starter preparation tank
» pH meters with computer hookup to continuously monitor pH reading in 4 vats
» 6 Stoelting 600-lb. vats with variable speed agitators and 1/4-in., 3/8-in. and 1/2-in. knives
» Kusel 5,400-lb. scale up cheese vat
» Kusel 600-lb. Double-O cheese vats (2)

» Small 5-gal. capacity mini-cheese vats with automatic agitation with continuous pH monitoring (4)
» Supreme steel fabricating cooker/ stretcher (mixer/molder) Model 640 mixing machine; includes ends for string cheese, 5-lb. loaves with capability for 20-lb. block
» Stoelting prepress with 4 separate pressing chambers (for pressing of eyed cheeses)
» EBR curd mill for Cheddared slabs
» Damrow horizontal cheese press with 2 air rams
» Kusel 450 lb. portable cheese vat
» Kusel A-frame vertical cheese press
» DR Tech Carousel Cheese Vacuum Press for blocks and horns
» Stainless steel cheese forms (Wilson 10-, 20- and 40-lb. block, perforated brick/Muenster hoops, 5-lb. round Muenster hoops)
» Plastic cheese forms of various sizes and shapes, including 10-lb. wheels (both Crellin and Fromagex), 5-lb. loaves, smaller sizes for 1-lb. Edam balls, Camembert, ricotta and panela baskets, etc.
» Stacked fiberglass circulating brine system
» Two Norlake Scientific NSR1331WSW/8H 33 cubic foot incubators for ripening mold and surface-ripened cheeses; off-site ripening also available upon request
» Warm room capabilities for eyed cheese storage
» Various cold storage capabilities with variety of temperature ranges for cheese ripening

EQUIPMENT

Full cream cheese manufacturing line. Cream cheese manufacturing line includes items listed below, as well as equipment listed under other categories. Processing lines include cheese vats, pumping line to collect whey and cream cheese, holding vessel, through packaging.

» Sharples Penwalt Model DS2 cream cheese separator
» Scherping Systems PT 30G 30-gal. capacity swept-surface tank with heating/cooling capability
» APV Gaulin homogenizer Model M3, 2-stage minimum, 2 gal. of product

Cold pack and process cheese manufacturing line. Cold pack and process cheese manufacturing line includes items listed below, as well as equipment listed under other categories. Processing lines include mixing/cooking vessels, homogenization and blending. All direct steam comes from culinary steam source.

» Biro cheese grinder, Model 922, includes various plate sizes
» Stephan UM/SK5 high shear (bowl-chopper style) Processed Cheese cooker
» Blendtech twin-screw process cheese cooker, Model CC 0025, 20-lb. capacity, direct and indirect steam with vacuum
» Stephan vertical cutter/mixer, Model 17 91, 50-lb. capacity, indirect steam only
» Stephan cold pack cheese blender, 10-lb. capacity
» Pick Heater for jet cooking sauces
» Loos 10 lb. Low shear, twin screw process cheese cooker
» Koss ST Low shear, twin screw process cheese cooker (25 – 45 lbs finished batch size)

Other various equipment used in the processing, converting and packaging of cheese:

» Urschel cheese shredder, Model CC-D
» Vemag V 500 robot cheese grinder and vacuum machine with guillotine cutoff
» Dairy product aerator, 10 lb. minimum batch size
» Lincoln Impinger oven, Model 1130, for baking of Juustoleipä
» Multivac vacuum sealer with gas flush capabilities, Model C400
» Variety of portable holding tanks
» Large and small volume scales from 600 lb scales in 0.2 lb increments down to analytical balances with 0.0001 gram accuracy
» Sprinkman batch butter churn

*PLEASE NOTE: Additional equipment may be obtained by the CDR on a project-specific basis.
**EQUIPMENT**

Dairy Ingredient Processing Equipment

- Four spiral-wound UF- or MF-compatible systems that contain multiple vessels
- One system using one or two 3.8 in. elements
- One system using up to six 3.8-in.-dia. vessels holding two elements each
- One system using up to three 4.3-in.-dia. vessels holding two elements each
- One system using one or two 8.0-in.-dia. vessels holding one element each
- NF or RO operated with one or two 3.8-in.-dia. vessel, one or two elements each
- Membrane filter system (UF/MF)
- Pilot-scale plate evaporator capable of 200 to 400 lbs. of water evaporation/hr.

Dairy Ingredient Processing Equipment

- Ice cream: Emery Thompson, Taylor and Coldelite batch
- Ice cream: Tetra Pak continuous

**SUPPORTING ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT**

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General Analysis

- Fat, nitrogen, lactose, galactose, lactates, protein composition, acid degree value, titratable acidity, whey (undenatured) protein number, coliforms, yeast and mold, starter organisms, Lactococcus starter, nonstarter lactic acid bacteria, Lactobacillus (hetero), standard plate count, ash, mineral analysis, triglycerides

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COURSES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

- Applied Dairy Chemistry Short Course
- Cleaning and Sanitation Workshop
- Cheese Grading and Evaluation Short Course (2 times per year)
- Cheese Technology Short Course (2 times per year)
- Cultured Dairy Products Short Course (odd-numbered years)
- Batch Freezer Workshop
- Dairy HACCP Workshop
- Dairy Ingredients Utilization Short Course (odd-numbered years)
- Ice Cream Makers Short Course
- Dairy Ingredient Manufacturing Short Course (even-numbered years)

- Master Cheese Maker Short Course (Focus on specific trends and technologies in the manufacture of various cheeses)
- Milk Pasteurization and Process Control School (2 times per year)
- Process Cheese Short Course
- World of Cheese – Pasture to Plate Short Course
- Buttermakers Short Course
- Various courses related to sustainability
- Custom company training programs for industry
- CDR Industry Team Research Forum
- International Cheese Technology Exposition
- Wisconsin Cheese Industry Conference
- Certificate in Dairy Processing (3 times per year)

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

- The Dairy Pipeline quarterly technical newsletter
- Technical reviews
  - Dried Dairy Ingredients
  - Dairy Proteins
  - Whey Processing – Bleaching
  - Fact sheets
  - Whey Processing - Annatto and Color Removal
  - Cracker and Cheese Pairing Guide
  - Distribution of Milk Components Between Cheese & Whey
  - Membranes 101
  - Membrane Configurations
  - Quick Guide to Choosing the Best Type of Whey
  - Relative Milk Component Sizes in Comparison with Membrane Pore Size Ranges
  - Use of Membranes for Standardizing Milk for Cheese Production
  - Guide to Smoked Cheeses
  - Brining Cheese, A Comprehensive Guide
  - Dust Fires and Explosions Associated with Dairy Powders
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(Brookings)  

**Iowa State University**  
( Ames)  

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**RESEARCH FOCUS**

- Develop analytical tools and testing methods for on-farm and dairy plant processing, and for understanding the functionality and structure-building properties of dairy products and ingredients
- Investigate the safety, flavor, consumer perception, and nutritional profiles of dairy products
- Develop manufacturing technology for customized products and ingredients, increase sustainability, and extend the shelf life of products
- Develop value-added products and ingredients from dairy components to improve consumer health, provide clean labels, and reduce waste streams.
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

University of Minnesota

FACILITIES

Sensory Center – ZATA VICKERS, Director
The sensory center has two tasting suites, and each suite contains eight booths and a food preparation area. Both suites have computerized data collection systems. Sensory center staff routinely train and administer descriptive analysis panels, and recruit and administer consumer taste panels.

Joseph J. Warthesen Food Processing Center
– TONYA SCHOENFUSS, Director
The food processing center has a large variety of dairy and food processing equipment. We are state certified as a Grade B dairy and have a certified HTST milk pasteurizer and vat pasteurizer. We welcome industry clients to conduct R&D trials in our facility, and cheese and ice cream start-ups to manufacture in our facility as they develop their own plants.

EQUIPMENT

PASTEURIZERS/PROCESSORS
» Microthermics UHT System: includes homogenizer and HEPA filtered filling hood, 1 to 3 L/min.
» Vat pasteurizer, homogenizer and plate cooler: 50 to 100 gal.
» Pasteurizer: Cherry-Burrell, 4,000 lbs./hr.
» Process cheese cooker: Blentech, 10 lbs.
» Process cheese cooker: Damrow, 40 lb
» Tetra All-mix vacuum blender

DRYERS/AGGLOMERATORS
» Fluid bed: Glatt GPCG-1, Wurster spray process, 3-lb. cap.
» Drum dryer: Buflovak 6-in. drums
» Spray dryer: Coulter, 90 lbs./hr.
» Spray dryer: APV, 20 lbs./hr.
» Freeze dryer
» Tray dryer

CHEESE PROCESSING
» Blue cheese needler
» Cheddaring belt: Tetra-Scherping, 200 to 300 lbs./hr.
» Cheese presses: vertical and horizontal with various hoop styles
» Cheese vat: Damrow, 5,000 lbs.
» Cheese vat: Tetra-Scherping, automated, 2,500-lb. cap.
» Dewheying and salting belt
» Cheese vats: Kusel, 2,000 lbs.
» Cheese vats: Nu-Vat, 800 lbs. (2)
» Curdmill: Damrow

FROZEN DAIRY PROCESSING
» Tetra-Hoyer Frigus SF600 continuous ice cream freezer: 120 gal./hr.
» fruit/nut feeder

HOMOGENIZATION AND BLENDING
» Colloid Mills
» Homogenizers: Gaulin 30 and 125 gal./hr.
» Microfluidizer

FILTRATION/SEPARATION/CONCENTRATION
» Decanter centrifuge: Sharples, 1 gal./min.
» Desludging centrifuge: Westfalia, 3 to 5 L/min.
» PTI RO/UF system multitube
» UF system: DDS-20, Plate and Frame, 10-L
» Evaporator: CE Rogers, 200 lbs./hr.

MIXERS/CHOPPERS
» Hammermill: Fitzpatrick, 5-lb. hopper
» Ribbon blenders
» Urshel

OTHER
» Twin-screw extruder: Buhler 44 mm twin-screw with loss-in weight powder feed and flow metered liquid injection
» Coating drum: Spray Dynamics
» Temperature- and humidity-controlled environmental chamber
» Rack oven & proofer
» Horiba L-960A Laser Diffraction Particle Size Analyzer
» Malvern ZetaSizer Nano ZS
**EQUIPMENT**

» Batch freezer: 40 qt. Emery Thompson
» Butter churns: 15 to 450 lbs.
» Centrifugal pumps
» Cheddar mill
» Cheese block cutter (pneumatic)
» Cheese press (pneumatic)
» Cheese sealer: Sipromac
» Cheese shredder: Hobart
» Cheese vat: 2,500 lb. HCV
» Cheese vat: 2x Kusel Double-O, 500 lbs.
» Cheese vat: 1,000 lbs. fully enclosed, double-O on load cells with pre-draw and final drain
» Cold bowl cream separator: DeLaval, 5,000 lbs./hr. and 7,500 lbs./hr. cold bowl
» Crystallization tank: 3,000 lbs.
» Drain table for HCV and 100 lbs. Double-O
» Evaporator: multi-pass, falling film with high concentration finisher and single-stage flesh cooler, 1,500 lbs./hr., custom built, Dahmes Equipment
» Filler: Bag-n-Box, Scholle
» Filtration systems: multi-stage, low, and high pressure
» Fruit feeder
» Homogenizer: Gaulin, 5,000 lbs./hr., 4,000 psi
» Homogenizer: 7,500 lbs./hr., 3,500 psi
» HTST systems: 5,000 lbs./hr. and 7,500 lbs./hr.
» Ice cream freezer: APV K110, 150 gal./hr.
» Likwifier: 100 gal.
» Microfiltration system: 1.7 m², ceramic membranes
» Nano/reverse osmosis filtration, pilot lab, spiral wound with 3.8-in. elements
» Niro spray dryer: rotary atomizer
» Platform scales: 75 lbs. and 400 lbs.
» Positive pump for revel in ice cream
» Process cheese cooker: single-screw, 30-lb. culinary steam generator
» Process vats: 20, 50, 200, 300, 500 and 600 gal.; steam and cool
» Raw milk storage: 2 x 8,500 gal. silos
» Refrigerated and frozen storage facilities, includes -40 F blast freezer
» Spray dryer: two-stage with vibrating fluid bed and agglomeration capacity, custom built, Dahmes Equipment, 300 lbs./hr.
» Steam culture chest
» Ultrafiltration pilot lab, spiral-wound with 3.8-in. elements
» Ultra/microfiltration system, 4-stage w/mag flow meters and pressure transducers, process 1,000 to 1,500 lbs./hr
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
Iowa State University

FACILITIES
• Dry processing pilot plant
• Fermentation facility
• Food microbiology lab
• High hydrostatic pressure processing facility
• Nutrition and Wellness Research Center
• Fitness and metabolism unit
• Meeting rooms
• Sensory evaluation unit
• Process development lab
• Product development capabilities
• Technology transfer pilot plant and theater
• Test kitchen and sensory lab
• Wet processing pilot plant

A fee for use may be associated with some of the listed equipment. Please contact Stephanie Clark or Hui Wang if you are interested in more information about equipment or services provided at Iowa State University.

EQUIPMENT:
» Acid digester: Labconco
» Aroma scan
» Autoclave
» Brookfields HBYR1
» CEM Microwave Ashing System 300
» Centrifuge: Autocrit Ultra 3
» Centrifuge: Beckman J2-21
» Centrifuge: Beckman J2-2M/E, refrigerated
» Centrifuge: Beckman J2-2HC, high-speed
» Centrifuge: Cepa Z41, continuous
» Centrifuge: Clinical
» Centrifuge: Damon/IEC, tabletop
» Centrifuge: IEC, explosion-proof, low-speed
» Centrifuge: International Model HN
» Centrifuge: Sorvall RC3B Plus
» Centrifuge: Swing Bucket, 4-L
» Centrivap concentrator: Labconco
» Cheese press
» Cheese vats: jacketed stainless steel w/agitation
» Cold and dry storage lockers
» Compression and injection molding machines
» Consistometer: Adams
» Consistometer: Bostwick
» Extrusion systems for grain processing
» Fermentors: Benchtop, 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-L
» Fermentors: sterilizable-in-place, 15-, 50-, 100-L
» Filters
» Filtration unit: Amicon hollow-fiber
» Flow cytometer: Accuri C6
» Food extrusion
» Freeze drying
» Freezer: ultralow (-70C)
» Refrigerator/Freezer: explosion-proof, isotemp
» Gamma counter
» Gas chromatography: Varian
» Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry: Agilent
» Gel imaging cabinet – Glue depositing
» High-performance liquid chromatograph
» High-temperature short-time pasteurizer (Microthermics)
» Homogenizer: Avestin
» Hunter Labscan XE
» Incubator shaker: New Brunswick Sci
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» Vacuum oven: food-grade
» Viscometers: Digital Brookfield (YR-1; HDB, RV)
» Votary evaporator: food-grade
» Water activity meter: AquaLab
» Wet grinders
» Wire cheese block cutter

COURSES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

• Artisan Cheese Making Workshop
• Extrusion Workshop
• Food Chemistry Workshops
• ServSafe
• Milk Pasteurization and Dairy Plant Sanitation Workshops
• Identifying, controlling and labeling food allergens for the food industry
• Food Establishment Sanitation Workshop
• Microbrewery Food Safety and HACCP
• Listeria Monitoring and Validation of Food Safety Plans for Retail Establishments
• Dry Sanitation for Food Plants
• Food Allergen Training
• Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP): Intro and advanced training
• Food Plant Environmental Monitoring
• Food Plant Sanitation
• Acidified Foods Training for Entrepreneurs and Food Processors
• Juice HACCP Workshop
• Food Safety Roundtable Meetings

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

• Cheese Judging Workshops
• Micro and Ultra Filtration Workshops
• Cheese Manufacture Workshops

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• Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) 101
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OVERVIEW
The Northeast Dairy Foods Research Center located at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., was formed to conduct fluid milk and dairy ingredient research, provide applications and technical support for the improvements in milk powder quality and help establish the next generation of dairy ingredients.

The Northeast Dairy Foods Research Center also provides new learning opportunities for the industry with short-course training in dairy food safety and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and dairy processing with a particular focus on fluid milk processing, cheese making and artisan dairy production.

RESEARCH FOCUS

VALUE ADDED DAIRY
• Physical and engineering properties of dairy ingredients
• Supercritical Fluid Extrusion processing of dairy foods
• Functionalization of whey protein
• Technological approaches to produce longer shelf-life-concentrated micellar casein from skim milk for ingredient use in dairy and nondairy food products

DAIRY MICROBIOLOGY AND SAFETY/FLUID MILK QUALITY
• Investigate farm management practices associated with high sporeformers levels in raw milk
• Influence of processing parameters on bacterial outgrowth in pasteurized fluid milk
• Develop molecular-based raw milk testing methods
DAIRY MICROBIOLOGY AND SAFETY/FLUID MILK QUALITY (CONT.)
- Dairy foods safety: intervention strategies for microbial inactivation
- Tracking and characterization of sporeformers in dairy processing systems
- Evaluation of raw milk tests for predicting pasteurized milk quality
- Extension of chocolate milk shelf life
- Extension of dairy foods’ shelf life by supercritical carbon dioxide treatments
- Determine the impact of annatto and bleaching on flavor and functionality of WPC 80 and SPC 80
- Mechanisms for control of spoilage organisms
- Applications of bacteriophage to improve health
- Novel applications for co-products of dairy fermentations

DAIRY PROCESSING
- Milk protein rheology and functional properties
- Novel processing methods for the dairy industry

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
Food Processing and Development Laboratory (FPDL)

The goal of the Cornell University Food Processing and Development Laboratory (FPDL) is to create a professional environment in which teaching, research and extension activities can be conducted in support of the mission of the Cornell Institute for Food Systems and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences program at Cornell. As such, FPDL priorities are as follows:

- Teaching: Provide hands-on learning experiences for students enrolled in Food Science and related curricula.
- Research: Provide a state-of-the-art facility and technical assistance for conducting food and dairy-related research and development using Cornell’s pilot plant facilities.
  » Assist in the transfer of new technology from the research program to the industry.
  » Provide facilities and staff support on a fee-for-use basis to assist companies and individuals with production and testing of product formulations provided by the client.
- Extension: Provide facilities for use in applied extension research and continuing education programs.

The facility has experienced full-time staff professionals who are able to assist in all aspects of food product development and processing. Companies/individuals can visit our facilities and work collaboratively with personnel, or the staff of the FPDL can process products to your specifications and ship it to you overnight. Customized small product development runs can be conducted with our established access to ingredients and raw materials.

The 10,000-square-foot main processing area is adjacent to our fully licensed operating dairy plant. It houses a NYS permitted, small scale HTST system capable of continuous pasteurization of batches as small as 100 gallons and multiple permitted cheese bats (with associated cheddar milling equipment, cheese press, etc.). This combination allows for scaling up of production in order to provide a variety of products for consumer demonstrations, food shows and exhibitions.

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EQUIPMENT

DRYING CAPABILITIES
» Model 1 Niro Atomizer Versatile Utility Spray Dryer – 22-kg/hr. evaporative capacity
» 100SRC Virtis Freeze Dryer – 45.5 kg condenser ice capacity
» Buhlakov Laboratory Atmospheric Double Drum Dryer – 8-in. drying width

EVAPORATOR
» Model Type E – Anhydro Laboratory Vacuum Evaporator (rising film)

ICE CREAM FREEZERS
» Emory Thompson – 20-qt. batch freezer
» Emory Thompson – 6-qt. batch freezer
» Technogel 80 – continuous freezer
» Plate Heat Exchangers – 1 pt./min. to 15 gal./min.

HTST/UHT PASTEURIZING EQUIPMENT
» APV HTST Pasteurizer (400 gal/hr) Homogenization optional
» Extended hold tube (to 4 min hold time)
» Microthermics 25DH – 1 to 2 L/min. (HTST/UHT indirect steam application)

VAT PASTEURIZING EQUIPMENT
» Walker Cone Bottom Processor – 40 min./100 gal. max capacity
» 5 can vat pasteurizer (15 min/50 gal max capacity)
» Additional Jacketed Vats – 400-gal. vats (2)

EXTRUSION TECHNOLOGY
» Wenger TX 52

CHEESE MAKING EQUIPMENT
» Kusel A-Frame cheese press
» Supreme Mini Mixer Mozzarella cheese stretcher
» 2,250-gal. cheese vats
» 300-gal. Cheddar cheese vat – 4 Damrow 5-can open vats
» 2 Kusel “Double-O” 5-can automatic vats
» 50 can Qualtech automatic cheese vat

GAULIN TWO STAGE HOMOGENIZERS
» 42 to 1,000 gal./hr.

SEPARATORS/CLARIFIERS
(1,750 lbs./hr. to 13,000 lbs./hr.)
» Equipment Engineering Model 590
» DeLaval Model 340
» DeLaval Model 366
» GEA KNA-3 Greek Yogurt Separator
» CO2 incorporation system
» Various Membrane Systems

PACKAGING SYSTEMS
» Koch Multivac vacuum sealer
» Filler Specialties 1/2-gallon and gallon plastic jug filler

UTILITIES
» Electrical, chilled water, steam (culinary and regular), reverse osmosis water and pressurized air

COOLERS
» Various walk-in coolers and wind tunnels, temp range from -35 F to 105 F
The Cornell Dairy Processing Plant (permitted by New York State Agriculture & Markets) supports the primary teaching, research and outreach missions of the Department of Food Science, the Cornell Institute of Food Science and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Specifically, the Dairy contributes to undergraduate and graduate instruction in food science; to basic and applied dairy foods research; to public service through extension programs; and as a designated training facility for New York State Certified Milk Inspectors and New York State Department of Agriculture and Market Inspectors. As a by-product of its mission-based functions, the Cornell Dairy also produces fluid milk, juices, yogurt, pudding and ice cream products to be sold on the Cornell University, Ithaca campus, to offset the total costs incurred in the equipping and operations of the dairy plant.

DAIRY PROCESSING LABORATORY

The Dairy Processing Laboratory research focus areas include Food Safety Engineering and Food Quality. Research in the area of Food Safety Engineering focuses on the development of new and improved processing methods able to reduce the microbial load in food systems, of current interest being membrane separation and Pulsed Light treatment. The Food Quality component of research aims at elucidating the intermolecular interactions and structural transformations that occur during processing of dairy and complex foods, and using this understanding to improve their quality and functionality.

EQUIPMENT

- Strain-controlled Advanced Rheometric Expansion System (ARES) (TA Instruments)
- Zeta potential and particle size analysis instrumentation (Brookhaven Inc.)
- Thermal analysis system (DSC and TGA, Seiko Instruments)
- Pulsed Light treatment unit (Xenon Corp.)
- Incubators
- Colorimeter
- Basic equipment for physical, chemical and microbiological analyses
- Pilot scale, automated microfiltration unit equipped with ceramic membranes

MILK QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The laboratories and staff of the MQIP are involved in a variety of applied research projects related to the quality and safety of milk and dairy products. A number of research projects are conducted in collaboration with the Cornell Food Science Department Food Safety Laboratory. Results from these research projects are rapidly communicated to the dairy industry, resulting in immediate improvements for the industry.

EQUIPMENT

- Autoplate 4000- Q-Count
FOOD SAFETY LABORATORY AND LABORATORY FOR MOLECULAR TYPING

Research in Food Safety Laboratory focuses on the pathogenesis of foodborne diseases, pre- and postharvest food safety and on improving our understanding of the transmission of foodborne bacterial pathogens and spoilage from farm animals and from foods to humans. A better understanding of the transmission pathways of foodborne pathogens is necessary to design better strategies to prevent and control human disease. Both basic and applied research in the laboratory is targeted toward developing the scientific knowledge necessary to improve our ability to prevent foodborne diseases.

Current research in the Food Safety laboratory focuses on a number of dairy relevant pathogens including *Listeria monocytogenes*, Salmonella, and Bacillus cereus as well as detection identification, and tracking of different spoilage organisms (e.g., sporeformers, Gram-negative spoilage organisms [Pseudomonas, coliforms], as well as yeast and molds).

**EQUIPMENT**

- RiboPrinter – Microbial Characterization System
- Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) – Genetic Fingerprinting
- PCR and Sequence Based Characterization (16S, rpoB, etc.)
- Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer, REP-PCR Based Microbial Characterization
- Illumina – Full Genome Sequencing (Life Sciences Core Laboratory)
- ABI Prism – Real Time PCR Detection System
- Applied Biosystems Quant Studio 6Flex system for quantitative PCR

FOOD SAFETY ENGINEERING AND FOOD QUALITY LAB

Moraru’s group research program is dedicated to developing technical solutions for improving food safety and quality and to advancing the knowledge in the area of microbial, physical and engineering properties of foods, particularly dairy foods. Our efforts are channeled in two distinct research areas: Food Safety Engineering and Food Quality.

**EQUIPMENT**

- Strain-controlled Advanced Rheometric Expansion System (ARES) (TA Instruments)
- Zeta potential and particle size analysis instrumentation (Brookhaven Inc.)
- Thermal analysis system (DSC and TGA, Seiko Instruments)
- Pulsed Light treatment unit (Xenon Corp.)
- Colorimeter (Konica Minolta CR-400)

DAIRY FOODS ENGINEERING LABORATORY

The Dairy Foods Engineering Laboratory is engaged in research on experimental and theoretical aspects of bioseparation processes, high-pressure extrusion with supercritical fluids, cryogenic freezing, physical and engineering properties of biomaterials and novel food processing technologies. A major long-term goal is to develop new and improved unit operations for value-added processing of food and biomaterials. Derivative goals include new techniques for measurement and control of processes and properties for industrial applications.

**EQUIPMENT**

- Supercritical fluid extraction, drying, sterilization and nanoencapsulation systems for liquid and solid foods
- Supercritical fluid extrusion system
- Texture Analyzer
- Dynamic Mechanical Analyzer and Brookfield viscometers
- Differential scanning colorimeter
- Dense gas freezing system
COURSES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS

- HTST Pasteurizer Workshop (3 times per year)
- Vat Pasteurizer/Cheese Grading Workshop (2 times per year)
- Yogurt and Fermented Dairy Products Workshop
- Certified Milk Inspectors School
- Dairy Laboratory Seminar
- New York State Cheese Manufacturers Annual Conference
- New York State Association for Food Protection Annual Conference
- Processing Plant Superintendent Schools (in cooperation with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Department of Dairy Services)
- The Science of Cheese (Cheese making) Workshop
- Fluid Milk Quality and Safety Workshop
- FSMA Preventative Controls Qualified Individual Training
- Membrane Filtration and Separation Workshop
- Pathogen Environmental Monitoring Workshop
- Food Safety Plan (HACCP) Training (2 times per year)

http://dairyextension.foodscience.cornell.edu/extension-calendar

HIGH PRESSURE PROCESSING

Coming Fall 2016 to Cornell’s New York State Agricultural Experiment Station

HIPERBARIC 55

- A 55 L volume vessel, 200 mm diameter
- 22 m² surface requirement
- Automatic loading/unloading system
- Ergonomics and speed

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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The mission of the center is two-fold: to provide training and hands-on learning opportunities to students that are interested in the fields of sensory and consumer research, and to help businesses develop and improve their product offering through consumer and sensory testing.

We conduct Sensory Evaluation and Consumer Product Research. Among the standard services that are offered to commercial clients are Consumer Acceptability, Preference and Discrimination Testing. The fees collected from our commercial clients go directly back to the Department of Food Science to support student programs and research (such as student product development teams, travel to conferences and competitions, scholarships, etc.)
The Cornell Institute for Food Systems Industry Partnership Program (CIFS-IPP) is an exciting public-private partnership that expands and enhances engagement of Cornell University faculty and staff with industry scientists, engineers, and business leaders throughout the food system. With expertise in business and industry, CIFS-IPP finds solutions to today’s food system challenges while shaping tomorrow’s discoveries. Together, we inform and advance industry practice with cutting-edge science that pushes our food industry partners to the forefront of research, development, and technology.

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OVERVIEW
The Southeast Dairy Foods Research Center, with facilities and support at North Carolina State University (Raleigh) has been operating since 1988 and actively participates in national research planning and execution on behalf of the dairy industry and other entities. The Southeast Dairy Foods Research Center will conduct research, educate scientists, and develop and apply new technologies for processing of milk and its components into dairy products and ingredients with improved health, safety, quality, and expanded functionalities. Areas of research emphasized in this center are notably in whey protein functionality, extended shelf-life processing, probiotics, dairy starter cultures, and the rheology, flavor, chemistry, and sensory quality of cheese and dairy ingredients. The center also hosts a Food Rheology Laboratory, Nutrition Technical Services Laboratory and a Sensory Applications Laboratory, conducting analytical, qualitative and affective sensory tests and flavor chemistry analyses tailored to meet specific needs of the food industry.

RESEARCH FOCUS
- Milk protein and whey ingredient functionality
- Thermal and biological processing
- Extended shelf-life processing
- Sensory properties and flavor chemistry of cheese and dairy ingredients
- Dairy food safety
- Dairy starter cultures and probiotics
SENSORY APPLICATIONS LABORATORY

The Sensory Applications Laboratory at North Carolina State University specializes in dairy sensory and flavor chemistry analysis, including consumer testing (qualitative and quantitative), preference mapping, instrument flavor analysis techniques (gas chromatography mass spectrometry, gas chromatography olfactometry and HPLC) and descriptive analysis. The center maintains three trained descriptive panels. Ongoing flavor research is primarily focused on dairy products (including milk, cheese, milk powders, whey proteins and butter), dairy ingredients applications, and how flavor varies with processing and storage. A specific focus is development of defined sensory languages and the application of these languages to enhanced product understanding, links to volatile compounds (flavor chemistry) and enhanced consumer understanding.

FOOD RHEOLOGY LABORATORY

The research objective of the Food Rheology Laboratory at North Carolina State University is the explanation of the physical chemistry, molecular-level interactions and effect of processing conditions within a food system, through an understanding of rheological behavior, while solving processing and product development problems facing the food industry. Particular emphasis is placed on evaluating rheological contributions to sensory properties of materials during oral processing. The laboratory maintains a full complement of high-precision rheometric, viscometric and compression/extension equipment for complete characterization of food material properties as they relate to material structure and texture. Complementary techniques including tribology and acoustic emission are being developed in the laboratory to expand the scope of research capabilities with respect to food material characterization functionality.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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EQUIPMENT

» Cherry-Burrell EQ-3 ESL Gable-top filler
» LiquiBox Semi-automatic Bag-n-box filler
» HTST system (700/350 gal./hr.)
» Feldmeier tubular ultrapasteurization booster
» DeLaval 590 cold milk separator
» Multiple batch tanks
» Admix Rotosolver submersible mixer
» Tri-clover blender
» CEM SMART Trac fat/solids analysis system
» APV Gaulin 2-stage homogenizer
» Ice cream processing
» Tetra Hoyer Frigus 600 freezer
» Tetra Hoyer FF 2000 ingredient feeder
» Tetra Hoyer variegation system
» Sweetheart rotary 4-oz. cup filler
» Sawvel rotary pint cup filler
» Shrink-wrap oven
» Cheese vat – 300 gal. (automatic stir, jacketed)
» Kusel 4MX cheese vat – 65 gal.
» Manual cheese vat – 50 gal. (jacketed)
» Cheddar mill
» Cheese hoops and presses
» Koch vacuum sealer
» VRC multicoil processor XXI
» Feldmeier tubular heat exchanger
» 75-kw continuous microwave processor
» Marlen piston pump Model 629
» ASTEPO low-acid aseptic Bag-n-box filler
» Radio Frequency Co. Macrowave processor
» Superspeed and ultracentrifuges
» Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS)
» Gas chromatography olfactometry (GCO)
» Benchtop micro- and ultrafiltration
» Pilot scale ultrafiltration
» High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC)
» Microscopy: light, phase and fluorescent
» Microbiological support laboratory
» Autoclaves
» Rheometers
» Electrophoretic analyses: DNA and protein
» DNA fingerprinting
» Kitchen preparation room
» Consumer testing booths with Compusense
» Descriptive panel room

SENSORY SERVICE CENTER

Analytical Technology & Equipment

Perkin Elmer Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES)
» Mineral and element analysis
» Can be used with liquid, semi-solid, and solid samples

HunterLab Colorimeter
» Can measure samples in both reflection and transmission of colors, spectral reflectance and transmission of samples
» Ability to analyze opaque solids, clear liquids, transparent films, powders, and opaque liquids
» Allows for analysis of color change of samples over time in support of data from other analytical analysis techniques

Agilent Technologies GC/MS/MS
» Agilent tandem GC/MS System
» Analysis of volatile compounds in very low concentrations
» Analysis of degradation products that play a role in flavor
» Equipped with Gerstel sniffer port

Agilent Technologies GC/MS
» Three (3) - Agilent GC/MS systems
» Equipped for Solid Phase MicroExtraction (SPME)
» Volatile analysis of a variety of sample types

Agilent Technologies GC/MS with Thermal Desorption Unit (TDU)
» Able to analyze lower volatility compounds by heating the sorption onto a substrate for introduction into the GCMS
» Suited for liquid, gaseous, and solid samples
» Equipped with Gerstel Twister technology that allows Stir Bar Sorptive Extraction (SBSE)
» Equipped with Gerstel sniffer port

Agilent Technologies GC/O
» Two (2) - Agilent GC Olfactometry Systems
» Human Nose as the detector for compounds
» Used in conjunction with GC/MS to determine flavor compound quantification

Waters HPLC
» Separation of nonvolatile compounds in liquids for qualification with various detectors
» Equipped with Photo Diode Array (PDA), Refractive Index (RI) detectors
» Previous work analyzing sugar alcohols, furosine, phospholipids
**Waters Aquity UPLC/MS**
- Separation of nonvolatile compounds in liquids for qualification with various detectors
- Higher pressure allows for shorter run times, and better resolution of compounds over traditional HPLC
- Equipped with Photo Diode Array (PDA), Evaporative Light Scattering (ELS), Fluorescence, and mass spectrometry detectors
- Previous work analyzing carotenoids, norbixin, organic acids, lysoalanine

**Delta Instruments Lactoscope**
- Ability to measure many different basic components found in the milk (fat, protein, lactose, solids)
- Able to determine other important components of milk: Casein, Density, True Protein, NPN/Calculated Urea, and pH

**Malvern Particle Size Analyzer**
- Rapid and effective wet dispersion for particle analysis in liquids
- Fast particle size measurement of fragile and cohesive dry powders

**Formulation Turbiscan**
- Analysis of particles in liquid suspensions in very complex mixtures with multiple dispersed components
- Used to measure the mean particle size on concentrated media, as no dilution nor sample stress are required
- Analysis of agglomerates or flocs without altering the particle size of the liquid sample

**COURSES, SYMPOSIA AND EVENTS**
- HTST Pasteurizer Operator shortcourse (2 times per year)
- Dairy Supplier Sensory on/offsite (4 times per year)
- Antibiotic residuals course (dairy farm)
- FDA Training Dairy and Food Processing
- Sensory and Instrumental Analysis of Dairy Flavors Short Course
- FS 324 Milk and Dairy Products (Internet-based distance education course)
- FS 554 Lactation, Milk and Nutrition
- Cheese Making Short Course

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Conventional and advanced aseptic processing, continuous-flow microwave thermal processing, monitoring and validation of thermal processes for high-acid and low-acid dairy, particulate/multiphase foods and biomaterials
OVERVIEW
The Western Dairy Center serves as a dairy foods research network in the western United States with a mission of fostering participation and success by students in research activities that can lead to employment in the dairy manufacturing industry as well as academia. This is achieved through its dairy industry funded BUILD Dairy program designed to Build University-Industry Linkages through Learning and Discovery. BUILD Dairy students are supervised by professors from Utah State University, University of Idaho/Washington State University, Oregon State University, Brigham Young University, Weber State University and Texas A & M University. Included in the BUILD Dairy program are opportunities for undergraduate research, as well as Masters and PhD research involving a range of dairy food topics. The BUILD Dairy students participate in leadership and other activities that increase their understanding of dairy food technology and its important in innovation, quality and manufacturing.

RESEARCH FOCUS
• Cheese flavor and functionality
• Cheese technology
• Fermented products, including cheese and yogurt
• Ultra-high-temperature and extended-shelf-life fluid milk beverages
• Milk protein chemistry, including coagulation, denaturation and separation
• Dairy flavor chemistry
• Milk technology and microbiology
• Concentrated milks and product performance
• Anaerobic digestion of dairy processing waste
• Whey protein extrusion
• Application of genetics, genomics and metabolomics to lactic acid bacteria
• Starter cultures for cheese and cultured dairy products.
• Whey and milk utilization
• Microstructure of dairy products
• Sensory analysis
• Butterfat emulsions and crystallization
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To Arrange Training Courses at Utah State University

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• Basic Cheese Making Short Course
• Advanced Cheese Making Short Course
• GMP Workshop
• HACCP Workshop
• Advanced Sanitation Workshop

• Employee Train-the-Trainer Food Safety
• Statistical Process Control Workshop
• Safe Quality Foods Workshop
• FSMA Update Workshop

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