
Major components: (2) *Fats and Oils*

2. Fats and Oils...

- ❖ Produce 9 Cal/g
- ❖ Should contribute NO more than **30%** of our caloric intake
- ❖ Dietary fats/oils, essential fatty acids
 - ❖ needed by the body to maintain proper health & functioning

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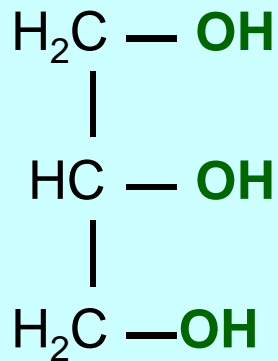
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containing 3 alcohol groups

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hydrocarbon chains,
with *carboxylic acid*
(COOH) at one end and
a *methyl* group (CH3)
at the other end

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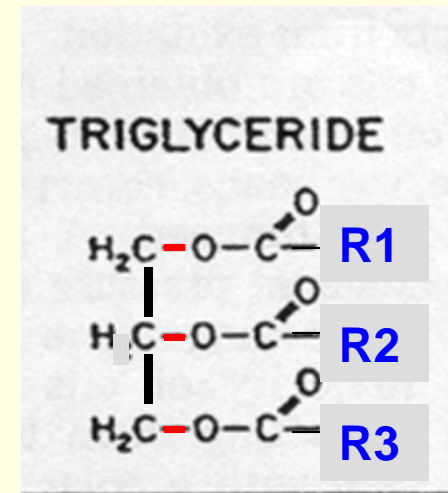
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Ester bonds hold fatty acids (R1, R2, R3) to glycerol

Joining the OH groups of glycerol to COOH groups of fatty acids



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Chemical composition...

- most common **fatty acids** in food TG: C-16, C-18
- some foods have shorter chain fatty acids (eg. coconut oil: C12)
- others also contain longer chain fatty acids (eg. fish: C20 and C22)

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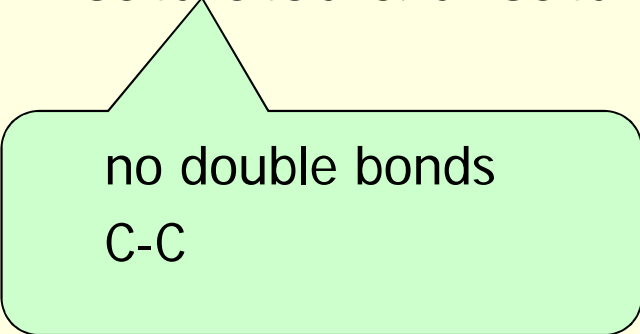
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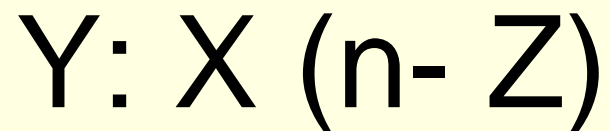
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C-C

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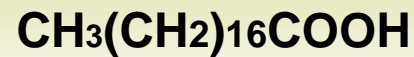
With double bonds
 $C=C$ (MUFA, PUFA)

COMMON FORMULA OF F. A.

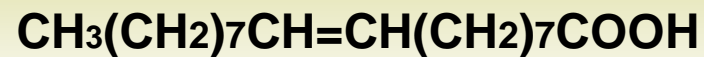


- Y: Number of carbon
- X: Number of double bonds
- n: Numbering of double bonds from methyl (CH₃) end
- Z: Number of first double bonds

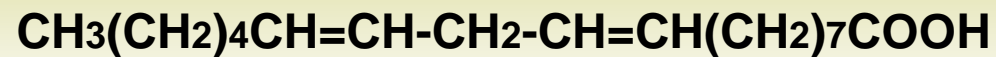
Example: 18 carbon fatty acids



Saturated (**Stearic**)



Monounsaturated (**Oleic**)



Polyunsaturated (**Linoleic**)

Linoleic acid is an omega 6 fatty acid since its first double bond from the methyl end starts on Carbon number 6

Practice writing the formula in Y:X(n-z) format

Stearic 18:0

Oleic 18:1(n-9)

Linoleic 18:2(n-6)

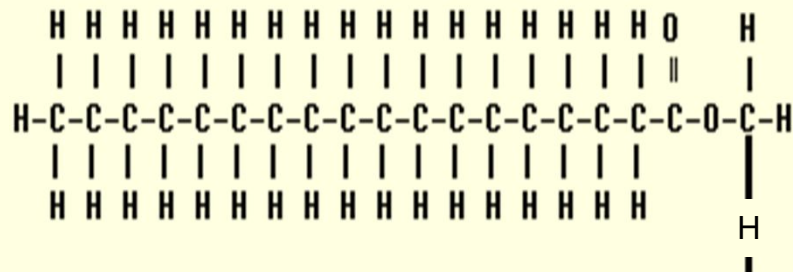
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Properties...

Animal fats

- usually **solid** at room temp;
- **saturated** fatty acids

"linear" chains – pack together more tightly- higher MP



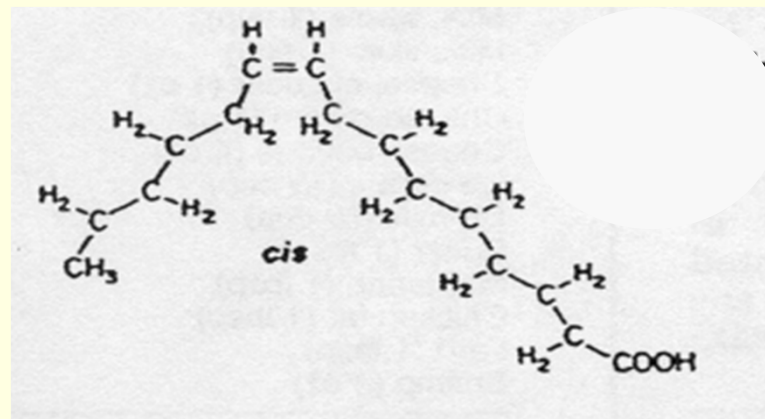
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Properties of Saturated, Unsaturated

Vegetable oils

- usually **liquid** at room temp;
- **Unsaturated** fatty acids: MUFA, PUFA
 - *cis* configuration: carbon chain segments on same side of the double bond
 - bend toward each other ...“kink” in chains...

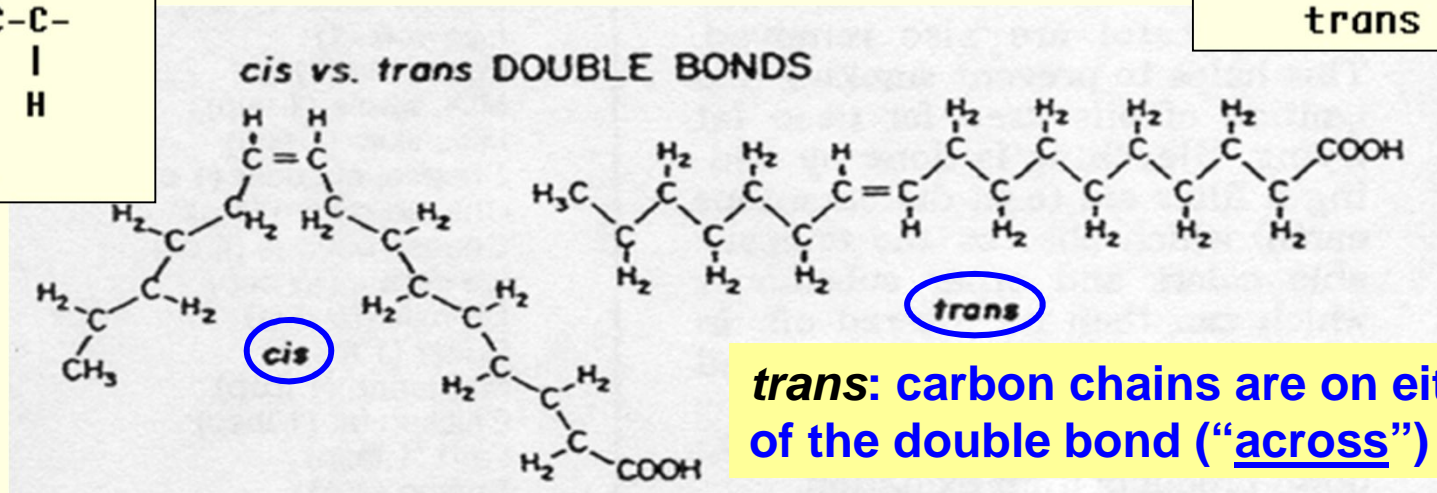
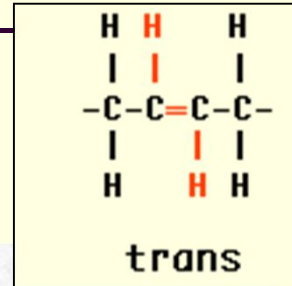
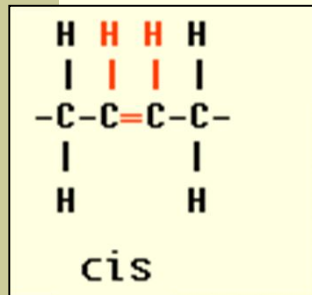
pack together less tightly – lower melting point



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Unsaturated...configuration

- UFA *Cis* configuration- naturally occurring



***Cis*: carbon chains are on the same side of the double bond**

***trans*: carbon chains are on either side of the double bond ("across")**

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Properties of Saturated, Unsaturated

Vegetable oils...

Also less stable!

double bonds – easily oxidized (oxidative rancidity)

- PUFA more reactive than MUFA

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Rancidity

improper storage, repeated exposure to high temp.

2 types:

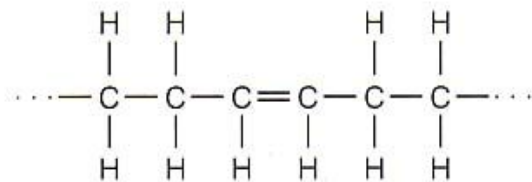
1. OXIDATIVE
2. HYDROLYTIC or LIPOLYTIC

2. Fats and Oils Properties

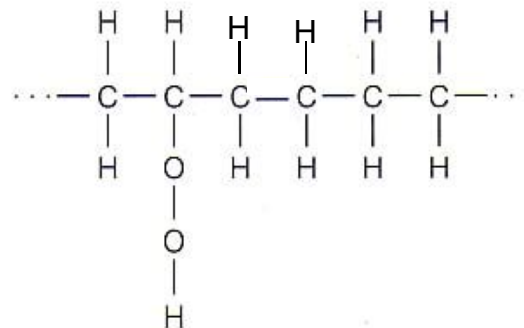
1. **Oxidative rancidity** (double bonds + oxygen → products ... off-flavours, carcinogenic compounds ...)

UFA or PUFAs + heat, light, Oxygen → hydroperoxides → OHs, ketones, aldehydes,

Monounsaturated, unoxidized



Monounsaturated, oxidized to a hydroperoxide



2. Fats and Oils

Properties

2. **Hydrolytic** or **lipolytic rancidity** (cleavage of bond linking FA to glycerol → releasing **free FAs**)

❖ **lipase enzymes**

Triglyceride + lipase → short-chain (free) FAs +
glycerol

(odorous)

❖ **Reduce rate of oxidative rancidity:**

- proper storage & packaging (away from light, oxygen, warm temp)
- limiting repeated exposure to high temp
- addition of antioxidants (natural and synthetic)
- hydrogenation

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Hydrogenation (partial):

- ❖ Also used by the food industry to “harden” liquid oils into semi-solid fats (e.g. margarine)

Trans FA can be generated!

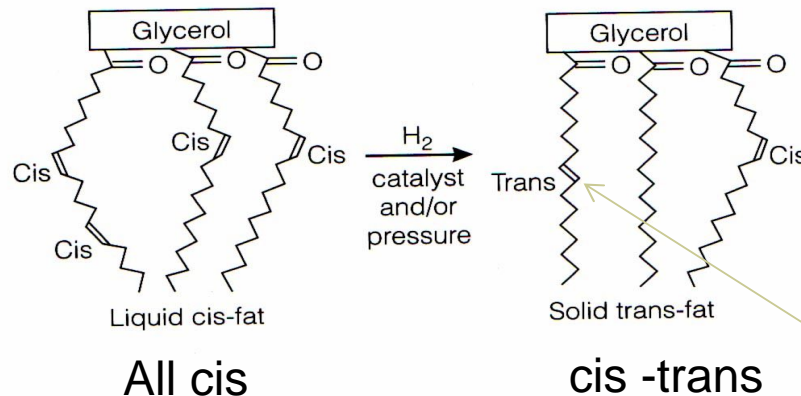
P. Hydrogenation of UFAs = *Trans*-fats

- ❖ hydrogen atoms are forced into the unsaturated double bonds of the UFA
- ❖ Raises the fat melting point (MP)
 - ❖ less prone to oxidize

Critical thinking question

- What will affect the melting point of fats/oils?

P. Hydrogenation of UFAs \Rightarrow *trans* FA



Newer margarines use **blending** to achieve the desired solid-liquid ratio and melting properties.

trans configuration

- Trans fatty acids : lose "*kink*" originally present in the *cis* form
 - "pack closer together" = the texture more semi-solid.

BUT... healthy?

Trans-fats...

- Behave like saturated fat
- Raise LDL cholesterol \Rightarrow Coronary Heart Disease (CHD)!
- Labelling required: amount of *Trans-fat*

(2) Fats

Functional properties

- Mouthfeel- lubricant in food
- Carrier of aroma & flavour
- Shortening/Tenderizing power
- high-temperature medium (deep fat frying)
- Emulsifiers

Review: Table in Lesson 2

2. Fats and Oils

Emulsions & Emulsifiers

❖ O/W or W/O Emulsions

❖ **Emulsifiers**

■ lecithin (phospholipid) from *egg yolk*,
soybean oil

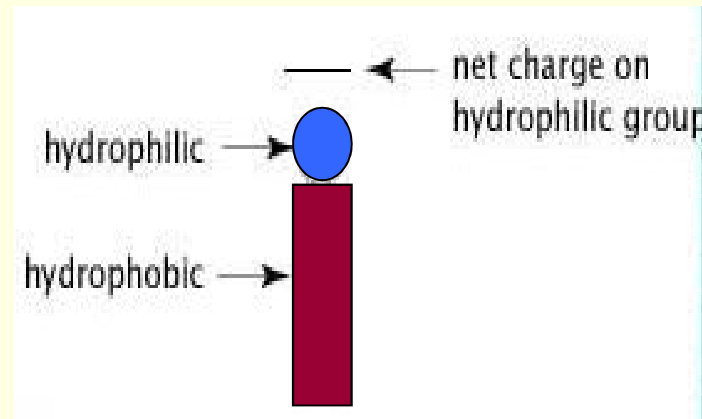
■ 2 FAs + phosphoric acid linked to glycerol

❖ help reduce interfacial tension → form an emulsion

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Emulsifiers...

- ❖ amphiphilic /amphipathic molecules:
 - ❖ **Hydrophilic**: water-loving (i.e. glycerol linked to an organic acid)
 - ❖ **Hydrophobic/lipophilic**: water-hating or lipid-loving groups; (i.e. fatty acid)



NOTE:

stabilizers (not the same as emulsifiers)

- Increase *viscosity* of the continuous phase
 - keep the droplets suspended or dispersed
 - E.g. *Polysaccharides*

Thinking Lab:



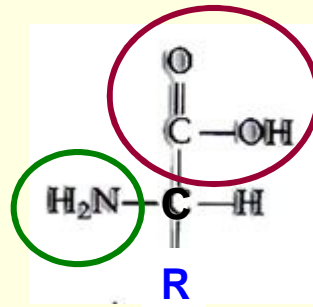
- **Can you imagine what a piece of pie would look and taste like without the presence of fat in the crust? What functional properties of fat are involved in the pie crust formation?**
- **Some people use oil in their pie crust recipe, and some use lard. Which contains more saturated fat?**



Major components: (3) *Proteins*

3. Proteins...

- ❖ Contribute to 4 Cal/g
 - Require 0.8 g protein per kg body wt (adults)
 - Excess → converted to energy (4 Cal/g) or stored as fat.
- ❖ Polymers or long chains of amino acids linked by peptide bonds



amino group (**NH₂**) and acidic (carboxylic **COOH**) group on the same carbon atom

R = side chain (hydrophobic, charged, polar, aromatic)

3. Proteins – Amino acids...

- 20 different amino acids naturally occurring in the human body and in foods
- 9 are **essential** (cannot be synthesized by humans). Must be obtained from FOOD

E.g. Leucine, Phenylalanine (used in aspartame...), Tryptophan...

3. Proteins-

- ❖ Amino acid sequence and 3-D structure of protein determines the Functional Properties in food as well as Nutritive value of the proteins

3. Proteins- Protein quality

❖ Protein quality of **animal** proteins is usually **higher** than **plant** proteins

- **Plant** proteins

- less digestible than animal proteins
- have a less favorable ratio & quantity of one or more essential amino acids

3. Proteins- Protein quality

❖ Protein quality of foods can be improved by

...*mixing* = “**complementation**”

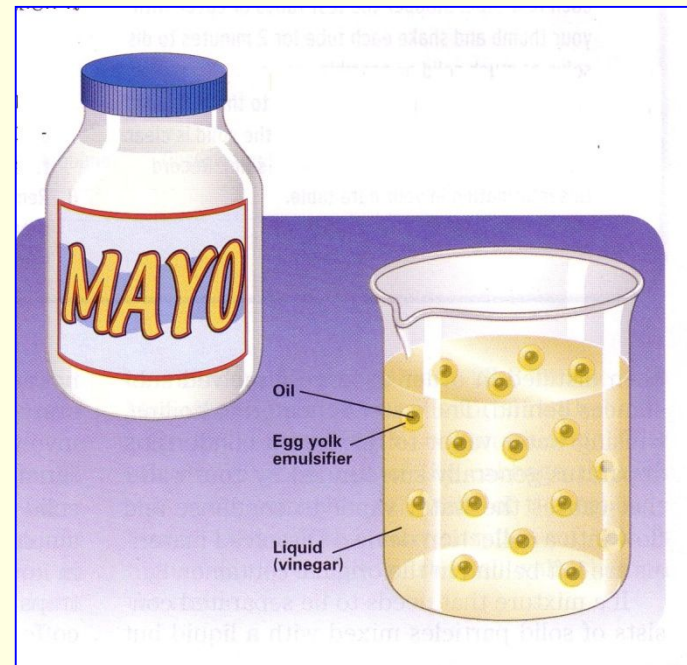
“30 g of breakfast cereal when consumed with 125 ml of milk represents a good source of protein”

...*mixing* = “**supplementation**”

3. Proteins- Functional properties

■ Emulsifiers

- **amphiphilic** molecules,
 - reduce interfacial tension;
 - eg., *egg yolk proteins in mayonnaise*



3. Proteins- Functional properties

■ Foams

- Trap air bubbles & form rigid 3-D structure when heated or cooled → solid foams
 - eg. meringues, bread, ice cream



■ Gels

- form 3-D structure that can trap water
 - eg. gelatin gels; yogurt; cheese; frankfurters



3. Proteins- Functional properties

- Enzymes: Proteins that function as biological catalysts
 - Promote a chemical reaction that will not occur spontaneously
 - Inherent in the foods or added in processing
 - desirable or undesirable reactions in foods

What are some examples of enzymes?
some we have already discussed in this course...

3. Proteins- Allergies

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/consumer-centre/food-safety-tips/labelling-food-packag-storage/allergen/eng/1332442914456/1332442980290>



- ❖ unable to digest certain proteins → exhibit symptoms of allergic reactions
- ❖ The 10 most common **food allergens/sensitivity promoters**:
 - milk, eggs, fish and crustaceans (shrimp, crabs), wheat, tree nuts, peanuts, soybeans, Sesame Seeds , Mustard, Sulphites
 - Peanut and tree-nuts most common

Cheese Making Procedure





Cheese Making Procedure



Major components: (4) *Water*

4. Water

- ❖ Plays a key role in the quality of foods
- ❖ Free versus bound water
 - free water
 - properties typical of water
 - Found in *tissue* food systems & *dispersions*
 - Available for all chemical, enzymatic reactions & for microbial growth

4. Water

- bound water
 - adsorbed on macromolecules
 - E.g. proteins or polysaccharides,
 - bound to smaller molecules
 - sugars & salt
 - not readily available for chemical, enzymatic or microbial activity

4. Water- water activity

water activity (a_w)

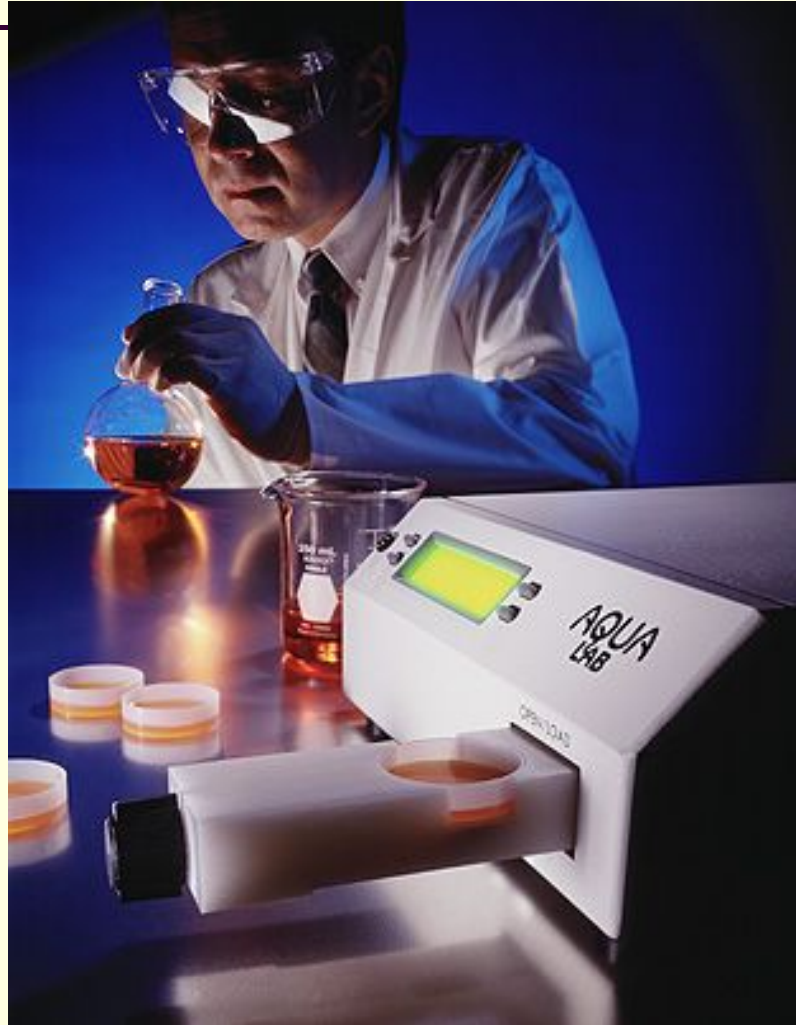
vapour pressure of water in food at X°C
vapour pressure of pure water at X°C

a_w can range from 0 to 1.0

4. Water- water activity

How is A_w determined in foods?

See animated figure in Lesson 2



4. Water- water activity

❖ Water content – total (measured)

❖ Water activity – primarily free

“...indicator of the water available for chemical reactions,
microorganisms...”

■ Table in L. 2

■ a_w and water content of various foods

■ the 2 values are not always related:

salami $a_w = 0.90$, 61% water content

bread $a_w = 0.96$, 35% water content

4. Water- water activity

- ❖ **Aw** in foods can be controlled (adjusted) by:
 - Addition of solutes (sugars, salts) - **bind free water**
 - Physically removing **free water** from foods
 - Processing: **freezing** (lesson 7),
 - **Concentration or dehydration** (lesson 8)