

Summary & PowerPoint

Inhibiting Mold Naturally

When consumers of baked goods are asked to define "fresh," the phrase "free from mold" is a top response. Mold growth in bakery products has always been a concern, and bakery spoilage due to mold is an issue worldwide. But consumers' increasing aversion to traditional synthetic/chemical ingredients puts pressure on manufacturers to find an effective, clean-label mold inhibitor that won't impact product flavor - a goal that, so far, has largely proven elusive. But new technologies using ferments, natural flavors and vinegar in novel ways are changing minds about natural mold inhibition.

Learning Objectives

- Understand how a combination of ferments, natural flavors and vinegar can effectively replace chemical preservatives without affecting taste and flavor
- Recognize how natural mold inhibition can help satisfy consumer demand for clean-label products that offer excellent flavor
- Recognize how natural mold inhibition functionality can extend freshness and shelf-life in baked goods

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Session Breakout 2















- 1. Sanitation: Strong sanitation practices can minimize the microbial load
- 2. Formulations: Water activity, pH, natural occurring inhibitors
- 3. Targeted Shelf life
- 4. Potency: Sorbate is more potent than propionate
- 5. Sensory Effect
- 6. Method of Application
- 7. Safety
- 8. Labeling: Natural vs not natural, organic vs not organic
- 9. Cost

Common Preservatives

Product	Active Ingredient	Applications
Calcium propionate	Propionic acid	Yeast-raised, tortillas
Sodium propionate	Propionic acid	Chemically leavened, pie fillings, tortillas
Potassium sorbate	Sorbic acid	Yeast-raised, chemically leavened, pie fillings, tortillas
Sodium diacetate	Acetic acid	Yeast-raised
Vinegar	Acetic acid	Yeast-raised
Raisin juice	Tartaric acid	Yeast-raised
Sodium benzoate	Benzoic acid	Pie fillings
Lactic acid	Lactic acid	Yeast-raised





Mold Inoculation Testing

- Cocktail of Mold Spores Grown and Isolated

 - Aspergillus NigerPenicillium Corylophilum
 - Penicillium Roqueforti
- Inoculated onto fresh bread
 - 10 points of inoculation / loaf
 - 10 loaves / variable •
 - 100 points of data / test variable
- Double Bagged and Heat Sealed
- Eliminating potential for outside contamination
- Hold for Mold Growth •
 - Once all 10 inoculation points have shown mold, loaf is considered at "failure"









