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By C. Dee Clingman IAMFES President

If You Always Do What You Always Did, You Will Always Get What You Always Got

As the new calendar year is upon us, it becomes time for New Year's Resolutions. We make these innocuous commitments to lose weight, stop smoking, spend more time on our hobbies, etc. I never hear of anyone "resolving" to spend more time at work. I wonder why? Oh well, I guess the thought of a new challenge at the beginning of the year has some special meaning as opposed to a 4th of July resolution. I wonder why? The important thing is that we are trying something different; we are trying to accomplish something we would like to do but somehow failed to do the previous 365 days. I wonder why? But if you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got. I wonder why?

Professional Associations are not much different than people. I guess it is because they are people in a generic sense. IAMFES has also been trying new things during the past few years. We have moved to professional office space, enhanced our fiscal management by the addition of a CPA, developed a long-range plan to guide the Association's future, expanded our Annual Meeting program by the addition of sponsored symposia, as well as other new ideas which have been tried. Did all those new ideas work out to our expectations? In some cases, no. But we did try new things. We tried things "outside of the box" in some instances. By stretching our imagination and maximizing our potential we can develop and grow to support our members better for the future.

So what is in store for IAMFES' resolutions for the new year? For one thing, the Program Advisory Committee is busy putting together an outstanding educational program for the meeting in Pittsburgh this summer. Efforts are also underway in planning the 1996 meeting in Seattle and the 1997 meeting in Orlando. The 1998 meeting in Singapore should be unique. Well, maybe Singapore is a little too far "out of the box" but conceptually it brings us to a good discussion point. The first word in our Association's name is "International" yet outside of the U.S. and Canada we have no Affiliates. Even in Canada we have only two Affiliates.

As we continue to recruit members in North America, we need to expand our global impact by recruiting members worldwide and assisting with the organization of Affiliates worldwide. To do this, we now have an international recruiting membership application and a colorful IAMFES brochure. These are available through the IAMFES office in Des Moines. If you have contact with other professionals abroad, please pass along your Association's message and mission to them as you travel or cross their paths.

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On My Mind . . .

By Steven K. Halstead, CAE IAMFES Executive Manager



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At the November meeting of the IAMFES Executive Board, we received the report of our auditors. In the course of discussing the report, a question was raised as to how much money a federal tax exempt, non-profit organization (such as IAMFES) can have in cash reserves before its tax status is questioned.

The question waived a red flag for me. Was there a perception that we have a lot of money in reserve? As the discussion continued, it became quite clear some members of the Executive Board and perhaps others were of the opinion we had a great deal of money in reserve.

Further investigations showed that the source of this misunderstanding was the simplified financial report we publish in the November issue of *Dairy, Food and Environmental Sanitation*. This form has been used for a number of years and people seem to be comfortable with it, so we have not changed it. As we see now, our efforts to simplify and make the financial status of the association understandable, led to misunderstandings.

On page 752, you will find an excerpt from our 1994 Financial Statements. This shows the Balance Sheet at August 31, 1994 and the fiscal year end Statement of Revenue and Expense. In Accounting 101, you learn that the Balance Sheet is like a financial photograph, which is to say, it looks at the financial picture on a given day. The Statement of Revenue and Expense shows the financial activity for the entire year. Any discussion of the finances of a business (or an association) must reference without both these reports.

The other thing you would have learned in Accounting 101 is that there are two commonly used methods of accounting. There is the cash basis — which most of us use on a daily basis in our homes. We have cash coming in and cash going out. At the end of the year, hopefully more came in than went out.

Then there is the accrual basis which is required by Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (or GAAP). The accrual basis is preferred by businesses because it ties revenue to income (i.e., the business preformed a service or offered a product and is paid for it). Under the accrual basis, revenue is recognized when the service or good is delivered.

As an example, if you pay your dues in January, under the cash basis, we would recognize all the money you sent us in January and would draw against that for the rest of the year. We might have lots of income in January and none for the rest of the year. This can make budgetary control a nightmare especially if your expenses are unpredictable — aren't they always?

Under the accrual basis, we would only recognize 1/12 of your dues in January (that's all we "earned"), 1/12 in February, 1/12 in March, etc. until all was recognized by the end of December. Thus, the revenue is spread out over the year, just as the cost of providing your member services is spread out over the year.

IAMFES presents its financial statements using the accrual basis in conformance with GAAP.

Looking only at the General Fund column of the Balance Sheet, you will see we had a variety of assets totalling \$269,811 on August 31,1994. We also had a variety of liabilities which totalled \$311,177. This is \$41,366 more than our assets, and is called the "fund balance."

If we had closed IAMFES on August 31, 1994, and then tried to pay our members and subscribers what we owed them for the value of the services we had not provided, we would have been short by \$41,366. We "owe" this money to ourselves, no one else. (The \$222,827 in unearned revenue is money we received in dues and subscriptions for which we have not yet provided services.)

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses informs us where the money came from and where it went. Again, looking just at the General Fund column, for the year, we generated \$860,177 from a variety of sources. We spent \$851,232 in a variety of ways. So, for the year, we spent \$8,945 less than we took in or we "made" \$8,945. (Had we not cut back on travel and laid off two employees, we would have lost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.)

Taking these two statements in concert, we see that the financial position of the association is strong, but we have no actual cash reserves. We will continue to spend less than we take in until the fund balance is \$0. Then, our assets will equal our liabilities.

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Meat and Poultry Rankings: An Expert Elicitation

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ABSTRACT

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) needed an assessment of the health risks of various types of meat and poultry processing operations relative to one another. A demonstrated method to evaluate the relative risks of different types of meat processing would help FSIS evaluate the feasibility of using risk-assessment to help allocate inspection resources. In the absence of epidemiological and laboratory data, we gathered expert opinion concerning the relative risks of various meat processes. Twenty-three of 36 experts in government, industry and academia responded by quantitatively assessing the relative risks of 12 processes. We find that simple processing operations such as cutting, slicing, grinding and repackaging are not generally considered lower risk than other processes; that there are significant differences in relative risk rankings depending on whether inherent or controlled risks are being considered, and that microbiologists ranked simple processing operations higher in risk than non-microbiologists. There is statistical evidence of agreement among experts, suggesting that expert elicitation shows promise as a means to generate food safety risk information.

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Demands for processing risk information.

Even the simplest forms of meat processing present microbiological and other types of hazards that pose a potential risk to public health. The hazards associated with cutting, slicing, grinding, and repackaging meat may be controlled, though not necessarily eliminated, by implementing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems. While many processors do control simple processing hazards, other processors may fail to control hazards for various reasons. For example, some processors may lack knowledge about hazards and/or available control measures, while others may perceive that the expected costs of controlling the hazards outweigh the expected benefits.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act Amendments of 1991 amended the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act to commission a study of the appropriateness of exempting wholesale meat outlets selling to hotels, restaurants and institutions (HRI) from FSIS inspection, provided the outlets only cut, slice, grind or repackage (CSGR) meat into small quantities. Unrelated to the Amendments, a 1992 General Accounting Office (GAO) report stated that "Federal agencies responsible for food safety and quality inspections could use their resources more efficiently by basing inspection frequencies on risk ..." (3).

As part of a broader review of USDA's meat inspection exemption policies, and a focused examination of the appropriateness of granting inspection exemptions to simple processors (1), FSIS required an assessment of the health risks of simple processing relative to other types of meat processing. Further, in the absence of laboratory or epidemiological data, a proven methodology to assess relative risks of different types of meat processing would help FSIS evaluate the feasibility of using risk-assessment to help allocate inspection resources as recommended by GAO (3).

Should simple-processing HRI-wholesalers be exempted from the Acts? What is the validity of the GAO's implicit assertion that firms engaged in relatively simple cutting ar J packaging operations could be inspected less often?

Data collection methodology.

In order to conduct a risk assessment of simple meat and poultry processes it is necessary to have a working knowledge of microorganisms constituting a significant public health threat, and how these organisms might change in numbers and types during production, distribution and preparation of meat and poultry. Limited epidemiological data regarding various meat processes can be found in technical journals on food microbiology, especially in regard to the transmission of bacterial pathogens through raw meat and poultry products (4). When data is available, it is difficult to make direct comparisons for risk assessment between and among various processes studied in isolation. Unless and until baseline data on the types and level of microbial contamination that can be expected on raw beef products is established, and an active surveillance study is undertaken to establish the role of raw meat and poultry in transmission of human enteric disease (4), hazard analyses and risk assessments must be based on experience, judgment and common sense.

In the summer of 1993, we elicited experts' judgments concerning the relative risk of each of 12 processes including cutting, slicing, grinding, and repackaging. Thirty-six experts - 10 in government, 14 in industry, 12 in academia - were selected to participate in this research based on their colleagues' recommendations for their expertise in meat or poultry science, food technology, microbiology or related fields. Government, industry and academic professionals were chosen to include a variety of experience. The list of experts includes food microbiologists, chemists, meat scientists and epidemiologists from both the United States and Canada who were employed with universities, research institutes, private companies, professional associations, government food agencies, and centers for disease control. We asked them to rate the relative level of food safety risk presented by 12 meat and poultry processes by completing a one-page ranking form (Fig. 1) which was accompanied by a set of instructions. We assured the experts that when findings were made public, their individual responses would remain anonymous.

While permitting them to assign ties, we asked experts to

Figure 1. Risk Elicitation Instrument sent to 36 experts in meat or poultry science, food technology, microbiology, or related fields.

	Inherent Risk	Controlled Pr	ocessing Risk
Types of	Column A	Column B	Column C
Meat and Poultry Processes	Ordinal Ranking	Ordinal Ranking	Relative Ranking
Canning			
Cooking			
Curing			
Cutting			
Drying			
Fermenting			
Grinding Rendering (Edible low-	g		
temperature)			
Repackaging			
(Cooked)			
Repackaging (Raw)			
Slicing			
Smoking			

Please tell us which term best describes your field of expertise (check one): Food Microbiology

Food Chemistry Food Technology Other (specify) rank the 12 alphabetically arranged processes from 1 to 12, with 1 representing the highest risk and 12 representing the lowest risk with respect to inherent and controlled processing risk. For the purposes of this ranking, inherent and controlled processing risks were defined as follows:

- Inherent risk is defined as the number and types of hazards associated with carrying out the particular process (i.e., those hazards associated with processing complexity) without considering the production technology available to control the hazards or considering hazards associated with processing previous to or following the process being ranked.
- Controlled processing risk is defined as the inherent risk controlled by standard production technologies routinely used by industry. "Routinely used" means that not all producers follow these risk management practices, but that those who do not are clearly recognized as deviant.

In Column A of Fig. 1, experts considered the number and type of hazards inherent in each process and ranked the processes from 12 (lowest risk) to 1 (highest risk). In Column B, experts assumed the presence of production technologies routinely used by industry for managing inherent processing and re-ranked processes from lowest to highest risk. In Column C, experts again assumed the presence of standard production technologies and provided a sense of how much higher or lower in risk each process is compared to the others by assigning the lowest risk process 10 points and then allotting points to each of the other processes relative to one another. For example, if an expert considered grinding three times as risky as cutting, she assigned grinding three times as many points as cutting.

Risk assessment results.

RTI received a total of 23 completed ranking forms from the 36 requests sent to experts. Of the 23 experts, two incorrectly completed the relative scoring section (Column C) by again ranking the processes from 1 to 12 instead of assigning points starting with 10 points for the lowest risk process and assigning the other processes points relative to one another. Therefore, results are reported from 23 experts for the inherent and controlled rankings (Columns A and B) and from 21 experts for the relative risk rankings (Column C).

Table 1 shows the 12 processes in decreasing order of inherent and controlled risk, measured by the mean of the usable responses. For example, repackaging cooked product had the highest inherent risk with a mean rank of 4.4 (1 being the highest possible), and repackaging raw product had the lowest inherent risk with a mean response of 8.7. When routine controls are assumed to be in place, repackaging cooked product remains the highest risk process, but a number of other processes change ranks rather significantly. For example, canning, which had the second-highest inherent risk, had the lowest controlled risk. Grinding, which had the fifth-highest inherent risk, had the second-highest controlled risk. Experts do not necessarily think that "controlled" grinding is riskier than "uncontrolled" grinding. Rather, the risk of controlled grinding is higher in comparison to other controlled processes than uncontrolled grinding compared to Table 1. Risks of 12 meat and poultry processes.

1	ledian	Mean	Mode		Median	Mean	Mode
Repacking (cooked)	4	4.4	7 (1)	Repackaging (cooked)	3	3.6	8 (1)
Canning	3	5.2	10(1)	Grinding	3	3.65	5 (1,2,3)
Fermenting	4	5.2	5 (2)	Slicing	5	4.2	6 (5)
Slicing	5	5.5	5 (2,5)	Cutting	4	4.7	7 (4)
Grinding	5	5.5	4 (2,3,5,9)	Fermenting	6	5.8	5 (4)
Rendering	7	6.5	5 (4)	Rendering	6	6.6	6 (6)
Cooking	7	7.0	7 (11)	Repackaging (raw)	7	7.0	5 (11)
Drying	7	7.1	4 (3)	Drying	8	7.2	5 (8)
Cutting	8	7.1	4 (10)	Cooking	9	7.3	7 (11)
Curing	8	7.6	5 (9)	Smoking	8	7.9	5 (8,9)
Smoking	8	8.2	4 (6,10)	Curing	9	8.3	7 (10)
Repackaging (raw)	11	8.7	9 (12)	Canning	12	9.5	12 (12)

^aLowest possible mean risk = 12.0; highest possible mean risk = 1.0.

^b Inherent risk considers the number and types of hazards associated with the particular process without considering the production technology available to control the hazards or considering hazards associated with processing previous to or following the process being ranked.

° Controlled risk assumes the presence of routine controls (e.g., good manufacturing practices).

other uncontrolled processes. We surmise that the risk of grinding probably declines when controls are present, but not as much as the risks of other processes with controls.

Three simple processes mentioned in the Amendments and by GAO as processes to be considered for exemption or less frequent inspection were ranked among the highest inherent risk processes: repackaging cooked product, slicing and grinding. Four simple processes — repackaging cooked product, grinding, slicing and cutting — were ranked as the highest controlled-risk processes.

In Column C of the elicitation instrument, we asked experts to assign 10 points to the process with the lowest controlled risk and increasingly higher point-scores to processes with successively higher controlled risk. While experts were asked to "anchor" their responses by assigning a "10" to the lowest risk process, they were not confined at the high-risk end. We converted the experts' points into percentages to standardize the rankings while maintaining the proportional nature of their scoring. From these standardized proportional rankings, we report summary rankings in Fig. 2, which shows, on average, how experts allotted their total risk points to each of the 12 processes. Fig. 2 shows that, averaged across experts, canning received only 5% of all controlled risk points, curing and smoking each received 6% of all controlled risk points, and so on.

Overall, experts apparently assigned lowest risk ranking to those processes that generate products requiring less handling and preparation by the final food preparer. We believe many experts would not hesitate to open and consume a commercially canned food product without further preparation because they perceive the process, although inherently risky, to be controlled by preventative real-time process controls through standard production technologies. Other processes like canning, such as smoking and curing, produce end-products that were also perceived by the experts as relatively well protected from bacterial hazards and requiring less preparation by end users for safe consumption. On the other end of the scale, notice that repackaging cooked products, grinding and slicing received fairly high-risk rankings. Hazards associated with these processes were perceived to be either frequently uncontrolled or difficult to control. Cooked products are easily recontaminated during repackaging, and the experts displayed a lack of confidence in the ability or willingness of processors to take the measures necessary to ensure that products are not recontaminated during processing. Slicing usually involves a cooked product (deli meats), and safety depends on slicer sanitation and on the responsible processor preventing raw and cooked products from being sliced on the same equipment.

Sixteen of the 21 experts described themselves as micro-

Figure 2. Average share (percent) of allotted points assigned by 23 experts ranking processes by risk.

biologists. The other five considered themselves to be specialists in the following areas: food technology (three experts), chemistry (one expert), and epidemiology (one expert). To help discern whether the controlled risk rankings assigned by microbiologists systematically differed from those of nonmicrobiologists, Fig. 3 compares the mean responses of the two types of experts. The processes themselves are ordered alphabetically in Fig. 3. Note how similar the two types of experts' rankings were for some processes (e.g., curing, cutting and grinding) and how much they differed for certain others (e.g., canning, cooking, fermenting and slicing).

We considered several ways to assess whether our 23

Figure 3. Average Risk Share (percent) by Expert Type, including 16 microbiologists and 5 other experts.

experts, simply stated, tended to agree with one another on which processes were lower in risk than others. Pearson's product-moment correlation, Spearman's rho, Cohen's Kappa and Kendall's tau-b can all be used to evaluate the amount of agreement between two observers (5). Incorporating three or more observers using rank-ordered data is more complicated because what constitutes an "agreement" must be defined at the outset (2).

The level of agreement in rank orderings among many judges is appropriately measured using T_e (Tau-c). Tc has the advantage over several other statistics because it can be used to measure the correlation among three or more judges (our 23 experts) and a criterion ranking (here, inherent or controlled risk) (5). T_e can be thought of as the average number of net agreements in proportion to the total number of agreements possible.

To calculate T_c , we did pair-wise comparisons between all pairs of processes for all experts. If *all* 23 experts agreed on the relative risks of *all* pairs of 12 processes, there would be a total of 1,518 agreements {[23 • 12 • (12 - 1)]+2}. Naturally,

agreement among 23 experts ranking 12 processes by risk was not universal. First, using the majority opinion, the items being ranked were placed in order of mean ranking from 12 (lowest risk) to one (highest risk). Next, the items were compared in pairs to assess the number of experts who ranked one process of lesser or equal risk than another process. For example, canning was ranked of lesser or equal controlled risk than curing by 18 experts while the other five experts ranked canning as higher risk than curing. Since canning was considered to be of lesser or equal risk than curing by the majority opinion of the group (18 of 23 experts), the group majority becomes "canning is lesser or equal risk than curing." The 23 individual rankings were then divided into agreements (18 experts) and disagreements (5 experts) with the group majority. We followed this procedure for all possible process pairs. and the average proportion of net agreements to total possible agreements yielded T.

The estimated value of T_c for the controlled risk rankings is 0.441.¹ If the 23 experts had assigned risk rankings to the 12 processes randomly, T_c would equal zero. With perfect agreement, T_c would equal one. There is no index for interpreting the various values of T_c . That is, we can observe the estimated value of 0.44¹, but cannot state that there is "weak agreement," "moderate agreement," or "strong agreement." We can, however, test the significance of T_c . The calculated z statistic is 9.56, which is greater than 1.645, the critical z for a 0.05 significance level2. We note there is significant evidence to reject the no-agreement (TC=0) hypothesis. The probability of achieving this level of agreement by chance is less than one in one thousand.

For the inherent risk rankings, Tc equals 0.29. The calculated z statistic is 6.391, which is greater than 1.645, the critical \underline{z} for a 0.05 significance level. We conclude that there is significant evidence to reject the no-agreement hypothesis. The probability of achieving this level of agreement by chance is again less that one in one thousand.

Summary, limitations and need for further research.

A number of the experts indicated either by phone or by mail that this exercise was very difficult and frustrating. One microbiologist indicated that the risk rankings would differ depending on whether red meat or poultry was being processed. Another, however, felt that the controlled risk rankings would be unaffected by species since the purpose of controls is to ensure that the microbial load of the product, whatever it is when the meat arrives at the processor, does not worsen during processing. This question of the interrelationship between species and risk could be explored in further

¹ Denoting the difference as A between the sum of the frequencies in the upper left diagonal of the preference matrix and the sum of the frequencies in the lower left diagonal of the preference matrix, we calculate T_e, the correlation with a criterion ranking, as follows:

 $T_c = A + I k N(N - 1) + 2 = (1,094 - 424) + 123(12)(11) + 2 = 0.441$ where k is the number of observers, here 23, and N is the number of objects, here 12.

² Because the sampling distribution of T_c is approximately normal for k>3 and N>5, to test the hypothesis that $T_c = O$ against the alternative hypothesis that Tc>O we use the z statistic as follows:

 $z = \text{ITC} + (2 + (k \text{ N}(\text{N} - 1)) [(3\sqrt{k} \text{ N}(\text{N} - 1)) + \sqrt{2}(2\text{N} + 5)].$

The z is approximately normally distributed with zero mean and standard deviation of 1. This hypothesis implies that raters without agreement would "randomly" assign rankings. Thus, the agreements and disagreements would be approximately equal and the difference between the number of agreements and the number of disagreements would be zero.

elicitahons. Another expert commented that he/she had to make many assumptions in assigning the risk rankings and that experts' assumptions necessarily influenced their rankings. This expert commented specifically that whether the meat was raw or cooked would influence the rankings for fermenting, cutting, drying, and slicing. By design, the ranking instructions were not detailed and allowed room for interpretation. While it would be informative to repeat the risk elicitation providing extensive instructions about what to assume, the interrater reliability results suggest that experts made like assumptions.

Notwithstanding the difficulty of the elicitation exercise for the experts, a number of conclusions are suggested:

- "Simple" CSGR processes are not necessarily "low risk" relative to other processes.
- The risks of processes relative to one another often differ considerably depending on whether the availability and effectiveness of control measures are considered.
- Hazard control measures, at least as experts assume they are implemented, are more effective in reducing hazards for some processes than for others.
- Experts consider processes that have adequate controls and a good history of control to be of lesser risk, other things equal.
- Experts consider processes that require less end-user handling to be of lesser risk, other things equal.
- · Microbiologists ranked the five CSGR processes higher

in risk than the non-microbiologists; the controlled risk rankings for the five processes varied from 1 to 5 percentage points.

In addition to exploring the risks of species interactions and raw/cooked interactions, there are a number of other research extensions that could be studied. We hope that our work has demonstrated that expert elicitations can contribute to the intelligent allocation of internal monitoring resources, inspection resources, and perhaps assist in the identification of hazards and critical control points in the development of HACCP plans.

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The Role of Epidemiology in Risk Assessment: A CDC Perspective

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ABSTRACT

The risk assessment literature reflects a tension between the belief that epidemiologic data derived from real-life clinical experiences should produce the best estimates of risk, and the desire to use data arising from carefully controlled experiments with accurate measurements of optimal specimens taken at appropriate times. The introduction of "soft data" and social science methodology is blamed for the public's refusal to accept the pictures of reality provided by experts, but neither the public nor the experts appear confident that laboratory experiments reflect reality (10). Currently available epidemiologic data, information from microbiological surveys of foods, and data from controlled studies together provide the basis for qualitative and crude quantitative risk assessments. By clarifying the data needs, the epidemiologic, clinical, and microbiologic studies also are the first step in protocol and mathematical model development necessary for improved quantitative risk assessment (7).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a number of tools to study foodborne disease that can contribute importantly to risk assessment. The lack of a regulatory role in managing foodborne hazards provides a useful perspective for conducting risk assessment for foodborne hazards. The strict separation of risk assessment and risk management advocated by the 1983 National Research Council report on risk assessment in the federal government (14) may not be necessary or, in the long run, appropriate (10). However, what we know about risk is always conditioned by background facts, and the facts structured by regulatory imperatives and economic interests can influence the expert evaluation of risk. In addition, because food safety regulators make a practice of congratulating themselves on the safety of the products under their authority and excusing residual risk as being unavoidable (and, therefore, not subject to risk management), it may be difficult to divorce these values from risk assessments conducted by regulators. The results of such risk assessments are likely to poorly serve the public, the food industry, the risk management agencies, and the credibility of the risk assessment process.

Whether CDC directly assesses risks of infectious foodborne hazards or provides fodder for others, the data derived from CDC's mix of epidemiologic and laboratory studies of human diseases can help fill many of the needs for qualitative and quantitative risk assessment of infectious foodborne hazards. The tools CDC uses to study foodborne disease are outbreak investigations, prospective studies of sporadic foodborne disease, laboratory-based surveillance of foodborne pathogens, and the foodborne disease outbreak surveillance system.

During its investigations of foodborne disease outbreaks, CDC identifies hazards in foods. For example, a large outbreak in Nova Scotia in 1981 provided the first evidence for transmission of *Listeria monocytogenes* by uncooked vegetables (20). The epidemiologically implicated coleslaw was shown to be contaminated by the epidemic strain of *L. monocytogenes*, providing microbiological support for the epidemiologic conclusions. Later microbiological studies showed that raw cabbage would support the growth of *L. monocytogenes*, demonstrating how epidemiologic results can help select which foods to study so microbiological results can define critical control points (3).

The largest epidemic of foodborne listeriosis in North America occurred in 1985 in Los Angeles (13). The epidemiologic investigation implicated soft cheese, and the cheese was shown to be contaminated with the outbreak strain of L. monocytogenes. This outbreak unleashed a flood of microbiological and regulatory activity and changes in dairy industry practices, which resulted in a decrease in L. monocytogenes in dairy products. It also stimulated microbiological studies of other processed foods and prompted the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to fund epidemiologic studies of sporadic listeriosis. At that point, finding L. monocytogenes in frozen dairy products, which do not share important risk factors with soft cheese, resulted in regulatory action, whereas finding L. monocytogenes in processed meat and poultry products, which share risk factors with soft cheese, did not. We need to use what we learn as we learn it to effectively and efficiently protect the public's health, but rapidly transforming new data into reasonable public policy is complicated by residual unknowns.

Outbreak investigations have identified other foodborne hazards. Investigations in 1982 identified *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in ground beef as a cause of hemorrhagic colitis (16). In 1988, an outbreak investigation identified pork chitterlings as a source of *Yersinia enterocolitica* infections (11). When implicated foods cannot be cultured or are contaminated at levels that make adequate sampling difficult,

epidemiologic investigations may provide the only available basis for actions to protect the public. They can also help define the range of exposures that result in illness in the community, as they have in a number of cheese-associated outbreaks of salmonellosis. In addition, outbreak investigations can provide information on rates of hospitalization and death, economic costs of illness, and other indicators of severity of disease.

While much can be learned about foodborne disease by investigating outbreaks, additional information is derived from prospective studies of sporadic foodborne diseases. These studies provide data on infection rates in the populations studied, which can help rank foodborne pathogens; the proportion of illness attributable to specific foods, which can help rank food vehicles; and other information useful for characterizing risk. Sporadic case studies on campylobacteriosis and listeriosis have shown the usefulness of this type of epidemiologic and microbiological investigation. The initial FDA-funded case-control studies of sporadic listeriosis that CDC conducted in 1986-87 identified undercooked chicken and non-reheated hot dogs as risk factors for infection (21). While these results stimulated considerable industry interest in determining critical control points during food processing, there was a reluctance to accept epidemiologic data that were unsubstantiated microbiologically. To extend these observations and provide microbiological support for the link between contaminated foods and sporadic disease, CDC conducted further studies in 1988-90. These studies implicated soft cheeses and foods purchased from store delicatessen counters, identified the patient's strain of L. monocytogenes in foods from the patient's refrigerator for a number of cases and, in general, provided microbiological support for the epidemiologic conclusions of the earlier epidemiologic studies (15,19). These efforts resulted in specific dietary recommendations for high-risk consumers, and industry and regulatory measures to prevent contamination of ready-to-eat foods (9). The most recent CDC epidemiologic studies of sporadic listeriosis suggest that the combination of risk management strategies has resulted in a 44% reduction in illness and a 48% reduction in deaths associated with listeriosis (Tappero, Schuchat, Deaver, et al., manuscript submitted, 1994). Thus, epidemiology is also valuable for program evaluation.

Laboratory-based surveillance for foodborne microorganisms at CDC provides important information on disease trends and on characteristics of foodborne pathogens. For example, the laboratory-based Salmonella surveillance system provided the first indication of the emerging Salmonella serotype Enteritidis problem in the early 1980s. Also, periodic examination of a subset of these reference specimens has permitted us to monitor the increasing antimicrobial resistance of Salmonella isolates (12). In addition, laboratorybased surveillance tracks the spread of epidemics. For example, in 1993 these data helped delineate the course and geographic spread of an interstate outbreak of Salmonella serotype Montevideo infections. We traced these infections to consumption of tomatoes, and this investigation has resulted in studies on how to prevent Salmonella contamination of tomatoes.

CDC's system of nationwide foodborne disease outbreak surveillance helps identify factors associated with the occurrence of outbreaks (such as retrospectively determining the association between egg-containing dishes and *Salmonella* serotype Enteritidis infections) and measure the effectiveness of regulatory controls. As an example of the latter, in 1979-1981, data from outbreak investigations demonstrated the growing role of precooked roast beef in outbreaks of foodborne salmonellosis. After microbiological investigations documented that cooked roasts were contaminated and that cooking conditions were inadequate to kill *Salmonella*, USDA cooking requirements were changed. CDC's foodborne disease outbreaks surveillance data indicate that very few salmonellosis outbreaks have since been traced to precooked roast beef.

However, data from the foodborne disease outbreak surveillance system do not accurately reflect the universe of foodborne disease, and they should not be used as the sole source of information for ranking the public health importance of foodborne pathogens, food commodities and food preparation practices (6). In addition, this system lacks sensitivity; it may not detect an outbreak of diarrheal illness involving thousands of cases randomly distributed in a large urban area (2). Thus, people who use the data from this source to emphasize the relative safety of one food commodity or another are using CDC data the way a drunk uses a lamp post — more for support than illumination.

To review, epidemiologic data are useful for hazard identification, dose response assessment, severity assessment, and risk characterization, including identifying the products, processes and people at greatest risk of being associated with foodborne disease. However, critical and only slowly reducible uncertainties remain, and there exists a sense that unsubstantiated epidemiologic studies produce a muddled picture of the magnitude of the risk of particular hazards; whereas hard, quantitative analyses of data from controlled studies represent risks as they really are (10). While epidemiologic data are often sufficient for the first public health reaction to a foodborne hazard, they must be integrated with information from clinical and food microbiological studies to produce credible risk assessments. This is particularly true for exposure assessment and dose response assessment.

Microbial characteristics and patterns of food handling complicate exposure assessment for infectious foodborne hazards. Although microbiological data collected under a variety of environmental conditions can be modeled to predict the frequency and amount of pathogenic microorganisms going into the kitchen, prediction of exposure cannot automatically lead to an assumption of human health risk because the hazard may be eliminated by events between the point of its identification and consumption of the food. Therefore, it is not clear how the level of contamination during production, slaughter, processing, and other stages from farm to kitchen correlates with the potential for disease transmission.

Furthermore, we have no evidence or even any suspicion that foodborne risks to human health are uniformly distributed. Like statistics on the weather, the average level of contamination by pathogenic microorganisms of one agriculture commodity or another is probably a mathematical fiction derived from the extremes that occur in nature, and the extremes are most likely to be associated with measurable public health risk. Therefore, nationwide surveys that provide us information on the average number of *Salmonella* on a broiler carcass or the incidence of *E. coli* 0157:H7 contamination of ground beef, whatever their other utility, are unlikely to be useful in calculating exposure estimates. Reconstructing the chain of events of everything that went wrong to produce an outbreak and determining microbial levels in raw food products leading to those events through well-coordinated epidemiologic and laboratory investigations of outbreaks will be the most fertile ground for exposure assessment data and for developing a predictive data base for elevated risk of foodborne disease outbreaks. Such a data base for sporadic disease will undoubtedly be more difficult to construct.

Dose response assessment is complicated for infectious foodborne disease by variability in the characteristics of the foodborne pathogens as modified by characteristics of the food vehicle, its handling, and the consumer. For example, it is known that various populations are at increased risk of disease following foodborne exposure to *Salmonella*. These populations are grossly characterized as the elderly, the very young, and the immune compromised; the dose of *Salmonella* necessary to cause disease in these groups is characterized as low. As the understanding of the pathogenesis of infection with *Salmonella* improves, the definition of these "at risk" populations can be identified by their specific deficiencies and their risk of illness following measured doses of *Salmonella* predicted more precisely.

Exact data on the minimum infectious dose for humans are generally not possible because of the cost, unethical nature of human experimentation, and uncertainty in extrapolating dose response curves to low exposure levels and in comparing the subpopulation of volunteers with other subpopulations that may be more or less susceptible (4). Although very large doses of Salmonella were required to cause disease in human volunteer studies that have been done (on the order of millions of organisms), a number of outbreaks have been caused by much lower doses, sometimes only 10 to 100 cells. Mathematical approaches have been developed to predict the likelihood of a Giardia cyst in water surviving body defenses to cause infection, and it should be possible to exploit the same logic for foodborne pathogens, although factoring in host susceptibility, vehicle, microorganism, and preparation variables will complicate the model (17). A quantitative risk assessment for the relatively simply analyzed problem of viral contamination of shellfish demonstrates the difficulties these variables present (18). In sum, the quality and quantity of infectious dose data are rarely of the precise form and format required for classical statistical methods, so expert judgment must be used to create a range of estimates for what proportion of the population will become ill at increasing levels of exposure(1). Well-studied outbreaks involving different populations in a variety of settings will help determine the shape of the dose response estimate distribution.

Current epidemiologic data suggest that both illness and death associated with foodborne disease are unacceptably high, that a broad array of potential pathogens contaminate our food supply, and that even though most foodborne diseases could be controlled in the kitchen they are not; therefore, risk reductions at every possible point from farm to table are needed. Epidemiologic data also suggest that our most important foodborne hazards are *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* (on the basis of numbers of reported cases), and *Listeria* and *E. coli* O157:H7 (on the basis of severity of disease), and that foods of animal origin, while not the sole purveyors of contagion, are more often associated with infectious foodborne disease than are other foods.

These conclusions are tentative because of limited epidemiologic data. Deriving firmer conclusions with reduced margins of uncertainty will require large amounts of human resources, financial resources and time. Inasmuch as disease investigation and reporting begins at the local level, the first step toward improved data for infectious foodborne hazard risk assessment will be the repair of our crumbling public health infrastructure at the local level (8). The next step will be establishing active surveillance sites, like those for listeriosis, for the broad range of foodborne pathogens. Microbiological surveys that improve the accuracy of predictions of the load of pathogens entering the kitchen also will be necessary. To this submodel one can add data on population consumption patterns and information from outbreak investigations, such as attack rates and rates of cooking failures and post-cooking contamination, to extend the estimates of microbial load to the consumer's fork. Future epidemiologic and microbiologic studies should be designed with an eye toward how the data derived from these studies can be best applied to risk assessment models.

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Escherichia coli (Including O157:H7): An Environmental Health Perspective

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ABSTRACT

The recent multistate outbreak of intestinal disease in the western United States caused by the consumption of undercooked hamburgers containing pathogenic *Escherichia coli* has generated considerable interest in the disease potential of this species of bacteria.

Adding to this concern is the fact that *E. coli* is a common place microorganism in that it is one of the most commonly found bacteria in the intestinal tract of man and other warm blooded animals.

This species has long been used by the public health community as an indicator of fecal pollution of water, food. dairy and other products. Now it has assumed a new role that of a signicant agent of foodborne illness — in and of itself.

Therefore, Environmental Health personnel will now have to become better acquainted with its disease producing potential. They will also have to learn more about its ecology, as well as bacteriological and serological characteristics so that they can make informed judgements and decisions when confronted with problems caused by this microbial agent. Some of these essentials are the subject of this article.

Bacteriological Characteristics of E. coli.

Escherichia coli is classified as a facultative anaerobiic bacterium which means that it can survive in the presence or absence of oxygen. It is a rod-shaped bacterium and stains negative with the gram's staining procedure. It is non-fastidious in its nutritional requirements and is easily grown on commonplace laboratory culture media.

Taxonomically it is placed in the family Enteropacteriaceas which is made up of several genera of bacteria which are usually associated with the intestinal tract. According to the latest edition of *Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology* (28) there are 20 other genera of bacteria in this family. With respect to intestinal disease other prominent genera in this family include *Salmonella*, *Shigella* and *Yersinia*.

Escherichia coli is often referred to as being a "coliform bacteria" which are classically described as follows: "The coliform bacteria are a group characterized as gram-negative, non-spore forming facultative rod-shaped bacteria that

ferment lactose with the production of acid and gas within 48 h at 350°C" (29).

Because *E. coli* is a common member of the normal intestinal flora of man and animals and is easily grown, it is an ideal organism to use as an indicator of fecal pollution.

Serological characteristics of E. coli.

Strains of *E. coli* can be subdiviied by several methods such bacteriophage typing and antibiotic sensitivity patterns, however, the most widely used method is serologic typing. According to Bergey's (28), "Subdivision of *E. coli* can be carried out in several ways, but serology is one of the most useful ways to subdivide the species on a global basis. This method is based on the many antigenic differences found in structures on the bacterial surface.

Bacterial surfaces contain chemical molecules that are called "antigens." Antigens are proteins or carbohyorates which when injected into an animal, result in the production of antibodies against the antigen. Blood serum of an animal that contains antibodies to a particular antigen is called "antiserum." When antiserum comes in contact with the antigen that it was produced against an immunological reaction takes place.

Antiserum therefore can be used to identify the antigen it was produced against, whose presence will be evidenced by the fact that an immunological reaction takes place when the two are interacted. However, if the antiserum is added to a substance that does not have the antigen, no reaction can take place.

Antiserum against an antigen then can be reacted with an *E. coli* strain and if an immunological reaction does occur, that strain has the antigen against which the antiserum was produced. Antiserum against the various *E. coli* surface antigens can be used to determine which surface antigens a particular strain of *E. coli* possesses. In this way an *E. coli* strain can be "serologically typed."

Four major types of surface antigens which are used in the serologic classification of *E. coli* are the "O", "H", "K" and "F" antigens.

The "O" antigens, also known as "Somatic Antigens", extend from the cell wall and are polysaccharide in nature. Presently 171 different "O" antigens are recognized (28). Each of these is designated by the letter "O" followed by a number, such as O157.

The "O" antigens form the basis for serological classification of *E. coli* and each "O" antigen constitutes a distinct "O" group (also called serogroup).

The "H" antigens, also called flagellar antigens are found on the flagellar surface and are protein in nature. There are 56 known "H" antigens which are designated by the letter "H" followed by a number such as H7. Each "H" antigen constitutes a distinct H type.

The *E. coli* strain that was the cause of the hamburger associated outbreak in the western United States had the O157 polysaccharide antigen on its cell wall and the H7 protein antigen on its flagella hence is designated as *E. coli* O157:H7.

Two other antigen categories often useful in the classification of *E. Coli* are the "K" and "F" antigens. "K" antigens are polysaccharide in nature and are located in the capsule of the bacteria. There are about 80 different "K" antigens. Strains of *E. coli* having the K1 antigen are often found to cause meningitis in the newborn (28).

"F" antigens are protein in nature and are found in the fimbriae (pili) of *E. Coli*. Fimbriae are small hair-like projections, differing from flagella, on the cell wall of *E. coli*. Certain "F" antigens are believed to be responsible for the attachment of certain pathogenic strains of *E. coli* to the epithelial cells of the host's small intestine.

Therefore, the serologic classification of *E. coli* can be put to use in determining what serogroup and serotype of *E. coli* is the cause of a particular infection. If thhe identical serologic pattern is found in a series of other cases which can be epidemiologically linked, it can then be useful in establishing the vehicle of infection and tracing the source of the agent.

In addition, certain "O" and "H" serologic profiles of *E. coli* seem to be associated with very specific kinds of infections. Examples of this will be presented in the material that follows.

Escherichia coli and human illness.

Most strains of *E. coli* found in the intestinal tract are nonpathogenic organisms which do not interfere with the normal processes of the tract. However, certain strains can cause infection when given the right circumstances.

Human *E. coli* infections can be divided into two broad categories, those being intestinal infections, also refered to as diarrheagenic, and extra-intestinal infections. The latter include: urinary tract infections, neonatal meningitis, wound infections, peritonitis and septicemia.

Diarrheagenic *E. coli* can be further subdivided into five types, based on the kind of infection that the causative strain produces in the host as well as the O:H profile of the causative strain. The five types of diarrheagenic *E. coli* are: Enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC), Enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC), Enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC), Enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC), Enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EHEC).

Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC)

Although *E. coli* was originally described in 1885 by Escherich (28) it was not until the works of John S. Bray in the

1940's in the United Kingdom that it became generally accepted as a cause of diarrhea in humans (2).

In its early history it had been associated with outbreaks of summer diarrhea in infants and nosocomial outbreaks. In 1955 the term "enteropathogenic" was applied by Netter to describe those strains of *E. coli* that caused infantile diarrhea (27). Diarrheal illness caused by these agents are usually found in infants less than one year of age(3). Since the 1960s, it has declined as a significant cause of infantile diarrhea in most developed countries. However, it still remains a significant cause of infantile diarrhea, often having high mortality rates, in developing countries (3). Occasional waterborne outbreaks have been reported in developed countries which have involved all age groups (19).

There are several "O" serogroups that are generally found in association with EPEC infections, however, the following nine are the most common: O55, O86, O111, O119, O125, O126, O127, O128ab and O142 (3).

The reservior of this agent is man himself, and the mode of transmission involves human feces which contains the organism. The mode of transmission in hospital nurseries is described as follows (3): "By contaminated infant formula and weaning foods. In infant nurseries, transmission by fomites and by contaminated hands can occur if handwashing techniques are compromised."

Inadaquately treated sewage containing infected feces possibly could contaminate drinking water. The latter then could serve as a vehicle of infection if not properly treated prior to consumption.

Preventive measures include meticulous attention to maintaining high standards of cleanliness in nurseries (3). Particular attention should be placed on proper handwashing techniques and the proper handling, treatment, and disposal of feces and fecally contaminated materials, not only in outbreak situations, but at all times.

Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC).

ETEC is an important cause of dehydrating diarrheal disease of children residing in developing countries, especially in their first three years of life (3). It can also be contracted by individuals from industrialized countries when they visit less developed countries having lower hygienic standards (3).

The latter infection is known as "Travelers' Diarrhea" for which there are many synonyms. Feldman (21) states the following in this regard:

TD probably has more synonyms than any syndrome in clinic; medicine, including turista, Montezuma's revenge, Aztec two-step, GI trots, gyppy tummy, Spanish flux, Casablanca crud, Aden gut, Basra belly, Turkey trot, Hong Kong dog, Poona poohs, Malta dog, Rangoon runs, Tokyo trots, Trotsky's Bombay runs, Ho Chi Minhs, and emporiatric enteritis.

The symptoms of ETEC enteritis resemble those of Cholera. The diarrhea produced is described as being profuse, watery, without blood, along with abdominal cramps, vomiting, prostration and dehydration. Fever, if present, is of a low grade (3).

Enterotoxigenic strains of *E. coli* produce enterotoxin which is defined as an exotoxin produced by bacteria which

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has a detrimental effect on the intestinal tract. There are two types of enterotoxins produced by ETEC strains. One is heat labile and called LT, the other is heat stable and called ST.

The production of enterotoxin is one of the ways that ETEC can be differentiated from EPEC strains which do not produce enterotoxin.

In addition to producing an enterotoxin, it is felt that certain addhesive factors associated with the fimbriae (small hair-like projections extending from the cell wall) enable ETEC strains to attach to the mucosal cells of the intestinal tract. The organisms thereby become anchored to the intestinal tissue and can colonize the area which thereby becomes infected (18).

The "O" serogroups most frequently found in association with ETEC infections include: O6, O8.015, O2O, O25, O27, O63, O78, O8O, O114, O115, O128ac, O148, O153, O159 and O167 (*3*).

It should be noted that there is usually no overlapping between the serogroups of *E. coli* that are classified as EPEC and ETEC or any other category of *E. coli* infections to be subsequently discussed.

The reservior of ETEC strains pathogenic to humans is man himself. The mode of transmission is usually food or water that becomes contaminated with fecal matter from a clinical case or an apparent or inapparent carrier. Direct contact transmission via fecally contaminated hands is not believed to play a role in transmission (3).

Outbreaks of ETEC infections have been reported in hospital nurseries, and also as a result of food and water contamination. A large waterborne outbreak occurred during June and July, 1975, among 200 staff and 2,000 visitors to Crator Lake National Park in Oregon. The outbreak was characterized by diarrhea, cramps, nausea and vomiting which lasted about eight days. The park's shallow spring water supply was found to be contaminated with ETEC O6:K15:H16. The park's chlorination system was found to be inadequate in that drinking water in some parts of the park contained chlorine whereas other parts did not. This was the first outbreak of disease caused by ETEC in which the organism and its mode of transmission was clearly defined (*31*).

During September, 1983, three outbreaks of intestinal illness attributed to ETEC occurred in Washington D.C. following office parties. There was a strong statistical association between eating imported Brie cheese and illness. The cheese was produced in France during July, 1983, and was imported and distributed in Washington, D.C. and 13 states. Similar clinical illness was associated with eating the same brand of semi-soft cheese in four states. The serotype of the etiologic was O27:H20 which produced an enterotoxin (9, 10).

In 1990, Black (5) in a review of studies on the etiologic agents and epidemiology of Travelers' Diarrhea reported between 1969-1987 noted a similar median attack rate of 53-54% among groups of travelers to Latin America, Asia and Africa. It was also noted that the etiologic agent most frequently isolated was ETEC followed by *Shigella*.

Kozicki (23) in 1985 reported on a follow-up study done on 688 air charter passengers who had traveled to Kenya, West Africa or Sri Lanka, Maldives. It was noted that within the first three days of their visit, 98% of the travelers ate foods or drank beverages, avoidance of which had been traditionally recommended. This points out the need for more effective pre-trip education of travelers to areas noted for Travelers' Diarrhea.

Doyle and Padhye in 1989 (19) reviewed several other outbreaks of ETEC gastroenteritis which occurred following social functions, in hospital cafeterias and nurseries, in restaurants and aboard cruise ships.

Preventive measures include the institution of controls which prevent fecal to oral spread of infection (3). Travelers to areas having endemic problems with ETEC infection should be advised to avoid high risk foods. Prior to departure such travelers should discuss prophylactic medication with their own physicians and seek advice on what to do in the event that they display symptoms of infection while traveling.

Enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC).

EIEC strains produce an inflammatory disease of the intestinal tract which closely resembles bacterial dysentary which is caused by *Shigella dysenteriae*. The colon is the predominant site of bacterial localization where the microorganisms invade the mucosal epithelial cells and grow inside the cells and produce lesions. Symptoms include diarrheal stools which contain blood and mucus (3).

Not only do the clinical symptoms of disease caused by EIEC and *Shigella* resemble one another, but some of the characteristics of both bacteria are also similar. For example *Shigella* are non-motils because they lack flagella. The same is true of most EIEC strains. In contrast, the majority of other types of *E. coli* strains possess flagella and are therefore motile.

The first major foodborne occurrences of EIEC infection in the U.S. occurred during November and December, 1971.

There were 96 separate outbreaks involving at least 227 persons in eight states and the District of Columbia (7,8). The causative agent was *E. coli* O:124 which was isolated from stools of some of the ill as well as from samples of imported French Brie and Camembert cheese which were implicated as the vehicle of infection. The implicated cheese was produced in a factory in France and was distributed to consignees in the District of Columbia and 13 states.

Investigation revealed that a malfunctioning water filter system was used during the processing of the implicated cheese to filter river water which was used for cleaning the plant (19).

Onset of symptoms was usually 24 h after eating the cheese and included vomiting, diarrhea, fever, headache and myalgia (muscle pain). Some patients reported bloody stools (8).

The "O" groups usually involved in EIEC infections include: O28ac, O29, O112, O124, O136, O143, O144, O152, O164 and O167 (3). O124 is the group most frequently encountered (19).

Doyle and Padhye (19) reviewed outbreaks caused by EIEC which occurred in the U.S., Hungary, Britain, Australia and Czecnoslovakia, which occurred in schools, including schools for the retarded, in hospital cafeterias and nurseries, homes for the elderly and abroad cruise ships.

The reservoir of the agent is not animals or foods derived from animal sources but is man himself (3). Therefore, control efforts must be placed on the proper management of fecal matter derived from infected individuals, including active cases and carriers and effective sewage control. Infected fecal matter from these sources must be prevented from contaminating food and drinking material.

Enteroadherent E. coli (EAEC).

The most recent category of *E. coli* to be recognized in association with diarrheal disease is EAEC. The term "Enteroadherent" was proposed by Mathewson et al (25) in 1983 to describe strains of *E. coli* that were neither EPEC nor ETEC which were isolated from students who traveled to Mexico and contracted Travelers' Diarrhea.

The pnenomenon c- an "Adhesive Factor" among pathogenic strains of *E. coli* was originally described by Cravioto in 1979 (14) in a study done con strains of *E. coli* that caused infantile diarrhea. They found that some of these strains that caused diarrhea had the ability to adhere to HEp-2 tissue culture cells in a charcteristic manner.

HEp-2 tissue culture cells are usually used to grow viruses, in the laboratory, but in this case they were found useful in the identification of EAEC. HEp-2 is a line of epithelial-like cells that was originally isolated from weanling rats and have been continually growing, mainly for virus cultivation (22).

This adhesive factor of EAEC was found to be different from the fimbriae associated "F" antigens in ETEC infections which enable the ETEC strains to attach to epithelial cells of the intestinal tract of man (14).

In 1987 Mathewson et al reported a study of diarrhea among Mexican children which sugested that EAEC is a significant cause of pediatric diarrheal illness in Mexico. They further stated, "EAEC is a definition based on a virulence characteristic rather than on *E. coli* serotype" (26).

Therefore, the serologic classification of EAEC strains may not be restricted to certain "O" groups as in other types of *E. coli* intestinal infections. An in depth epidemiological understanding of and control measures for EAEC infections awaits serologic and virulence factor clarification.

Enterohemorrnagic E. coli (EHE2).

In the latter part of 1992 and early 1993, an outbreak of foodborne illness occurred in four western states which was found to be associated with the consumption of undercooked hamburgers served in restaurants of a national food chain. Between November 15, 1992, and February 28, 1993, there were over 500 laboratory confirmed cases which included four deaths. The causative agent was EHECO157:H7 (12,13).

The restaurant chain instituted an interstate recall which resulted in the recovery of approximately 272,672 patties which represented 20% of the implicated patties. In addition a meat trace-back by the Communicable Diseaase Center, U.S. Public Health Service, Atlanta, GA, identified five slaughter plants in the U.S. and one in Canada as probable sources of the carcasses used in the contaminated lots of meat. The animals slaughtered in the U.S. facilities were traced to farms and auctions in six western states. No one slaughter plant could be implicated as the sole source (13).

The usual symptoms of illness included diarrhea, which was often bloody, and abdominal cramps, with little or no fever. Illness usually lasted 6 to 8 days (13).

Symptoms are usually more pronounced in the young and the elderly. Both of these age groups are more prone to developing complications. A serious complication of infection with EHEC is the Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) which develops in 2-7% of those ill with EHEC intestinal infection (13).

HUS is characterized by renal failure, microangiopathic hemolytic anemia (anemia where the red blood cells are smaller than normal and have shortened survival) and severe thrombocytopenia purpura (reduction in the number of blood platelets) (15). Patients suffering from this syndrome often require kidney dialysis or need blood transfusions. In addition it could lead to central nervous system complications (16). HUS has a death rate of between 3-5% (13).

The first two outbreaks of EHEC O157:H7 colitis in the U.S. that was intensely studied occurred in Oregon and Michigan in 1982. Forty-seven people were affected who ate beef patties which were apparently undercooked and served in restaurants belonging to a fast food chain. The organism was isolated from stools of some of the ill and from a beef patty made from suspect meat in Michigan (*30*).

Spika et al. (33) reported on an outbreak of HUS and diarrheal illness associated with EHEC O157:H7 that occurred in a day care center in 1984. They concluded, "*E. coli* O157:H7 can cause Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome and both non-bloody and bloody diarrhea, and can spread within families and through modes other than foodborne transmission." The latter type of spread was speculated to be person to person and through fomite.

A nursing home outbreak of EHEC O157:H7 infection that occurred in Nebraska in September, 1984, was reported by Ryan et al. (32) which involved 34 out of 101 residents. There were four deaths. Hamburger was implicated as the vehicle of infection. Regarding the type of illness involved the authors reported, "The spectrum of illness associated with the infection was broad and involved the following: asymptomatic infection, non-bloody diarrhea, hemorrhagic colitis, hemolytic uremic syndrome and death.

Another outbreak in a nursing home which occurred in southwestern Ontario in September, 1985, was reported by Carter et al. (6). This outbreak was characterized by an unusually high rate of morbidity and mortality. There were no deaths among the staff, however 17 of 19 deaths in affected residents was attributed directly to their infection. The investigators concluded that the initial source of the infection was probably food related, which was subsequently followed by person to person spread.

In 1986, Martin et al. (24) reported finding *E. coli* O157:H7 in the fecal matter of dairy cattle on two dairy farms. Two infants developed HUS after consuming raw milk produced on these farms.

In 1990, an outbreak of intestinal illness caused by *E. coli* O157:H7 occurred among 70 of 2000 attendees at an agricultural threshing show in North Dakota. Food histories implicated roast beef served at a buffet-style dinner as the probable vehicle of infection (*11*).

Fresh pressed apple cider was reported as the probable vehicle of infection in an outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 infection which occurred in southern Massachusetts during the fall

of 1991. The cider was reported to have been produced from unwashed apples which had been picked mostly from the ground. It was non-pasteurized and had no preservatives added. The agent was not isolated from any of the cider examined, however, there was a statistically significant association between drinking one particular brand of cider and illness. It was speculated that the apples could have been contaminated with fecal matter when they fell to the ground, or else they could have been contaminated in the process since the mill press operator also raised cattle (4).

Serotypes O26:H11 3nd O111:H8 have also been implicated as the cause of *E. coli* enterohemorrhagic intestinal disease (3).

Epidemiologically, since the agent is present in the intestinal tract of normal animals, it could very easily contaminate the surface of meat during the slaughtering process. It could tnen easily be distributed through meat products such as hamburger during the grinding process. Inadequte refrigeration, followed by insufficient heat in the preparation process could result in the live agent being consumed by man. Though cattle are believed to be the major reservior of EHEC, market surveys on fresh meat revealed that EHEC were present in about 1-3% of beef, pork, chicken and lamb samples tested (17).

Control measures include the following recommendations and regulations announced by the Food and Drug Administration and the Food Safety Inspection Service. In an article published in the July-August 1993 issue of FDA Consumer Magazine entitled "Recommended Temperatures for Cooking Ground Beef," (20) the following recommendations were made:

FDA has raised the cooking temperature it recommends for cooking ground beef products. The recommendation, published in the agency's model food codes, now reads 'ground beef products should be cooked to heat all parts of the food to at least 155° F. 'This is an increase from the previously recommended 140° F. At the newly recommended temperature, the ground beef product will not be pink at the center and juices will be clear.

In another article, entitled "Final Fatty Rule Published," published in the July-August 1993 issue of *News-O-Gram* the following was stated:

FSIS has published a final rule governing cooking, cooling, handling, and storage of uncured meat patties. The regulation will take effect September 1 and will affect 'hamburgers, Salisbury steaks, breaded and battered chopped veal steaks, beef and pork sausage patties' ... The rule added, 'The production process for ground meat assures that any present pathogens will be distributed throughout the product, including the interior, while bacteria tend to remain on the surface of steaks, roasts and chops ... Because a rare steak is thoroughly cooked at the surface, one can assume that any pathogenic bacteria are killed. The fact a rare patty is thoroughly cooked at the surface does not provide such assurance '... The regulation gave the following minimal holding times for minimum internal temperatures at the center of fully-cooked-patties: 41 s at 151°F; 32 s at 152°F; 2b s at 153°F; 20 s at 154°F; 10 s at 155°F; 13 s at 156°F; and 10 s at 157°F and above. 'Fully cooked patties shall be cooled to an internal temperature of 40° F or below within 2 h after heat processing,' the rules said. (1).

In addition, the FSIS is in the process of establishing a safe handling label ruling for raw meat and poultry products (1).

SUMMARY

The recent outbreaks of foodborne illness in the western U.S. caused by pathogenic *E. coli* pointed out the necessity for environmental health professionals to reacquaint themselves with the various types of human infections that this species of bacteria is capable of causing in man.

Initially, in this article, some of the basic bacteriological and serological characteristics of *E. coli* are presented. This is followed by a discussion of the five different kinds of pathogenic *E. coli* involved in human gastrointestinal infections, those being: Enteropathogenic, Enterotoxigenic, Enteroinvasive, Enteroadherent and Enterohemorrhagic. The epidemiology of each is considered along with control measures.

Human gastrointestinal disease caused by each of these different kinds of pathogenic *E. coli* involve environmental aspects in their spread. These implications are considered.

Therefore, effective control measures for each of these will necessitate informed and updated environmental health professionals. Materials on pathogenic *E. coli*, including updated governmental recommendations and regulations, should be an imperative part of continuing education programs for all environmental health professionals involved in food control programs.

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News

Hickok Receives Salt Institute's 1994 Tony J. Cunha Award

David Hickok

D avid Hickok, a graduate student of the University of Nebraska/Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in Lincoln has received the Salt Institute's 1994 Tony J. Cunha Award of \$1,500 to assist with proposed research.

Six years ago, the Salt Institute initiated this award to commemorate Dr. Tony J. Cunha's contributions in promoting the understanding of the role salt plays in animal nutrition and to recognize the need for continuing re-

search in this important area. Salt Institute Technical Director Bruce Bertram noted, "The 1994 Award was presented to the graduate student whose proposed research project showed the greatest promise of furthering our understanding of the role salt plays in animal diets or the benefits of salt as a carrier for trace minerals." Hickok's proposed research project will determine factors that influence trace element composition of saliva in cows.

Bertram pointed out, "This particular submission by David Hickok gained strong support from the panel of experts reviewing the applications." Previous research areas awarded included "Salt and Trace Mineral Supplementation of Stocker Cattle Grazing Fescue"; "Interrelationships of Dietary Sodium, Potassium and Chlorine and Cation-Anion Difference in Lactation Rations"; "The Effects of Varying Levels of Feed Grade and Purified Sea Salt on the Performance of Broiler Chicks"; "The Utilization of Salt as a Carrier for DL-Methionine in Self-fed Salt Mineral Mixtures"; "Salt Deficiency in Early Age Broilers"; and "Sodium Chloride Supplementation During Heat Distress in Poultry."

The 1995 Tony J. Cunha Award will be announced in April, 1995. For more information, contact the Salt Institute at 700 North Fairfax, No. 600, Alexandria, VA 22314, or call (703) 549-4648.

Wartheson Spends Sabbatical Leave from University of Minnesota with American Association of Cereal Chemists

D r. Joseph J. Warthesen, professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota, will divide his sabbatical year between the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC) and the University of Minnesota.

Warthesen will work on AACC programs including the electronic publishing and retrieval of AACC information; a cereals correspondence course; an in-house cereal chemistry course for staff; a new handbook series to be published by Eagan Press; feature articles for *Cereal Foods World*; and short courses.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Warthesen as our first sabbatical appointment at AACC headquarters," said Steven C. Nelson, AACC Executive Vice President. "It is a great opportunity for us to have someone working with us as we develop several new member services. It adds an element in ensuring user relevance to these products."

A member of AACC since 1971, Warthesen has held various positions within the association such as national president, chairman of the board, chairman of Eagan Press and acting editor-inchief of *Cereal Chemistry*. He is co-course director for the Introduction to Food Chemistry, an educational short course that has offered multiple times in varied locations.

Warthesen joined the University of Minnesota in 1974 after completing his graduate work at Oregon State University. He teaches food chemistry emphasizing the chemical reactions occurring in foods and food analysis. Warthesen's research interests include vitamin retention in foods, application of high performance liquid chromatography to food analysis, non-enzymatic browning and proteins. He has published over 65 research articles and papers.

Buss Awarded Laboratorian of the Year

Fritz Buss, Technical Director and Senior Product Manager at Nelson-Jameson, Inc., was named recipient of the Joseph Mitayas Laboratorian of the Year for 1994.

The award was presented by the Wisconsin Laboratory Association at a meeting in Waukesha, WI on September 8. The award is given for significant contributions to laboratory science and is the highest award given by the Association.

Presenting the award was George Nelson, professor, chairman and microbiologist at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie. In his remarks, Nelson noted that Buss has been a valuable resource to laboratory professionals and has promoted education for laboratory personnel.

The Wisconsin Laboratory Association was founded in 1976 by a group of laboratorians committed to promoting professionals and in furthering education in disciplines, such as water, wastewater, dairy, food, public health, hazardous wastes, cosmetics and paper. Mitayas, now deceased, was a leader in these efforts.

Carbondale Teenager Suggests Vinegar to Combat *Salmonella*

The Chicago Tribune reported that 17-year-old Rachana Gupta of Carbondale, IL., has conducted 4 years of experiments and determined that soaking chicken in a solution of four teaspoons of vinegar per cup of water before cooking kills most, if not all, of the *Salmonella*. She said the chicken should be rinsed with water before cooking to get rid of the vinegar taste. She observed that while cooking chicken thoroughly kills most of the *Salmonella*, there is a problem with *Salmonella* getting on preparation surfaces and contaminating other foods. This method, she said, eliminates that problem. Reprinted from *Food Chemical News*, **October 3, 1994**.

Stonyfield Farm Yogurt Appoints Director of Research and Development and Quality Assurance

K asireddy (Kasi) C. Reddy has been appointed Director of Research and Development and Quality Assurance for Stonyfield Farm, Inc., the nation's fastest growing yogurt maker.

Reddy comes to his new post with more than 10 years of experience in dairy science. His previous positions have included Director of Research and Development and Quality Assurance for Richland Valley Products, Inc., a frozen dairy and nondairy novelty product company. Reddy administered the product development and quality assurance, and successfully managed the industrialization of over 300 frozen dairy and nondairy novelty products.

He also worked as Formulation/Research Manager for the Dannon Company where he developed Aspartame sweetened nonfat blended yogurt (Dannon Light) and administered reformulation, product and process development for various cultured and frozen yogurt products. In addition, Reddy served as Vice President of Research and Development, Quality Control and Manufacturing (Plant Operations) at Zack's Frozen Yogurt.

Cooking with Low-fat Spreads May Be Recipe for Disaster

A double layer cake, lovingly prepared for a birthday celebration, is about to emerge from the oven. Unfortunately, the finished result is as flat as a DeSoto spare tire. What went wrong?

The answer could be fat — or more specifically, the lack of it. According to Arun Kilara, professor of food science in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, America's love affair with no-fat or low-fat margarine may be at the heart of many failed recipes.

"Twenty years ago, if you substituted margarine for butter in recipes, you wouldn't have seen much difference," Kilara says.

When recipes fail today, Kilara explains, the blame often can be laid at the door of low-fat margarine. "To make these margarines more attractive to consumers, fat is reduced and water is added," Kilara says. "These spreads taste fine on muffins or toast, but if you put some in a pan to fry an egg, the water evaporates quickly and there is very little fat left to fry anything." "The person who buys the low-fat margarine may not realize you have to use more than the recipe calls for to get enough fat content to make the recipe work," he says.

Kilara points out that butter is about 80% milk fat and 16% water. Margarine is made from vegetable oils that are chemically transformed into solids, creating a different kind of fat, which contains trans-fatty acids. The ratio of fat to water in regular margarine is about the same as in butter.

After margarine became popular during World War II (due to butter rationing and lower prices), consumers asked for soft-spread margarines. These spreads are typically about 60% fat, 40% water. In the '80s and '90s, consumers demanded "lite" products. Kilara says lite margarines have about 30% fat and 70% water. No-fat margarines, usually made from starches and other additives, have about 5% fat.

"Fat is what gives a pastry or a pie crust its structure and other foods their crispiness," Kilara explains. "If you replace fat with low-fat products it is very difficult to get the recipe to come out right. In food science we say, 'Fat is what makes the world beautiful." Kilara says cooks can use lite margarines, but they must use enough fat to make the recipe work. For example, a pound cake requires a pound of butter, a pound of sugar, and a pound of flour. To make the recipe work with lite margarines, a cook would have to use 2 1/2 lbs. of a lite margarine or 16 lbs. of a no-fat spread.

Margarine also has lost some of its luster as a healthier alternative to butter. One recent study linked the trans-fatty acids in margarine and processed foods to heart disease and some types of cancer. Another study found that trans-fatty acids increase low-density lipoprotein ("bad" cholesterol) and decreased highdensity lipoproteins ("good" cholesterol).

Butter, of course, has been linked to cholesterol and contains saturated fats that are thought to promote heart disease. Kilara says butter is about 50% saturated fats. "The pendulum is swinging the other way," Kilara says of the increasing use of butter. "Certainly the flavor of butter can't be beat. Mother Nature is much better at these things than chemists."

"It has been used for millennia, so the safety record for butter cannot be disputed," he adds. Kilara recommends using butter for recipes, simply because it provides better flavor. "Don't be afraid to experiment and use a little less to reduce calories without sacrificing taste and texture," he says.

Federal recommendations say that fat should account for no more than 30% of total calories in an adult diet. "We should get away from the concept of good food/bad food. It's the overall diet that matters," Kilara says.

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[Docket No. 94D-0265]

The Seafood List—FDA Guide to Acceptable Market Names for Seafood Sold in Interstate Commerce; Availability

Agency: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

Action: Notice of availability.

Summary: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of The Seafood List. The Seafood List is a revision of the "FDA Guide to Acceptable Market Names for Food Fish Sold in Interstate Commerce" (The Fish List), which was developed jointly with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). It compiles existing names that are recommended or required for use in labeling seafood products in interstate commerce.

Dates: Written comments by December 13, 1994.

Addresses: The Seafood List is available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC 20402, 202-783-3238, at cost of \$6.00 per copy. Orders should reference GPO Stock No. 017-012-00-366-4. Submit written comments on The Seafood List to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20857. Comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The Seafood List and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For Further Information Contact: Spring C. Randolph, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-416), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3160.

Supplementary Information: In recent years there has been an increase in seafood consumption in the United States, along with increased importation of unfamiliar seafood and use of different names for the same seafood in different regions of the country. These changes have led FDA and NMFS to recognize the need for a single source of recommended or required market names for seafood sold in interstate commerce in the United States.

In 1988, the Fish List was published by FDA to provide a source of names that would facilitate order in the marketplace and reduce confusion among consumers. Although this list has had significant success in achieving its goals, its usefulness has been limited by the fact that it did not address invertebrate seafood species (mollusks and crustaceans). To alleviate this problem and to update The Fish List, FDA included vertebrate and invertebrate species of seafood in its current revision. In addition, to reflect its broader coverage, FDA has renamed it The Seafood List.

The Seafood List represents an extensive, although not complete, listing of seafood commonly sold in the United States. This list included market names, scientific names, common names, and vernacular names for seafood sold in the United States. The agency advises that the listed common name or market name should be used to market seafood sold in interstate commerce. Vernacular names are included on this list for information purposes only and to encourage references to the acceptable common or market name. While a vernacular name may be used within the region, where the name is commonly used, the agency discourages the use of such names. FDA notes that the use of the name outside the region where the name is commonly used may mislead consumers and cause the agency to take regulatory action.

FDA used the following criteria in determining which species to include on the list:

- The species is currently sold in interstate commerce in the United States or has a strong potential for sale;
- 2) The species is not listed as endangered; and
- The species is not prohibited by law or policy from sale in interstate commerce.

FDA used the following sources in determining the scientific nomenclature, common names, market names and vernacular names that it included in the list:

- 1) Common or usual names prescribed by Federal regulation.
- 2) In the absence of a required common or usual name, the American Fisheries Society's (AFS) "List of Common and Scientific Names of Mollusks and Crustaceans from the United States and Canada" was the primary reference that FDA consulted.
- For species not listed in the AFS reference, FDA used the following references, in the order of priority:
 - a) Food and Agriculture Organization species catalogues identification worksheets; and
 - b) source country reference for species originating outside the United States.

FDA based its determination on the appropriate market name on the common usage in the U.S marketplace. When more than one name is used for a species, FDA based its determination on the above references and on consultation with NMFS. Use of the common and market names supplied in this list will promote consistency in labeling among various areas of the United States and will enhance the ability of the consumer to make informed choices among seafood products. In addition, The Seafood List will provide the industry with uniform nomenclature and assurance that the use of the listed common market names for seafood products will be in compliance with food labeling requirements. This list will also serve as a resource document for FDA and NMFS to provide consistent advice to inquiries. The agency recommends that a manufacturer or distributor who contemplates use of a name other than the listed common or market name first consult with FDA. Such a discussion may prevent expenditure of money and effort for labeling that may mislead consumers and cause the agency to take regulatory action.

Interested persons may, on or before December 13, 1994, submit written comments regarding The Seafood List to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments will be used to determine whether amendments to or revisions of The Seafood List are warranted.

Dated September 6, 1994.

William K. Hubbard, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Policy. [FR Doc. 94-22647 Filed 9-13-94; 8:45 a.m.]

International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians, Inc.

BALANCE SHEET		Feagan			
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1994		Award	Description of	E	
	General	Endowment	Restricted	Foundation	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 109,897	\$ 5,367	\$ 4,592	\$ 9,592	\$ 129,448
Investments				49,727	49,727
Certificates of deposit	46,929				46,929
Accounts receivable	39,267			1,260	40,527
Note receivable		16,369			16,369
Interfund receivables (payables)	2,256			(2,256)	
Inventories	5,928				5,928
Other assets	18,303				18,303
Equipment, net of					
accumulated depreciation	47,231				47,231
TOTAL	\$ 269,811	\$ 21,736	\$ 4,592	\$ 58,323	\$ 354,462
LIABILITIES AND					
FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 68,774				\$ 68,774
Accrued and other liabilities	19,576				19,576
Unearned revenue	222,827				222,827
Total liabilities	311,177				311,177
Fund balance	(41,366)	\$ 21,736	\$ 4,592	\$ 58,323	43,285
TOTAL	\$ 269,811	\$ 21,736	\$ 4,592	\$ 58,323	\$ 354,462

STATEMENT OF REVENUE	ES AND EXPENSE	S	Feagan			
FOR THE TEAK ENDED A	00001 51,1774	General	Endowment	Restricted	Foundation	
	Budget	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Totai
REVENUES						
Advertising	\$ 137,500	\$ 142,566				\$ 142,566
Membership	250,000	220,942				220,942
Communication	330,000	327,109				327,109
Administrative	17,000	14,245				14,245
Annual meeting	128,000	146,360				146,360
Workshops	19,500	8,955				8,955
Feagan Award						
Endowment Fund			\$ 10,859			10,859
Restricted Fund				\$ 1,192		1,192
Foundation Fund	7,500				\$ 12,516	12,516
Total revenues	889,500	860,177	10,859	1,192	12,516	884,744
EXPENSES						
Salaries and benefits	354,483	325,354				325,354
Building operations	36,500	38,355				38,355
Office operations	98,050	88,459				88,459
Professional services	18,000	29,307				29,307
Publications	230,000	229,013				229,013
Travel	27,500	9,893				9,893
Executive board	11,000	8,137				8,137
General committee	7,500	2,579				2,579
Miscellaneous	4,500	6,670				6,670
Annual meeting	80,000	105,314				105,314
Workshops	10,000	8,151				8,151
Feagan Award Endowment Fund						
Restricted Fund				80		80
Foundation Fund	7,500				9,884	9,884
Total expenses	885,033	851,232		80	9,884	861,196
Excess of revenues over						
expenses	\$ 4,467	\$ 8,945	\$ 10,859	\$ 1,112	\$ 2,632	\$ 23,548

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Dean Foods Announces Election of New Director

Dean Foods Company announced the election of John S. Llewellyn, Jr., as a Director of Dean Foods Company. Llewellyn is President and Chief Executive Officer of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., Lakeville-Middleboro, MA.

Llewellyn received a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School in 1961 and his Bachelor of Arts de-

gree from Holy Cross College in 1956, and he served in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Captain. He resides in Hingham, MA with his wife, Mary Martha, and family.

Dean Foods is a diversified food processor and distributor, producing a full line of dairy and other food products, including fluid milk, cottage cheese, ice cream and frozen novelties, frozen yogurt and specialty foods such as canned and frozen vegetables, dips, pickles, relishes, powdered coffee creamers, peanut butter, syrups and aseptic products. Products are sold to supermarkets, specialty food stores, foodservice facilities, and other food processors and internationally.

biomérieux Vitek Appoints New President

Philippe Archinard has been named president of bioMérieux Vitek, Inc. Most recently, Archinard served as assistant to the company's chairman.

Since joining bioMérieux in 1985, Archinard has served in a number of management positions in R&D and Marketing in France as well as in the U.S. His last position prior to his recent return to the U.S. was that of director of the European Immunoassay Business.

Archinard holds an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Ecole Normale Superieure de Chimie de Montpellier. He earned his graduate degree in biochemistry from the Universite des Sciences and his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Claude Bernard University. He has also completed Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development.

A leading producer of manual, semi-automated and fully automated biomedical diagnostic systems, bioMérieux Vitek serves clinical and industrial laboratories around the world.

HFM Hits 1,000 Members

The National Society for Healthcare Foodservice Management (HFM) has reached the 1,000 member milestone. HFM now has members in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The 6-year-old Society, founded to provide education, training, networking and support for self-operated healthcare foodservice managers, has had a phenomenal growth from 280 members in January of 1991. The announcement was made at HFM's largest National Training Conference ever just concluded at the Breakers in Palm Beach, FL. Jay Seyss of Columbia/HCA received the Society's first Architect's Award for sponsoring 38 new operator members during 1994.

Joe Bourgeois Joins Sparta Brush Company

Jack Larson, President of Sparta Brush Company has announced that Joe Bourgeois has joined Sparta as Director of Sales for the Western Region.

Bourgeois' responsibilities will include: managing and training sales representatives, food service chains and buying group accounts, covering regional and

national trade shows, and new business development.

Previously, Bourgeois was employed as Director of Sales-Western Region for Continental/SiLite International. He started in the food industry as an Account Manager for Libbey Glass, Inc. in 1984.

Sparta Brush Company is a leading manufacturer of high quality, specialized brushes for the food service and food processing industry.

ASDA Announces New Officers

The ADSA Board of Directors were announced June 11, 1994 at the Opening Session of the 89th Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association, hosted by University of Minneapolis. The new officers begin their terms immediately.

Ronald L. Richter, Department of Animal Science, TX A&M University, College Station, was named Vice President.

New directors are, from the Dairy Foods Division, Genevieve Christen, University of Tennessee, and, from the Production Division, Roger P. Natzke, University of Florida. Roger W. Hemken, University of Kentucky, will become the new ADSA President, and Bill Sandine, Oregon State University, will become Past President. Bob Marshall, University of Missouri, will remain as Treasurer. Remaining directors are Carl Polan, Virginia Tech; Harold Swaisgood, North Carolina State University; Leonard Bull, North Carolina State University; and Mary Ellen Sanders, independent consultant, Littleton, CO. Doug Emmons, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, will become Editor of the *Journal of Dairy Science* at year end; returning Associate Editors are Les Hansen, University of Minnesota, and Mike Murphy, University of Illinois.

Retiring from the board after this year's meeting are: Jimmy H. Clark, University of Illinois, Past President; David Smith, University of Minnesota, Director; Jerry Young, Eli Lilly, Director; and John Fuquay, Mississippi State University, Editor, *Journal of Dairy Science*.

David S. Ring Promoted to Sales V.P. at World Dryer

World Dryer Corporation President, Randy M. Cordova, has announced the appointment of David S. Ring to Vice President of Sales and Service. Ring will be responsible for the company's continued sales growth in all areas. David has been National Sales Manager ('90-'92) and Director of U.S.

Sales ('92-'94) with World, and was previously employed by Hobart Corporation ('81-'90). He holds a degree in Marketing from Bowling Green State University and lives with his wife and daughter in Naperville, IL.

World Dryer, the global leader in electric warm air hand dryers and hand sanitation equipment, distributes products in over 77 countries and sells in the U.S. through 43 multi-line rep organizations. Cordova states, "With the expansion of our automatic hand wash station line, touchless products for public washrooms, and Electric-Aire brand, World needs the direction and commitment David offers in this new position to move us through the 90s."

For further information, contact World Dryer Corporation, 5700 McDermott Drive, Berkeley, IL 60163, (708) 449-6950.

Fristam Pumps Announces Promotions

Gary Bymers has been promoted to International Sales Manager of Fristam Pumps, Inc. In his new assisgnment, Gary will be responsible for developing international markets including: Venezuela, Columbia, Central America and Mexico. He will also be responsible for better communication between Fristam Pumps, its sister companies worldwide, and parent company, Fristam Puumpen of Germany.

Bymers received an undergraduate Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been with Fristam Pumps for 5 years.

John Delmage has been named Vice President of Sales for Fristam Pumps, Middleton, WI. Delmage will oversee the entire sales department functions. Along with 10 years of industry experience, John holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albany State University in Albany, NY.

Tom Holdorf has been named Senior Vice President of Operations for Fristam Pumps, Middleton, WI. Holdorf is responsible for managing Manufacturing, Purchasing, Industrial Engineering, and Production and Inventory Control. Holdorf has been with Fristam for 9 years.

Christopher Richards has joined the company as Quality Assurance Manager. Richards will be responsible for continuous improvement of the quality functions at Fristam Pumps.

With a background in manufacturing management, Richards brings to Fristam over 24 years experience in the field of Quality Assurance in casting, machining and electrochemical industries.

Richards holds a degree in Physics from the University of Iowa. He has maintained certification as a Certified Quality Engineer with the American Society for Quality Control since 1977. We welcome Richards to Fristam Pumps.

David Skora has been appointed Vice President-Finance. Skora is responsible for managing accounting and computer systems within the company.

Skora has been with Fristam Pumps for 8 years. Skora has a BBA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He achieved certification as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) in May of 1991.

Wolfgang Stamp, Chairman of the Board of Fristam Pumps, Inc., recently appointed Bill Wanezek President of Fristam Pumps, Middleton, WI. Wanezek has been with Fristam Pumps for nearly 11 years and has been Vice President of the company for the past 7 years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Fristam Pumps, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of sanitary centrifugal and positive displacement pumps sold to the food, dairy, beverage and pharmaceutical/biotech industries.

New Officers to the Association of Water Technologies

The Association of Water Technologies (AWT) proudly announces the appointment of its 1994 – 1995 officers: Jack Altschuler, Maram Corporation (President); John Baum, Craft Products Company, Inc. (Past President); Brent Chettle, W.E.S.T., Inc. (President-elect); Joe Hannigan, Klenzoid, Inc. (Secretary); and Larry Webb, HVC, Inc. (Treasurer).

Elections were held at Water Technologies '94, AWT's annuaconvention, in Orlando, FL on October 12, 1994. Mr. Altschuler was honored at the annual awards banquet where he received the presidential gavelfrom Past President John Baum, signifying his 1-year term.

AWT is an international, non-profit, trade association which represents over 400 regional water treatment companies and suppliers specializing in commercial and industrial cooling and boiler treatments. The Association provides its members, and the water treatment industry, with a variety of products and services designed to improve the performance of the industry, including a quarterly, full color magazine, annual conventions and expositions, spring conferences and exhibitions, and the Certified Water Technologist (CWT) program.

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Sparta Introduces "Spectrum" "Hi-Lo" Floor Scrubs

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High level 0-5 VDC or 4-20 mA outputs are available, as is dual limits with indicator lights and relays. The battery powered unit achieves superior battery life thanks to the ON/ OFF switch and the AUTO/OFF feature. The DG is also available loop powered, vehicle powered, or AC powered. Optional NEMA-4 rating for water resistance is also available. Available now from \$490.00 (U.S.).

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•9-Feb. 10, Dairy Technology Module II — Technology of Cheese and Concentrated Milk Products, the principles and practices relating to the manufacture of cheese. Includes selection and evaluation of raw materials plus lactic cultures, processing, packaging, storage and distribution. Aspects of quality control, product testing, judging and grading associated with cheese production. Cost: \$873.00 For more information, contact Mr. A. W. Hydamaka, at (204) 474-9621; FAX (204) 261-1488.

•10-12, Introduction to Food Chemistry, sponsored by the American Association of Cereal Chemists will be held in Los Angeles, CA. For more information, contact Marie McHenry, AACC Short Course Coordinator, 3340 Pilot Knob Road, St. Paul, MN 55121; phone (612) 454-7250; FAX (612) 454-0766.

•12-13, Dairy Research Foundation Hosts Hands-On No-Brine Mozzarella Cheese Workshop and Symposium, Elk Grove Village, IL; For more information, contact the Dairy Research Foundation at (708) 228-0715.

•16-17, Wheat Gluten: Chemistry and Technology, sponsored by the American Association of Cereal Chemists, will be held in Kansas City, MO. For more information, contact Marie McHenry, AACC Short Course Coordinator, 3340 Pilot Knob Road, St. Paul, MN 55121; phone (612) 454-7250; FAX (612) 454-0766.

•18, Dough Modifiers, sponsored by the American Association of Cereal Chemists, will be held in Kansas City, MO. For more information, contact Marie McHenry, AACC Short Course Coordinator, 3340 Pilot Knob Road, St. Paul, MN 55121; phone (612) 454-7250; FAX (612) 454-0766.

•18-21, U.S. Dairy Forum, sponsored by the International Dairy Foods Association, will be held at La Quinta Resort and Club in Palm Springs, CA. For more information, call (202) 737-IDFA.

•19, Food Surfactants, sponsored by the American Association of Cereal Chemists, will be held in Kansas City, MO. For more information, contact Marie McHenry, AACC Short Course Coordinator, 3340 Pilot Knob Road, St. Paul, MN 55121; phone (612) 454-7250; FAX (612) 454-0766.

•23-25, The 1995 Conference on Sustainable Agriculture, sponsored by The Council for Agricultural and Sciene Technology (CAST), is the premier event of 1995 that will bring together scientists, producers, interest groups, industry and federal policy makers to address the critical social, economic and political issues facing sustainable development in and around agriculture. For more information, contact Richard E. Stuckey at (515) 292-2125.

FEBRUARY

•6-9, Freezing Technology Short Course, on the UC-Davis Campus. This intensive course teaches the fundamentals of freezing specific commodities and includes hands-on demonstrations. To enroll or request more information, call toll-free in California (800) 752-0881. Outside of California, call (916) 757-8777. •8-10, Eighth Australian Food Microbiology Conference to be held in Melbourne. Utilizing a mixture of local and international speakers, drawn from the key areas of the industry, Academia and Research, the aim of this conference is to provide a wide range of topics of interest to the Food Microbiology Industry. In addition, a poster session will be conducted. For more information, contact Kim King, Conference Secretariat, Food Micro '95, GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia; phone (612) 262-2277; FAX (612) 262-2323.

•8-10, 10th Annual Freezing Technology for the Frozen Food Industry, The fee is \$555 which includes three lunches and one dinner. Enroll in section 943E300. To enroll or request more information, contact Sharon Munowitch, University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 or call (916) 757-8899. •12-15, International Symposium on Computer Mapping in Epidemiology and Environmental Health, Tampa, FL; hosted by the World Computer Graphics Foundation — The University of South Florida. For more information, call (813) 974-2386.

•13-14, 4th Annual Cheese Symposium to Introduce Product Research Results, to be held in Burlingame, CA. The conference focuses on the latest developments in cheese science and technology, and introduces the results of dairy products related research. To enroll or request more information, call toll-free in California (800) 752-0881. Outside of California, call (916) 757-8777.

•22-25, Pharmaceutical Technology, Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) for Quality Control Laboratory Personnel, to be held in San Francisco Bay Area, CA. This course provides knowledge about, and an understanding of regulations for drugs and finished pharmaceuticals as they relate to quality control, FDA inspections of quality control laboratories, QC responsibility for clinical trial material and the impact on the industry of "U.S. vs. Barr Laboratories, Inc." To enroll or request more information, call toll-free in California (800) 752-0881. Outside of California, call (916) 757-8777.

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•27-Mar. 1, Pharmaceutical Technology, Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) for the Pharmaceutical and Allied Industries; East Brunswick, NJ. Topics covered will include not only the legal requirements for cGMP in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act but primarily the practical "how to" of purchasing, manufacturing, packaging, labeling and QA/QC, as well as training production personnel in cGMP. To enroll or request more information, call toll-free in California (800) 752-0881. Outside of California, call (916) 757-8777.

•25-Mar. 1, AFFI's Western Frozen Food Convention, Monterey, Cal.; featuring Guy Vander Jagt — For more information, contact AFFI's Convention Office at (415) 697-6835. •27-Mar. 2, Food Technology, Sensory Evaluation, East Brunswick, NJ. For more information contact Registrar, The Center for Professional Advancement, P. O. Box 1052, East Brunswick, NJ 08816; phone (908) 613-4500; FAX (908) 238-9113.

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•3, The Baking Industry Sanitation Standards Commmittee 1995 Annual Membership Meeting, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. For more information contact the BISSC headquarters, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611; phone (312) 644-6610.

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