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DEVELOPMENT OF GLUTEN-FREE PRODUCTS TECHNOLOGY USING FLAX FLOUR

The object of research is the production of gluten-free products. 4 samples of dough and finished products with different ratios of corn, rice and flax flour were studied. Organoleptic analysis showed that compared to the assessment of the control sample (4.7 points), sample No. 3 (4.9 points) with a ratio of corn, rice and flax flour 60:20:20 (experiment 3) is rational.

Europe and other countries of the world are showing increased interest in the implementation of innovative technologies for the production of special and functional food products. Therefore, the current task is to introduce new technologies and functional formulations into production, taking into account the needs of today, aimed at preserving and increasing the biological value of food products.

It was found that the physical and chemical indicators of the finished gluten-free bakery product in terms of porosity, acidity, and crumb moisture exceed the control sample. The results of the studies show that an increase in the amount of rice and flax flour leads to an increase in dough porosity by 2 % compared to the control sample. The acidity of the dough increased from 2.70 degrees to 3.1 degrees and exceeded the control sample by 0.3 degrees. The dimensional stability is almost the same as that of the control sample. The specific volume compared to the control increased by 20 cm³/100 g and amounted to 268 cm³/100 g.

Based on the research results, a basic technological scheme of production has been developed and substantiated, parameters and modes of the technological process have been given. The possibility of creating functional technologies and recipes not only with high sensory, physicochemical quality indicators, but also with high nutritional value has been confirmed. This is achieved due to the content of vegetable proteins, unsaturated fatty acids and dietary fiber, minerals and vitamins in flax flour, which have a positive effect on lipid metabolism.

Keywords: corn flour, rice flour, flax flour, modeling compositions, gluten-free bakery products.

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1. Introduction

More and more countries around the world are showing interest in implementing innovative technologies for the production of special and functional food products. Consumers prefer healthy eating, choosing potentially beneficial products and ingredients for health. Based on extensive world experience, it is possible to conclude that the creation of innovative technologies for functional formulations is possible thanks to the work of domestic scientists and industry specialists involved in the development and production of healthy food products [1].

It is known that the basis of treatment for patients with gluten intolerance [2] is a diet aimed at completely eliminating from the diet all gluten-containing products [3, 4] containing wheat, rye, barley, oats, as well as hybrids of these cereals [5]. Ukraine has its own, annually renewed plant potential, which allows it to be used in the food industry to create functional recipes [6], namely for the production of gluten-free products [7, 8].

It is known that existing gluten-free production technologies are associated with the replacement of traditional wheat and rye flour with gluten-free ones, namely corn, buckwheat, rice, amaranth, etc. [9, 10]. Such technological solutions are aimed at producing new generation food products for certain population groups who voluntarily or due to autoimmune diseases choose a gluten-free diet [11].

However, in the production of gluten-free products, there is a problem of obtaining the correct texture, which is associated with the absence of the main structure-forming component – gluten [12]. Analyz-

ing existing technologies [13, 14], it was found that bread made from gluten-free flour has a mild taste and a pale crust. Therefore, there is a need to introduce additional ingredients into the recipe composition to improve sensory and structural and mechanical properties. For this purpose, studies were conducted to develop a gluten-free dough recipe using a functional ingredient, namely flax flour.

The aim of research is to scientifically substantiate the feasibility of adding flaxseed flour to the recipe for gluten-free baking and determine the optimal ratio of corn, rice, and flaxseed flour in the production technology.

2. Materials and Methods

The object of research is the production of gluten-free products. For the study, 3 experimental samples with different dosages of corn, rice and flax flour were selected:

- the control was manufactured in accordance with the requirements of the current regulatory and technical documentation for organoleptic, physicochemical and microbiological indicators according to DSTU 7517:2014 "Bread from wheat flour. General technical conditions" [15]. The preparation recipe includes the following components: premium wheat flour, granulated sugar, sunflower oil, table salt, pressed yeast, water;
- sample No. 1 – 80 % corn, 10 % rice flour, 10 % flax flour;
- sample No. 2 – 70 % corn, 15 % rice flour, 15 % flax flour;
- sample No. 3 – 60 % corn, 20 % rice flour, 20 % flax flour.

All model compositions were compared with the control version made of wheat flour TM "Khutorok" (Ukraine). Baked samples were examined for organoleptic and physicochemical parameters.

The subject of the study is the technology of gluten-free products. The hypothesis of the study is the possibility of ensuring high quality and increased biological value of gluten-free products by determining the rational ratio of corn, rice and flax flour. The introduction of flax flour into the recipe will allow, due to its moisture-retaining and gelling properties, to improve the rheological properties of gluten-free dough and finished bakery products.

The research selected wheat flour of the highest grade TM "Khutorok", manufactured in accordance with DSTU 46.004-99 "Wheat flour". Finely ground corn flour TM "Skvyryanka" (Ukraine), obtained from corn grain, purified from gluten-containing impurities on a modern optical separator Sortex of the Swiss company "Buhler", recommended for feeding people with special needs and children, manufactured in accordance with GOST 14176-69 "Corn flour. Technical conditions". Rice flour TM "Sto pudiv" (Ukraine) is manufactured in accordance with TU 15.6-00952737-006-2002 "Rice flour. Technical conditions". Flax flour manufactured by FOP Mekh Yu. V. (Ukraine). White sugar is manufactured in accordance with DSTU 4623:2006 "White sugar. Technical conditions". Sunflower oil is manufactured in accordance with DSTU 4492:2017 "Sunflower oil. Technical conditions". DSTU 3583-2015 "Table salt. General technical conditions". DSTU 4812:2007 "Pressed baker's yeast. Technical conditions". DSTU 7525:2014 "Drinking water. Requirements and methods of quality control".

Laboratory studies were conducted in the laboratory of quality control and food safety of the Department of Food Technologies of the Kherson State Agrarian and Economic University.

The dough was prepared in a safe way. Control of technological process parameters and product quality indicators was carried out according to generally accepted methods [16].

The organoleptic evaluation of bakery products was carried out on a 5-point scale. When developing the recipe for gluten-free bakery products, the organoleptic evaluation was carried out by a tasting commission consisting of 10 people.

Acidity is determined by the presence of lactic and acetic acids in the product, which contribute to the formation of fermentation processes in the dough and during its subsequent baking [16].

To study the ability of dough to ferment, a method based on the rate of rise of a dough ball was used. The activity of yeast cells was determined by an accelerated method [16]. For this, dough was kneaded in laboratory conditions with different ratios of gluten-free flour according to the studied model samples: experiment No. 1 – 80:10:10; experiment No. 2 – 70:15:15; experiment No. 3 – 60:20:20, wheat flour was used as a control.

3. Results and Discussion

Based on theoretical and experimental studies on the development of functional gluten-free dough, corn and rice flour were selected. These flour varieties are not inferior to wheat flour in terms of chemical composition, biological and energy value, which is traditionally used in the food industry. Flax flour was selected as a functional ingredient, which is characterized by high biological value and func-

tional properties and contains polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), namely omega-3, soluble dietary fiber, lignans, proteins and carbohydrates [17, 18]. Flax seeds contain 53 % α -linolenic acid (ALA), 17 % linoleic acid (LA), 19 % oleic acid, 3 % stearic acid and 5 % palmitic acid, which indicates an excellent ratio of fatty acids [19]. Using flaxseed flour to produce functional gluten-free baked goods will enrich the finished product with fatty acid composition, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, etc.

To determine the rational ratio of corn, rice, and flax flour, a study was conducted on gluten-free raw materials and their ability to form dough with certain structural and mechanical properties and ensure high quality of finished products.

The first stage was to study the strength of flour, since this is one of the main properties that affects the quality of the finished product. The technological properties of flour allow to predict the behavior of the dough, so it is important to establish the main properties of gluten-free raw materials, which will allow to predict the technological process of production. Table 1 shows the technological properties of the studied types of gluten-free flour.

Analyzing the data presented in Table 1, it is possible to conclude that the moisture absorption capacity (MAC) and moisture holding capacity (MHC) of flax flour are almost twice as high as those of rice and corn. Thus, the MAC of flax flour is on average 261 %, while for rice flour this indicator is 121.6 %, and for corn flour – 117 %. The moisture-holding capacity of flax flour is almost twice as high and averages 308 %, while for rice flour this figure is 142 %, and for corn flour – 166 %. The swelling ability, for rice and corn flour, this figure is almost the same, but compared to flax flour, it is half as low. The fat absorption capacity (FAC) for all studied types of gluten-free raw materials is almost the same, which is consistent with other studies of gluten-free dough [20].

Therefore, the determined technological properties will affect the moisture content, rheological properties of semi-finished dough products and finished bakery products. It was found that the technological indicators of rice and corn flour are almost at the same level. Therefore, taking into account the data obtained, corn flour was chosen as the basis, to which different amounts of rice and flax flour were added. Thus, when developing the technology for the production of gluten-free bakery products, the studied model compositions with different proportional ratios of gluten-free flour were developed, taking into account the technological properties of the studied raw materials.

The research results of the physicochemical characteristics of model compositions for determining the baking properties of gluten-free dough are given in Table 2.

Analyzing the data (Table 2), it is possible to conclude that increasing the dosage of rice and flax flour leads to a change in physicochemical properties, which is explained by the high content of unsaturated fatty acids in rice and flax flour. Thus, the mass fraction of moisture in the studied samples is approximately the same, but in relation to the control sample of wheat dough is higher by 6 %. This can be explained by the fact that the content of vegetable protein in the amount of 20 g/100 g and soluble fiber, which is contained in flax seeds in the amount of 10 g/100 g, provide its binding and gelling properties. These properties are necessary, since they affect the quality characteristics of gluten-free bakery products, which is confirmed by previous studies (Table 1) [21, 22].

Table 1

Technological properties of the studied types of gluten-free flour

No.	Flour Name	Moisture absorption capacity (MAC), %	Fat absorption capacity (FA), %	Swelling ability, %	Moisture holding capacity (MHC), %
1	Rice flour	121.6 ± 12.8	105.6 ± 9.1	146 ± 5.4	142 ± 3.1
2	Corn flour	117 ± 11.7	103.6 ± 5.1	156 ± 3.2	166 ± 4.4
3	Flaxseed flour	261 ± 13.9	109.1 ± 9.7	296 ± 14.1	308 ± 6.8

Table 2

Physico-chemical characteristics of the dough of the studied model samples

Quality indicators Moisture mass fraction, %	Ratio of corn, rice and flax flour, %			Control wheat flour, h/g
	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3	
	80:10:10	70:15:15	60:20:20	
Dough acidity, initial degree	52.0	52.1	52.1	46.0
Dough acidity, final degree	1.0±0.1	1.1±0.1	1.2±0.1	1.5±0.1
Duration of proofing, min	1.2±0.1	1.5±0.1	1.9±0.1	2.5±0.1
Dough specific volume, cm ³ /100 g	56	56	55	55
Gas formation in 60 min of fermentation, cm ³ /100 g	2.66±0.2	2.56±0.2	2.51±0.2	2.70±0.2
Quality indicators	230	264	282	280

The acidity of the studied model dough compositions allows to conclude that at the beginning of the process there is a gradual increase in the degree of acidity in all test dough samples, which indicates yeast activity. The highest acidity of the dough was observed in the model composition (experiment 3) and was 1.9±0.1 degrees, which is 0.7±0.1 degrees more compared to the model composition (experiment 1), but 0.6±0.1 degrees less than in the control sample, which is explained by the different acidity of the raw materials.

Analyzing the results of the study of specific volume, the dynamics of changes in the volume of control and experimental dough samples were established, namely, a decrease in the specific volume of dough from the amount of added flax flour. A particular decrease in the specific volume of dough is noted when flax flour is increased to 20 %. Thus, the value of this indicator in experiment 1 was 2.66±0.2 cm³/100 g, and in the model sample (experiment 3) this value decreased by 1.5 cm³/100 g and was 2.51±0.2 cm³/100 g and less than the control sample by 1.9±0.2 cm³/100 g. The obtained studies are consistent with the data of the authors [23, 24]. Thus, the obtained experimental data indicate a direct dependence of the specific volume of experimental dough samples on the amount of flax flour. The obtained data must be taken into account when justifying the amount of flax and rice flour for the manufacture of gluten-free bakery products.

It was found that increasing the amount of flax and rice flour has a positive effect on gas formation during 60 min of fermentation, and this indicator in the model composition (experiment 3) exceeds the control by 2 cm³/100 g and is 282 cm³/100 g. It was experimentally established that increasing the amount of flax flour allows it to be used for partial replacement of gluten-free flour in the technology of manufacturing bakery products.

The next stage of research in the development of gluten-free bakery products was the study of the ability of dough to ferment using different proportions of gluten-free flour. It is known that the fermentation process is one of the most important processes that affects the quality of bakery products [23, 24]. As a result, the products of the vital activity of yeast and lactic acid bacteria accumulate, namely alcohol, carbon dioxide, organic acids and other substances that form the structure, taste and aroma of bakery products. Due to the released carbon dioxide, the dough becomes loose. The fermentation process significantly affects

the processes of swelling, peptization, dough rheology and enzymatic hydrolysis [25, 26].

Based on the conducted experimental studies, it was found that the best lifting force is possessed by gluten-free dough with the addition of 20 % rice and flax flour (experiment 3), the time of rising of the dough ball was 3.04 min. The lowest lifting force is possessed by dough with the addition of 10 % rice and flax flour (experiment 1), the time of rising of the dough ball was 5.65 min. Therefore, an increase in the amount of rice and flax flour has a positive effect on the lifting force of the dough. This is explained by the favorable nutrient medium for yeast cells due to additional water-soluble proteins and sugars. These substances are contained in rice and flax flour, which is confirmed by previous studies given in Table 1. In connection with the above, the best physicochemical properties and the best lifting force were possessed by model sample 3 with the addition of 20 % rice and 20 % flax flour.

Research on the baking properties of gluten-free bakery products. Further research was aimed at developing the technology and recipe for gluten-free bakery products. To do this, it is possible to determine the effect of the dosage of rice and corn flour of the studied model compositions on the quality of bread. The baking properties of flour can be characterized by bread quality indicators. For this, experimental laboratory samples were baked and the effect of different ratios of gluten-free flour of the studied model compositions on the quality of bread was studied [27, 28]. In the recipe for gluten-free bakery products, egg melange was used to replace gluten and enrich the dough with vegetable protein and nutrients. This allows to improve the organoleptic, physicochemical and structural and mechanical properties. Egg melange is one of the safest and most reliable compared to other correctors, and is also available for use in the food industry [29–33].

When studying the organoleptic indicators of the studied model samples of bakery products, the calculation was carried out on a 5-point scale, assessing: taste, smell, color, shape, surface and appearance.

The scale of assessments according to the obtained indirect data is distributed as follows: 5.0–4.5 – excellent; 4.4–3.7 – good; 3.6–2.6 – satisfactory; less than 2.6 – bad.

The results of the sensory analysis are given in Table 3. Based on the sensory assessment of the main organoleptic indicators, a rational recipe ratio of ingredients was established.

Table 3

Sensory analysis of the studied bakery products

Experiment variants	Taste, smell	Shape	Color	Surface	Appearance	Average score
	The Value of the Quality Indicator					
	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Experiment 1	3.7	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.2
Experiment 2	4.1	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.5
Experiment 3	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.9
Control	4.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7

Sensory analysis (Table 3) confirmed the high organoleptic indicators of the studied samples, which indicates that the combination of the proposed ingredients improves the characteristics of the dough while maintaining the indicators at a high level. As a result of the sensory analysis of the indicators, it was found that the consistency of the bread improved after increasing the amount of rice and flax flour in an amount of 10 to 20 %. This is achieved due to the viscous and gel-forming properties of rice and flax flour, as well as water-soluble carbohydrates and insoluble fibers contained in flax flour. The experimental sample with the addition of 20 % rice and flax flour had a more saturated, harmonious taste, even more than the control sample. The sample with the addition of 10 % rice and flax flour had a pronounced taste and smell of corn flour.

The organoleptic evaluation of the quality indicators of the experimental samples of gluten-free products is presented in Fig. 1. The profilogram shows the results of the sensory evaluation according to various descriptors of samples with different ratios of corn, rice and flax flour.

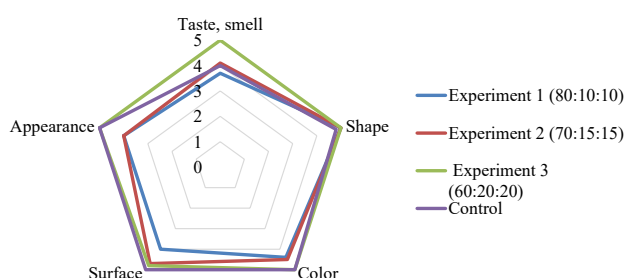


Fig. 1. Sensory analysis profile of gluten-free bakery products

According to the results of sensory analysis of bread samples with different ratios of ingredients (Fig. 1), it was found that with an increase in the dosage of rice and flax flour, sensory indicators deteriorate. Tasters noted that when rice and flax flour were increased by more than 20 %, the product had an unattractive appearance and taste indicators. Sample No. 3 was chosen as the best, where the ratio of corn:rice:flax flour is 60 %:20 %:20 %.

After sensory analysis, the samples were examined for physicochemical indicators (Table 4).

Analyzing the data (Table 4), it is possible to conclude that in the studied model compositions, an increase in the amount of rice and flax flour leads to an increase in the porosity of gluten-free bakery products.

In the model composition (experiment 1), the value of this indicator was 67.0 ± 2.0 %, and in the model composition (experiment 3) – 76.0 ± 2.0 %. Thus, there was an increase of 6 %, which exceeds the control by 2 %. This is explained by the presence of water-soluble proteins and sugars in rice and flax flour, which are a favorable nutrient medium for yeast cells.

The acidity of gluten-free baking also increased from 2.70 degrees (experiment 1) to 3.1 degrees (experiment 3) and exceeded the control sample by 0.2 degrees. This is explained by the fact that rice and flax flour contain sugar and proteins, which positively affect the development of yeast cells in the dough (Table 2) [34].

Physical and chemical indicators of gluten-free bakery products

Physicochemical parameters	Experiment options			
	Control	1	2	3
Porosity, %	74.0 ± 2.0	67.0 ± 2.0	73.0 ± 2.0	76.0 ± 2.0
Acidity, deg	2.9 ± 0.2	2.7 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.2	3.1 ± 0.2
Ability to keep in shape	0.54	0.52	0.55	0.56
Specific volume, $\text{cm}^3/100 \text{ g}$	248	252	259	268
Crumb moisture after 48 hours of storage, %	42.10	43.40	43.90	44.10

The dimensional stability of the studied samples was practically the same, the specific volume also had high qualitative indicators and increased compared to the control variant by $20 \text{ cm}^3/100 \text{ g}$ and amounted to (experiment 3) $268 \text{ cm}^3/100 \text{ g}$. Characterizing the moisture content of the crumb after 48 hours of storage, it should be noted that an increase in the amount of rice and flax flour allows to maintain the moisture content of the finished product by an average of 1–2 %. Thus, when adding rice and flax flour, an additional amount of insoluble fibers is introduced. Due to their structure, they have the ability to bind free moisture, which is held more firmly by them. Thus, when baking, a larger amount of bound moisture remains in the product. The obtained data are confirmed by previous studies of gluten-free raw materials, which are given in Table 1.

Thus, based on the theoretical and experimental studies conducted, it can be concluded that the rational recipe for experimental sample No. 3 is a recipe of corn, rice and flax flour in a ratio of 60:20:20. Table 5 shows the developed recipe for gluten-free bakery products.

Table 5

Gluten-free bakery recipe

No.	Raw material name	Raw material consumption rates, %	Consumption rates per 1 kg, g	Consumption rates per 100 kg, kg
1	Corn flour	29.4	294.0	29.40
2	Rice flour	9.8	98.0	9.80
3	Flax flour	9.8	98.0	9.80
4	Pressed yeast	2.5	25.0	2.50
5	Table salt	0.4	4.0	0.40
6	Sugar	12.7	127.0	12.70
7	Egg melange	6.4	64.0	6.40
8	Sunflower oil	4.9	49.0	4.90
9	Water	24.1	241.0	24.10
Output		100	1000	100

When developing the technology for the production of gluten-free bakery products, mixing was carried out on laboratory equipment. To analyze consumer properties, laboratory baking of the studied samples was carried out according to the developed recipe in the conditions of the Department of Food Production Technology of the Kherson State Agrarian and Economic University.

The semi-finished products of the studied samples were baked in a steamless manner. The duration of fermentation was 60 minutes at a temperature of 30–40 °C and a relative humidity of air in a thermostat of 75 %. After the end of the fermentation stage, the dough was kneaded with subsequent proofing of the semi-finished products at $t = 35\text{--}40$ °C for 60 minutes. The studied samples were baked in a laboratory oven at a temperature of 180–215 °C for 40–50 minutes.

Table 6 shows the parameters and technological modes of the technological process.

The general technological scheme for preparing yeast dough is based on the preparation of the main and additional raw materials.

Table 4

The method of making the dough involves mixing all the ingredients according to the recipe at the same time. The basic technological scheme of production involves the following stages of production of the finished product:

1) mixing water, sugar, salt, yeast until smooth; adding melange to the liquid mass, as well as corn, rice and flax flour;

2) the mass is mixed until the ingredients are combined, after which sunflower oil is added; then the mass is kneaded to a homogeneous thick dough that does not stick to the hands;

- 3) then the fermentation process takes place for 60 minutes;
4) after the fermentation stage is completed, the dough is rolled out, shaped, allowed to rise and baked at 180–215 °C for 45–60 minutes.

Table 6

Parameters and modes of the technological process
for preparing gluten-free bakery products

Technological process	Regime
Fermentation time, min	60
Temperature, °C	30–40
Dough proofing, min	2–3
Resting of semi-finished products at $t=35-40$ °C, min	60
Baking temperature, °C	180–215
Baking time, min	45–60

The proposed technology does not involve significant differences in the stages of production compared to the classical ones. The technological scheme for the production of gluten-free bakery products allows to obtain a product that, in terms of physicochemical and organoleptic indicators, practically does not differ from the traditional one in quality. It should be noted that corn, rice and flax flour are added at one stage of production and do not require additional changes in the production technology, and therefore, additional material costs.

Impact of martial law conditions. Under martial law conditions in Ukraine, manufacturers are forced to respond to new challenges. These changes are caused by negative factors associated with the increase in the cost of raw materials, energy sources and fuels and lubricants, disruption of logistics flows, etc. Restrictions are also created to meet the needs of consumers with special needs, taking into account global trends in the formation of an assortment of new types of products.

Prospects for further research. Promising areas for further research include monitoring in the baking industry. This will strengthen the position of manufacturers and expand the range of specialty bakery products. This will also help meet the needs of people with special dietary needs related to gluten intolerance.

4. Conclusions

The rational ratio of corn, rice and flax flour was determined, it was found that the most rational ratio of corn, rice and flax flour is 60:20:20 (experiment 3).

The physicochemical parameters of gluten-free dough were studied. It was found that an increase in the amount of rice and flax flour leads to an increase in dough porosity by 2 % (experiment 3). The acidity of gluten-free bakery products also increased from 2.70 degrees (experiment 1) to 3.1 degrees (experiment 3) and exceeded the control sample by 0.2 degrees. The dimensional stability of the studied samples was practically the same, the specific volume also had high quality indicators and increased compared to the control variant by 20 cm³/100 g and amounted to (experiment 3) 268 cm³/100 g.

The organoleptic and physicochemical parameters of the finished gluten-free product were determined. It was found that the use of corn, rice and flax flour to create gluten-free bakery products is appropriate, since the average score according to the sensory evaluation corresponded to the control sample.

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