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# **Applied and Industrial Microbiology**

# **Food Microbiology**

I. The earliest methods of preserving foods were drying. the addition of salt or sugar, and fermentation.

## **Foods and Disease**

2. Food safety is monitored by the FDA and USDA and also by use of the HACCP system.

# **Industrial Food Canning**

- 3. Commercial sterilization of food is accomplished by steam under pressure in a retort.
- 4. Commercial sterilization heats canned foods to the minimum temperature necessary to destroy *Clostridium botulinum* endospores while minimizing alteration of the food.
- 5. The commercial sterilization process uses sufficient heat to reduce a population of C. *botulinum* by 12 logarithmic cycles (J 2D t reat ment).
- 6. Endospores of thermophiles can survive commercial sterilization.
- 7. Canned foods stored above 45"C can be spoiled by thermophilic anaerobes.
- 8. Thermophilic anaerobic spoilage is sometimes accompanied by gas production; if no gas is formed, the spoilage is called flat sour spoilage.
- 9. Spoilage by mesophilic bacteria is usually from improper heating procedures or leakage.
- 10. Acidic foods can be preserved by heat of 100°C because microorganisms that survive are not capable of growth in a low pH.
- II. Byssochlamys, Aspergillus, and Bacillus coagulans are acid-tolerant and heat -resistant microbes that can spoil acidic foods.

### **Aseptic Packaging**

12. Presterilized materials are assembled into packages and aseptically filled with heat-sterilized liquid foods.

# Radiation and Industrial Food Preservation

13. Gamma and X-ray radiation can be used to sterilize food, kill insects and parasitic worms, and prevent the sprouting of fruits and vegetables.

## **High-Pressure Food Preservation**

14. Pressurized water is used to kill bacteria in fruit and meat.

# The Role of Microorganisms in Food Production

#### Cheese

- 15. The milk protein casein curdles because of the action by lactic acid bacteria or the enzyme rennin.
- 16. Cheese is the curd separated from the liquid portion of milk, called whey.
- 17. Hard cheeses are produced by lactic acid bacteria growing in the interior of the curd.
- 18. The growth of microbes in cheese is called repening.
- 19. Semisoft cheeses are ripened by bacteria growing on the surface; soft cheeses are ripened by *Penicillium* growing on the surface.

#### **Other Dairy Products**

- 20. Old-fashioned buttermilk was produced by lactic acid bacteria growing during the butter-making process.
- 21. Commercial buttermilk is made by letting lactic acid bacteria grow in skim milk for 12 hours.
- 22. Sour cream, yogurt, kefir, and kumiss are produced by lactobacilli, streptococci, or yeasts growing in low-fat milk.

### **Nondairy Fermentations**

- 23. Sugars in bread dough are fermented by yeast to ethanol and CO2; the CO2 causes the bread to rise.
- 24. Sauerkraut, pickles, olives, soy sauce, and even cocoa and coffee, are products of microbial fermentations.

### **Alcoholic Beverages and Vinegar**

25. Carbohydrates obtained from grains, potatoes, or molasses are

- fermented by yeasts to produce ethanol in the production of beer, ale, sake, and distilled spirits.
- 26. The sugars in fruits such as grapes are fermented by yeasts to produce wines.
- 27. In winemaking, lactic acid bacteria convert malic acid into lactic acid in malolactic fermentation.
- 28. Acetobacter and Gluconobacter oxidize ethanol in wine to acetic acid (vinegar).

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