



The Product and the Manufacturing of Yoghurt

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ABSTRACT

Yogurt, often known as yoghurt, is one of the most popular fermented dairy products in the world, with a wide range of health advantages in addition to basic nutrition. In general, yogurt is a nutrient-dense food because of its nutritional profile, and it is a high-calcium source that supplies considerable amounts of calcium in bio-available form. Furthermore, it contains milk proteins with a higher biological value as well as nearly all of the essential amino acids required for optimal health. Yogurt is a probiotic carrier food that may transfer large numbers of probiotic bacteria into the body, providing unique health benefits if consumed. These are commonly referred to as "bio-yogurts." Yogurt is also said to help with lactose tolerance, immunological boosting, and the prevention of gastrointestinal problems. Consumer demand for yogurt and yogurt-related products has surged as a result of these well-known health benefits, and it has become the fastest-growing dairy category in the world. Yogurts are currently available in a variety of styles and variations, each with its own fat content, flavor profile, and texture, making them suited for a variety of meal settings and plates as a snack, dessert, sweet or savory dish.

KEYWORDS: yoghurt, milk product, probiotic, immunological boosting, gastrointestinal problems.

1. INTRODUCTION

An ancestral version of yoghurt first developed in Mesopotamia and Egypt around 9000 or 8000 BC, and then expanded throughout northeast Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and later the Balkan countries, giving a wide range of 'fermented milks.'

Yogurt is a fermented dairy product made from the fermentation of lactic acid by two species of *lactic acid bacteria*, *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* subsp. *Bulgaricus*. Yoghurt is a fermentative dairy product which is made of milk and is produced by lactic acid bacteria. In production of yoghurt two starters are used including *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* (Tewari *et al.*, 2019).

Classification of Yoghurt:

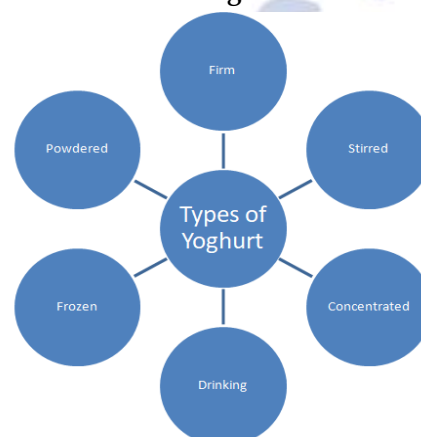


Figure 1: classification of Yoghurt

Microbiological and Biochemical Mechanism Involved in Yoghurt Manufacture:

Microbiological Characteristics of Yoghurt:

S. thermophilus and *L. Delbrueckii subsp. Bulgaricus* are two thermophilic lactic acid bacteria that cause yoghurt fermentation. They are gram-positive, anaerobic, aerotolerant, and catalase-negative, with no spores and a DNA concentration of less than 55 percent G+C. They can grow between 42 and 500 degrees Celsius, but not above 100 degrees Celsius.

L. Delbrueckii subsp. Bulgaricus develops as ovoid cells, whereas *S. thermophilus* forms linear chains of rods. They convert lactose to galactose, which is not metabolized, and glucose, which is primarily fermented to lactic acid, resulting in homo-fermentative metabolism.

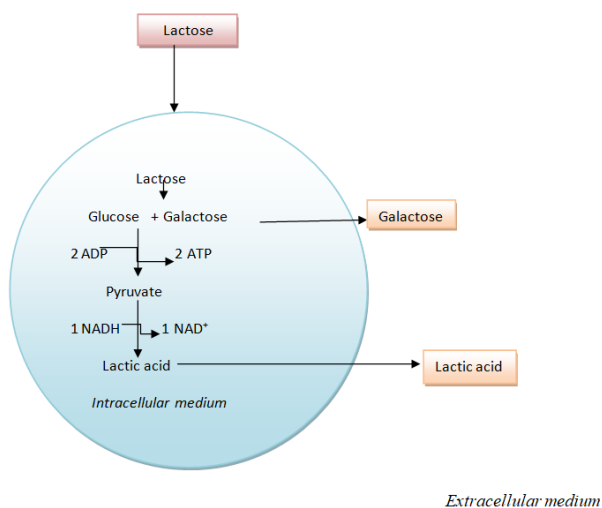


Figure 2: metabolic reactions involved in homo-fermentative metabolism in yoghurt bacteria

Biochemical and Physicochemical changes during lactic acid fermentation:

The growth of lactic acid bacteria in milk causes several modifications in yoghurt that are favorable. The formation of several metabolites (lactic acid, exopolysaccharides, and fragrance compounds), as well as the altering of the texture and nutritional content of the product, are among these changes.

Flavour Compound Production:

Due to the presence of lactic acid in the product, the flavor of yoghurt is mostly acidic. About a hundred volatile chemicals make up the scent of yoghurt, including carbonyl compounds (acids and esters), alcohols, heterocyclic, and sulphur-containing compounds. Acetaldehyde is the most important flavor ingredient in yoghurt, where it imparts a pleasant fresh

and fruity scent. The majority of acetaldehyde is made directly from pyruvate via pyruvate decarboxylase or indirectly using acetyl coenzyme.

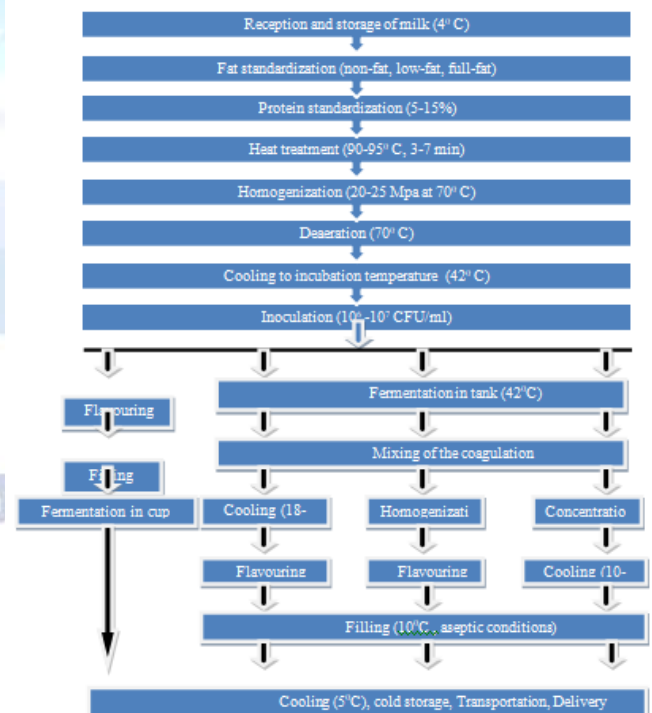
Nutritional value per 100g:

Plain yoghurt from whole milk

Energy	61 Kcal
Total fat	3.3 g
Saturated fat	2.1 g
Polyunsaturated fat	0.1 g
Monounsaturated fat	0.9 g
cholesterol	13 mg
sodium	46 mg
potassium	155 mg
Total carbohydrates	4.7 g
Dietary fiber	0 g
Sugars	4.7 g
Protein	3.5 g
Vitamin A	2%
Vitamin	0.8%
Calcium	9.3%
Iron	0.3%
	(% of daily value)

Table 1: nutritional value of yoghurt per 100g

Preparation of Yoghurt:



Set-Type Y, Stirred Yogurt, Drinking Y, Concentrated Y.

Figure 3: schematic diagram of the production processes of different type yoghurt

General Diagram for Yoghurt Manufacture:

The industrial manufacture of yoghurt is organized along three main steps

- The preparation of the mix and homogenization, heat treatment, cooling, deaeration;
- The fermentation process starting after inoculation of the mix;
- The yoghurt harvesting, post treatment and packaging depending on the steps performed at least four types of yoghurt can be considered whose manufacture is presented in the given figure 3

Preparation of Mix:

• Milk Standardization:

Standardization of fat and protein levels, as well as the addition of sweeteners and stabilizers, are all part of the milk production process. Milk standardization is carried out at 55°C, with additional fat content removed using a centrifugal technique. Nonfat yoghurt has a fat content of 0.01 percent, light fat yoghurt has a fat content of 1-2 percent, and whole fat yoghurt has a fat content of >3.2 percent. To improve the smoothness of the yoghurt and reduce syneresis, the protein level of the mix can range from 3-5 percent to up to 15%. The most common method is to add milk powder, which is a simpler and more traditional method. Milk proteins are commonly used as caseinates/whey powder.

FAO/WHO allows the use of thickeners and stabilizers (gelatine, pectin, xanthan gum, carrageenan, starch, etc.) at quantities ranging from 5-10% to improve the texture of yoghurt in some countries.

• Physical treatment of Mix:

Fermentation Process:

Heat treatment is an important part of the mixing process. Heat treatment permits spoilage microorganisms and inactive lactoperoxidases in milk to be removed. Heat treatment enhances the texture of yoghurt by permitting whey protein denaturation and interaction with casein, which reduces gel syneresis and increases gel hardness. The combination is normally heated at 90-95°C for 3-7 minutes before cooling down to fermentation temperature in industrial yoghurt manufacturing.

Heat treatment is intimately linked to two additional physical treatments: mix deaeration and homogenization. Before homogenization, vacuum

deaeration is usually done at 70°C. The mix is homogenized at a high pressure (20-25 MPa) at a temperature near 70°C. For high fat yoghurt, double stage high pressure homogenizers are advised.

• Inoculation of mix:

Yogurt is made on a large scale by inoculating a mix with concentrated starter cultures of the two yoghurt bacteria (*S. Thermophilus* and *L. delbrueckii* subsp. *Bulgaricus*). Commercial starter cultures are made up of precise blends of well-defined strains with a concentration more than 10¹⁰ colony-forming units (CFU)g⁻¹, and are frozen or freeze-dried formulations. The bacteria in the injected mix are usually 10⁶-10⁷ CFU ml⁻¹. After mixing, it is either transported to the fermentation tanks (for the production of stirred, sipping, or concentrated yogurt) or immediately to the packaging machine (for the production of fermented yogurt in cups) (for set-type yogurt manufacture).

• Fermentation steps

Several characteristics change as time passes during the lactic acid fermentation of milk. *S. thermophilus* is the first to grow, followed by *L. delbrueckii* subsp. *bulgaricus*, with final concentrations approaching 10⁹ CFU g⁻¹. Lactose and nitrogenous substances are consumed by both strains, allowing them to thrive and accumulate a variety of important metabolites. The most important ones are lactic acid, galactose, acetaldehyde, and exopolysaccharides, which contribute to the yogurt's flavor and texture. The production of extracellular lactic acid causes an acidification of the mixture, resulting in a pH drop from 4.8 to 4.5. Fermentation culture was added in a concentration of around 2%. The fermentation process might take anything from 3 to 20 hours.

Health Benefits of Yoghurt:

- Active cultures may help the gut.
- Some probiotic strains may boost the immunity system (Tewari *et al.*, 2020).
- It may help prevent osteoporosis.
- May reduce the risk of high blood pressure.
- A high protein food (specially Greek style).
- Can help you recover faster after a workout.

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