

09/12 WK2 Expert communication

Communication channel	Wechat
Date	09/12
Time	12:00PM-18:00
Attendees	Minghui Zhang John Xu (expert)

Agenda

1. Determine the suitable process for black soldier fly larvae based on the raw material composition.
2. Basic information, including working principle and working parameters toward to key components in the processing.

Notes

1. We need to use batch cooker if we cook and dry the insect instead of continuous cooker.
2. The original work flow is only for fish. The raw material can only be fish. Based on the raw material composition (insect), manufacture suggest us to use the process for meat. There are some difference between the two processes.
 1. Fish processing process can only process the fish. For the poultry rendering process, it can process chicken, pig, feather and animal offal. From the manufacture point of view, he recommend us to process the insect by using the poultry rendering process.
 2. For the poultry rendering process, it cooks the meat and then dry the meat in the batch cooker. For the fish processing process, it cooks the fish in the continue cooker and then use the dryer to dry the fish meat.
 3. The fish meal process can work continuously. Poultry rendering work as batch. Normally, as one batch completed, the other batch will start to work. (After the breaker finish the work, it will go into the batch cooker). The benefits of the poultry rendering process is it is easily to control the pressure and temperature compared with the continue cooker. The other benefits is it can heat the material more evenly.
 4. For the poultry rendering process, it uses the single screw fat press. Fish processing process uses the twin screw fat press.

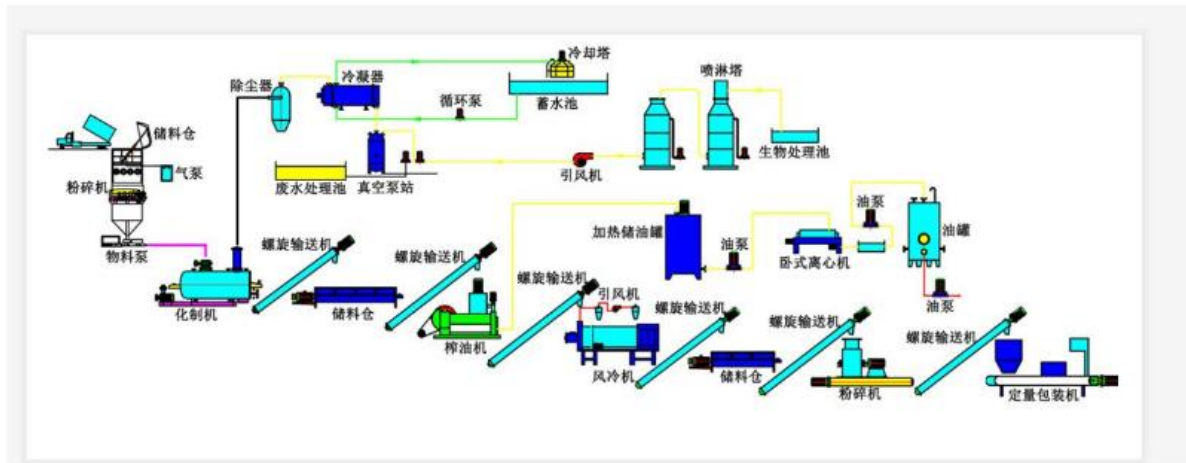


Figure 1: poultry rendering process

3. Batch cooker: cooking temperature is maximum up to 120-140 degree Celsius. Drying temperature is maximum up to 160-180 degree Celsius. The working pressure is 0.6Mpa. The temperature and pressure are adjustable.

Action Items

Action item	Owner	Deadline
Modify the working process	All team	09/15

Screenshots of communication with experts



我是 John Xu, from Sensitar rendering plant

Greeting shown above

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You have added John Xu as your WeChat contact. Start chatting!

You've recalled a message.

Hi, it's really nice to meet you. I am Lily from Australian Goterra company



Hi Lily, nice to meet you



Our machine can process insect.



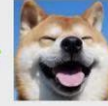
what is your cooking and drying temperature? what is the working pressure?



Also please tell me what is your process craft for insect now



I can briefly introduce our product first. Our project is designing and building the mobile rendering plant. So we want our whole system can fit in one or more modular unit. So they can fit in 40 feet shipping box.



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Your material is only insect?

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Yes



It's black soldier fly larvae

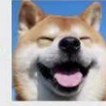


let me check

Ok that's will be really good. One more question is do you mind



Ok that's will be really good. One more question is do you mind explain more details what the key function of your product and what's the final product.



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your material is same to our Singapore customer.

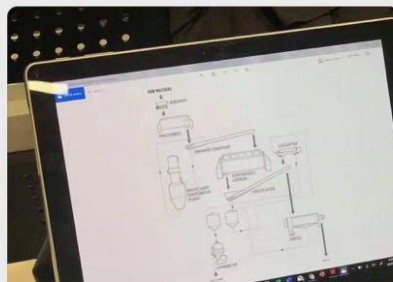


Your put larvae into machine ? Or you use our machine to dry powder ?

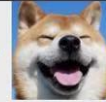
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you need use batch cooker if you cook and dry insect. you use our disc dryer if you dry insect powder. Which type do you choose?



Oh really. That's really good.



This is our conceptual design



We really appreciate if you could give us some advice to improve our design.



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Acoording to your drawing, you use disc dryer ?

Sorry . I am not sure what is disc dryer. I am sorry. Could you explain?



Disc dryer.pdf

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 WeChat for Windows



Please check this catalog, it is a drying machine.



This workflow is fish meal





This workflow is fish meal processing work flow in your picture

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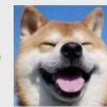


crush-cook-press-dry-decanter-centrifuge



Did you have experience in this project?

Our team do not have similar experience. So, we really need some advice from some industry experts.



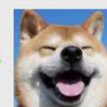
What is your cooking temperature ?

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It will destroy your insect protein if cooking temperature is high

I am checking with our team. Could you wait me a few mins?





Thanks!



What's the tem and pressure of your product?



the cooking temperature maximum is up to 120-140 °C, drying temperature maximum is up to 160-180 °C. Working pressure is 0.6MPa. You can adjust temperature and pressure

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it is better that you tell us your work flow and data, such as cooking temperature and pressure, drying temperaure and pressure, raw material content and percentage, final product content and percentage, and so on.

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Ok i will talk with my colleagues and send you a summary of these information. Thank you for your



180 °C. Working pressure is 0.6MPa. You can adjust temperature and pressure

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Ok i will talk with my colleagues and send you a summary of these information. Thank you for your patience and advice.



You are welcome. You can contact me via wechat or email if ay question. My email ID is john@xzdjx.com

Thank you!



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Hi, I have already get some data. The pre-cooker temperature is 30-100 degree celsius and the pressure is about 10-15 psi. For the continue cooker, the temperature is about 120 degree celsius. Pressure is about 145 Psi.



For the raw material, larvae insect is about 70% to 75% water.



The dry matter have 25%-35% fat (6.25%-12.25% of the total weight)



35%-45% protein (12.25%-15.75% of the total weight)



5-20% is chitin (1.25%-5% of the total weight)



From one tonne of larvae, we should get 700-750ml water

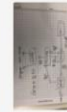


62-123 kg fat; 123-158kg protein 12.5-50kg chitin



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For the working process, this is the schematic diagram we drawn before.



we hope all the machines can work 24 hours a day and it can process one tonne insect per 8 hours.



this is fish meal process

Yes, I think the product can also feed the livestock based on the standards



But, we are not sure if it is the best option for the process and what can we do to improve the process.



please see this workflow



I remembered you mentioned before, your customer from Singapore use the same raw material. Did they use the similar process to manage the insects?



Or totally different process?



when my boss mentioned the protein, I think it is the tallow.



I think the process you sent me for managing fish is still a little bit different with our designed process?



No, i advice him to use batch cooker. beacuse your cooked insect viscosity is very high. the fish meal press it twin-screw press, maybe has not effect to get oil

Do you mind explain a bit which component did you replaced by batch cooker?



Fat press?



No, it is same to your process, break fish , and then go to pre-cooker- dryer



"John Xu" recalled a message



You dry insect, and then fat press?

Yes. Other manufactuers told us the insect must need to be dry before extracting the oil



So you should poultry rendering plant, not fish meal plant

Do you have machines which can be used in poultry rendering plant?



this is similar to your process. the batch cooker cook and dry insect in batch cooker

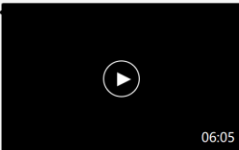


Yes, we have machine to be used for poultry rendering plant

I am a litte bit confused where is the meal (protein) output



the meal come out from press(榨油机)



please check this video

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I have already checked this video. This is really cool. In our system, we want our oil from the fat press conitnuously go to decanter and separator. Do you sell similar machines?



Yes, we have many customers in China and oversea, it mainly for poultry. We do not test insect. according to your information, i think you should use poultry rendering plant, not fish meal plant. So you need check this with your team.

Another question is we got most rendering plant are processing livestock. The size of the machine is extremely big. But, we are working on processing the insects. So, we are wondering is it possible to customize the size of the machines. Becuase we want our machine can fit in one or more modular units. So, most components need to fit in 40 feet shipping box.



Is it possible to explain a bit what is the key difference between the fish rendering plant and the poultry rendering plant? What the key difference of the function in the process?



Or, could you provide a video introduction of the fish meal plant



Although I think we should use the poultry rendering plant.



1. poultry rendering: cook and dry raw material in batch cooker(same machine)
. fish meal: use cooker to cook raw material, use dryer to dry raw material powder.
3. poultry rendering use single screw press, fish meal use twin screw presses
4. poultry rendering work as batch, normally one batch working time is about 4 hours. finish one batch, start other batch. fish meal work continuously.
5. poultry rendering is suitable for chicken, pig, feather and animal offal. fish meal plant is suitable for fish and fish offal



let me find a video for you

That's will be really helpful. Thank you so much!



You are welcome



Please check this video, maybe it will be helpful

what is the product composition difference between poultry rendering plant and fish meal plant?



is it possible for the poultry rendering plant to work 24 hours per day?



product composition is same, composition denpend on raw material



The poultry rendering plant can work for 24 hours, has 6 batch work.

I got the batch machine use high temperature and high pressure to dry the material. How does the dryer in the fish meal plant work?



The fish meal dryer also use high temperature to dry raw material



the temperature is higher when steam pressure is higher between dryer disc

Is it possible to customize the size of each components?



now our poultry rendering minimum input capacity is 1 ton. What is your input capacity?

we want our rendering plant to process one ton insect per 8 hours.



I think one ton will be fine.





You can use our smallest size, one ton input capacity , need about 4 hour to process them.

This sounds really good.



Can we have some more specifications and engineering drawings of each components?



i can send you some specifications

It will be the best if it can be like the PDF you sent me before



and a overall plant design



this is our design for our china customer



It seems like the overall deisgn can fit in two modular unit?



Yes, put them into two 40" HQ containers

Can we get some more dimension specifications? Our boss need the engineering drawing for each component in 2D and 3D first and the overall design drawings first.



Did you do any evaluation and testing before you built the physical prototype?



Did you do the simulation before to simulate the overall process?



We have more than 30 customers in China, machine work very well. Do not worry the machine running effect.



But your raw material is insect, we do not test it.



You can take your insect to our customer site to test if you can prepare insect in china.

Oh, that's will be great.



One more question is does the whole system can automatically control?



Yes, it you need automatic control , we can design for you, use one computer to control all machines, but the cost will be higher than ordinary control

So, based on the picture I sent you before. It only can be fish meal plant or poultry rendering plant? My boss is wondering is there any process can achieve it?



this is fish meal plant work flow

For the prototype picture, is it for poultry rendering plant?



which picture?



this one



yes, poultry rendering plant, can process pig, cow, chicken, offal, meat etc.



make them to meat and bone meal as protein , just like insect powder.

So, if we can send the raw material insects to you. Could you test it?



yes, but we need about 3 ton insects, and pay testing fee to our customer. It is ok for you?

I will talk with my boss.



ok

Another question is for the mobile rendering plant you have already completed. How many batch are they? Is it possible to work continuously?



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yes, we sent mobile rendering plant to our customer, and machine start work in customer site. We also are manufacturing them in our factory shop. it is 2 ton and 7 ton per batch. one batch cooker can not work continuously. you can prepare 2-3 batch cookers if you want them to work continuously. for example, batch cooker 1 work stop , batch cooker 2 start work.

