

MANAGEMENT OF PROCESSES IN FOOD PRODUCTION

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Abstract

Efficient management of production processes in the food industry is critical for ensuring product quality, safety, and economic efficiency. The thesis discusses methods for process control, technological integration, and personnel management within modern food manufacturing. Key innovations, including automation and IoT technologies, are explored, alongside Lean management principles for operational improvement.

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Efficient management of food production processes is critically important for ensuring food safety, quality, and economic stability in Uzbekistan. As the country continues to experience rapid industrial growth and urbanization, the demand for high-quality and safe food products has significantly increased. This necessitates the adoption of advanced technological solutions and robust management practices within the food industry.

In Uzbekistan, food production is governed by comprehensive legislation aimed at maintaining high standards of food safety and quality. Key legal frameworks include the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Food Safety" (№ 3PY-393, 2015), which establishes fundamental principles for ensuring the safety and nutritional value of food products throughout all stages of the food supply chain. Additionally, regulations such as the "Technical Regulations on Food Safety" provide detailed guidance on managing critical control points, product traceability, and quality assurance systems within food manufacturing processes.

Effective implementation of these laws and regulations not only protects public health but also enhances Uzbekistan's competitiveness in international markets. By integrating modern process management techniques and technologies, Uzbek food producers can significantly improve operational efficiency, reduce resource waste, and ensure compliance with both national and international quality standards. Thus,

focusing on innovative process management is crucial for the sustainable growth and development of Uzbekistan's food industry.

Process control in food manufacturing systematically employs technology and managerial strategies to standardize operations, minimize variability, and adhere to stringent quality standards. Modern food production processes are highly complex and involve various stages, each demanding precise control and management to maintain product safety, quality, and efficiency [1].

Automation technologies play a significant role in enhancing the effectiveness of process management. Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) are crucial for automated control, allowing for real-time adjustments and precise operations of machinery and equipment. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems further enhance operational oversight by centralizing monitoring and data analysis, thereby improving decision-making processes based on reliable data [2].

Table 1: Technologies and Their Functions in Food Production Management

Technology	Function
PLC	Automated control of machinery and processes
SCADA	Centralized monitoring and data analysis
IoT devices	Real-time environmental monitoring
Lean management	Waste reduction, improved productivity

Recent technological advancements, particularly the adoption of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, have further revolutionized food production management. IoT sensors provide continuous monitoring of vital production parameters, including temperature, humidity, microbial activity, and equipment performance, thus enabling swift and precise corrective actions [3]. The data generated by these IoT devices enhance traceability, reduce downtime, and significantly increase efficiency in the production environment.

Additionally, Lean management methodologies have been increasingly integrated into food production systems to eliminate waste, streamline operations, and improve resource utilization. Implementing Lean tools such as 5S, Kaizen, and value stream mapping can dramatically enhance productivity, decrease lead times, and reduce costs [4].

Personnel development is another critical aspect of successful process management. Continuous professional training and skill enhancement ensure that human resources can effectively manage and operate advanced technological systems. Integrating the human element into process management supports organizational adaptability and contributes to sustainable operational improvements [5].

The holistic integration of technological advancements, Lean methodologies, and human resource management creates a robust foundation for achieving sustained improvements in food production processes, ultimately ensuring high-quality, safe, and economically viable food products [6].

Conclusion. Optimizing food production processes through technological advancements and strategic management significantly improves product quality, operational efficiency, and industry sustainability.

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