


By-product and resource utilisation from dairy processing streams

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MTL operates an ultra modern pilot plant covering 3,000 sq. metres floor area. Our facility contains the most up-to-date and versatile pilot scale processing equipment.



Pilot Plant Rental

The plant is of sufficient scale to accurately simulate commercial food processing.



Contract Research & Development

MTL provides highly skilled R&D services that generate new products and help build core expertise



Pre-Commercial Manufacture

A diversity of expertise in food technologies is available at Moorepark to undertake the pre-commercial scale up and manufacture



Technical Advise & Support

In conjunction with Teagasc researchers, MTL provide practical technical supports and advice for food companies in solving technology issues

Providiing commercial pilot plant & research services to the food industry



Technologies

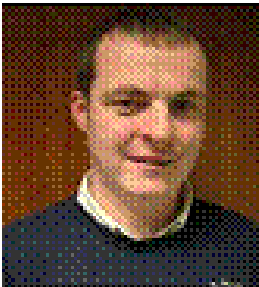
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Product Areas:

- ✓ Dairy Products
- ✓ Dried Food Ingredients
- ✓ Bioprocessing
- ✓ Beverages
- ✓ Liquid Food & ingredients
- ✓ Yellow Fat Spreads



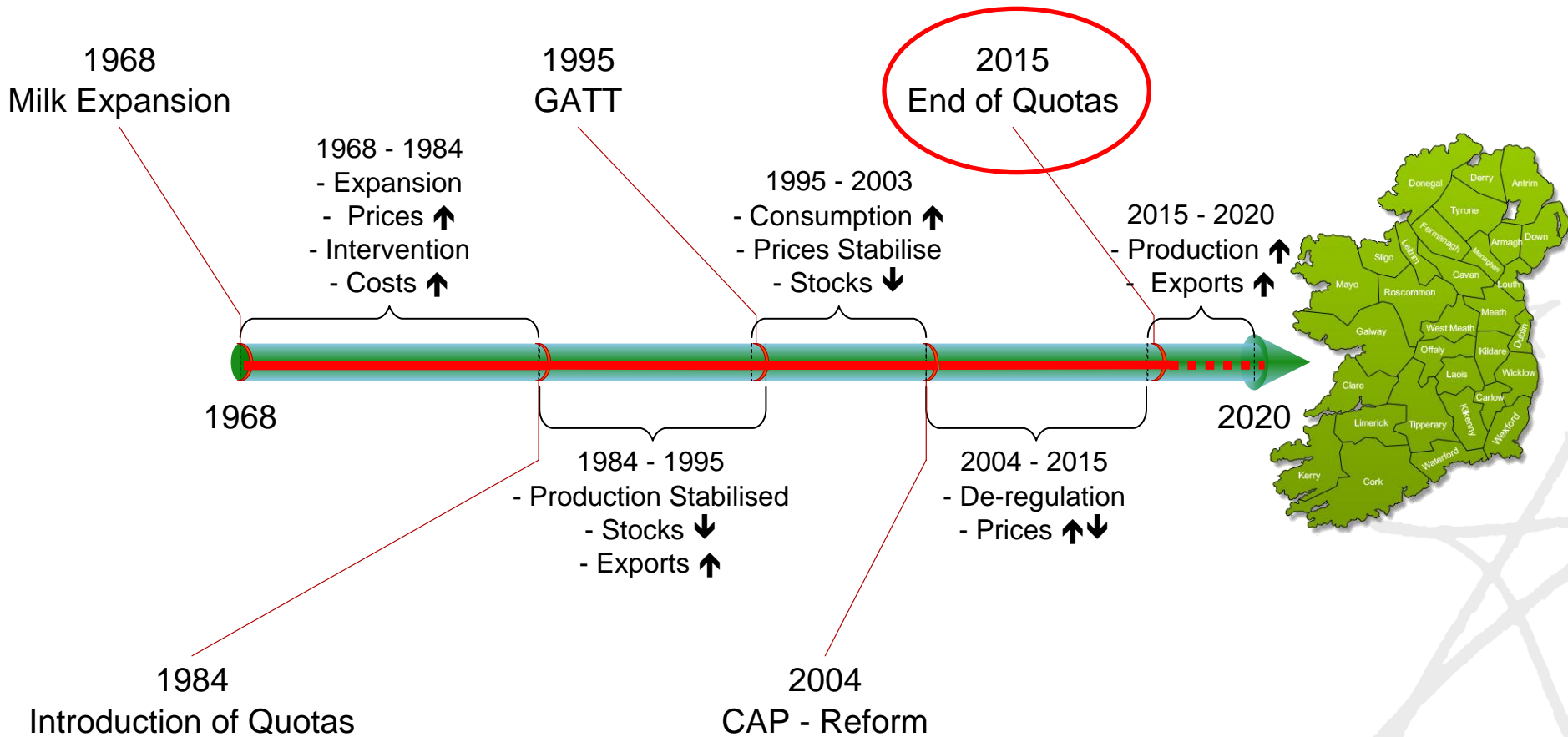
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History of the Irish Dairy Industry



Source: EU Dairy Market, IDF world Dairy Summit, Parma 2011: [Monika Wohlfarth](#), Zentrale Milchmarkt Berichterstattung GmbH

Current Dairy Trends

Dairy



€3.06 bn

The estimated value of dairy exports in 2014



55% RISE
in the value of dairy exports from 2009 (€1.96bn) to 2014 (€3.06bn)

In 2014, Irish dairy exports are estimated to have increased by

30%

to Asia reaching approximately €530mn, two thirds destined for China

18%

to North America with both US and Mexico growing strongly

19%

to Middle East, led by Saudi Arabia & UAE



3%
increase in the value of dairy exports in 2014



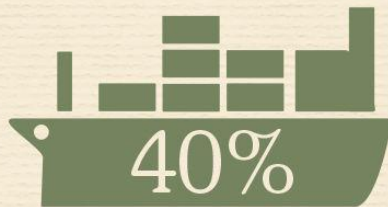
1,100tn
of farmhouse cheese
A broad range of different types of cheese using cow, goat and ewe milk



172,000 tonnes
of cheese produced



35,000tn
of speciality cheese



40%

of dairy exports are now destined for international markets with trade worth an estimated €1.24bn in 2014, a rise of **20%**.

By 2020, dairy production is expected to grow by

50%
to over 7.5bn litres

China

is now Ireland's 2nd most important export market for dairy compared to 13th in 2008



Ireland supplies **10%** of the global infant milk formula despite only having 1% of global dairy production



Ireland has **18,000** dairy farmers, with over 1 million dairy cows



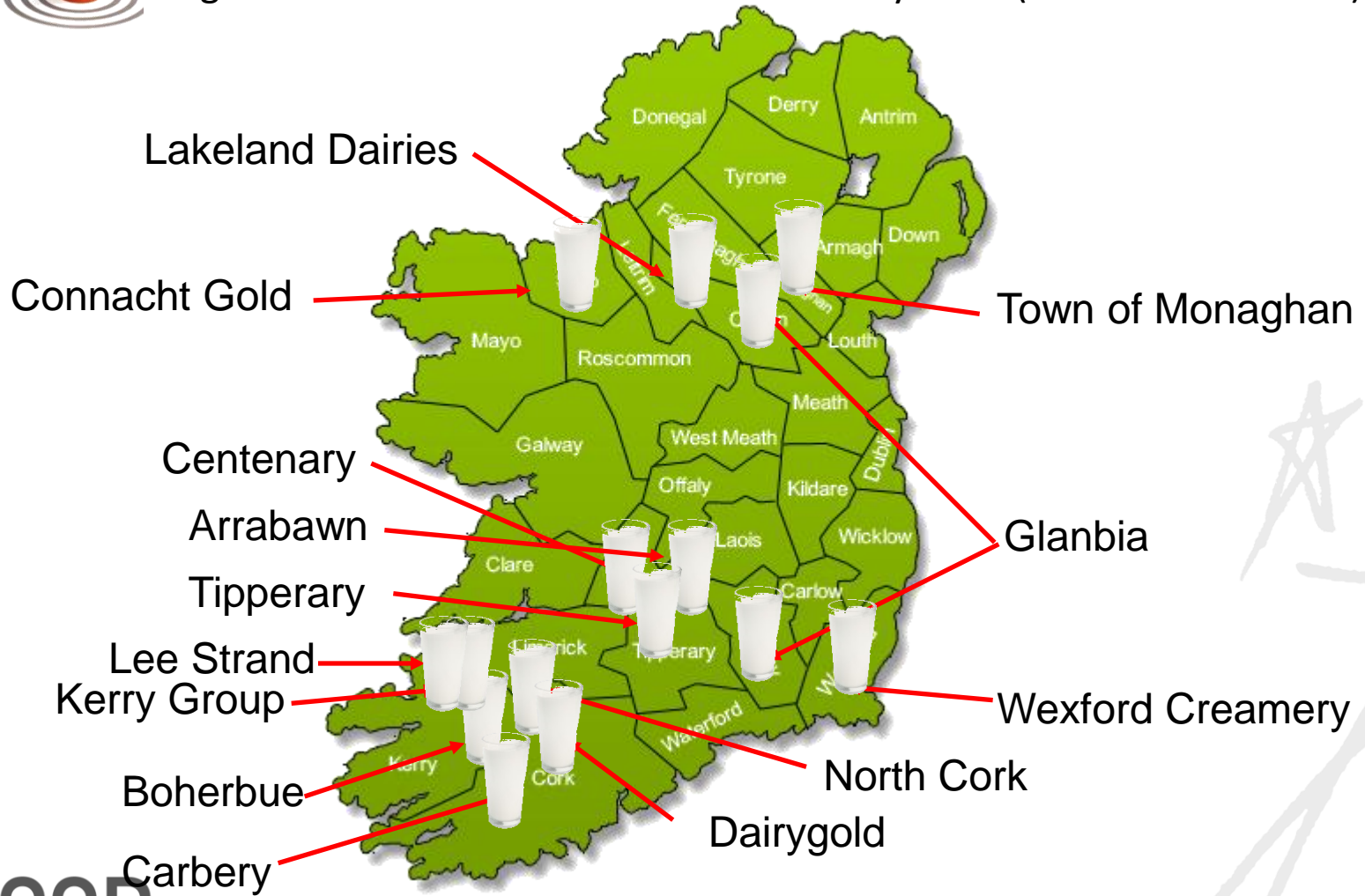
Ireland exports to **140** markets worldwide. The top 5 markets are the UK, China, Germany, Netherlands & the United States





Major Dairy Processors in Ireland

Targeted 50% Increase in Milk Production by 2020 (Food Harvest 2020)



Produce of the Irish Dairy Industry



Skim Milk



Milk

Cream



High Added Value



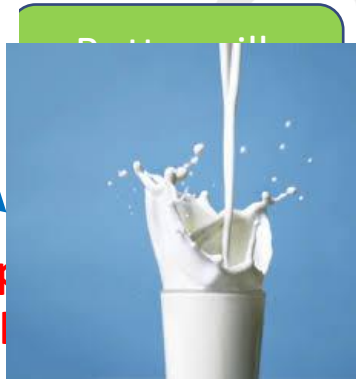
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Milk Salts
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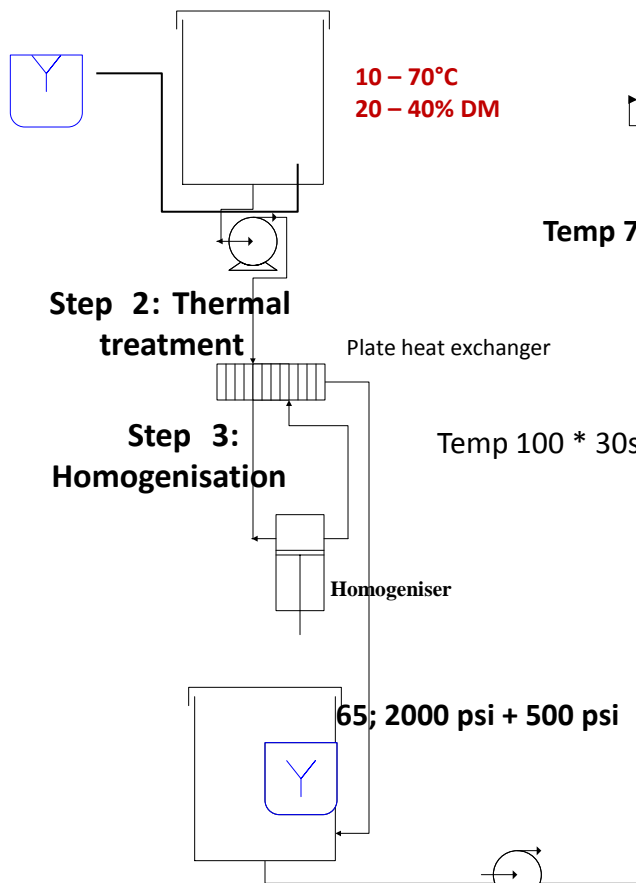


Matching product
business model - C



What Does Standard Dairy Processing Look Like

Step 1: Batch make-up



Step 2: Thermal treatment

Plate heat exchanger

Step 3: Homogenisation

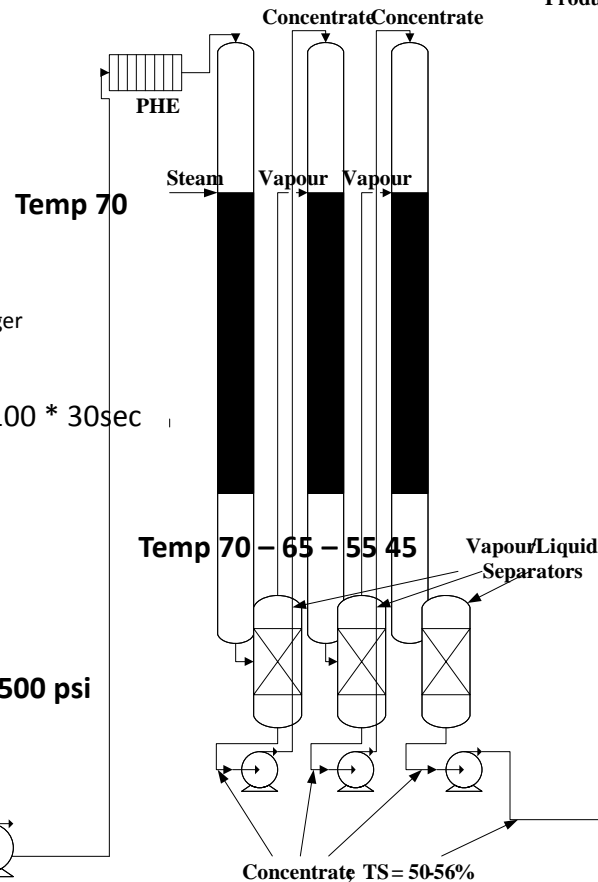
Homogeniser

Temp 100 * 30sec

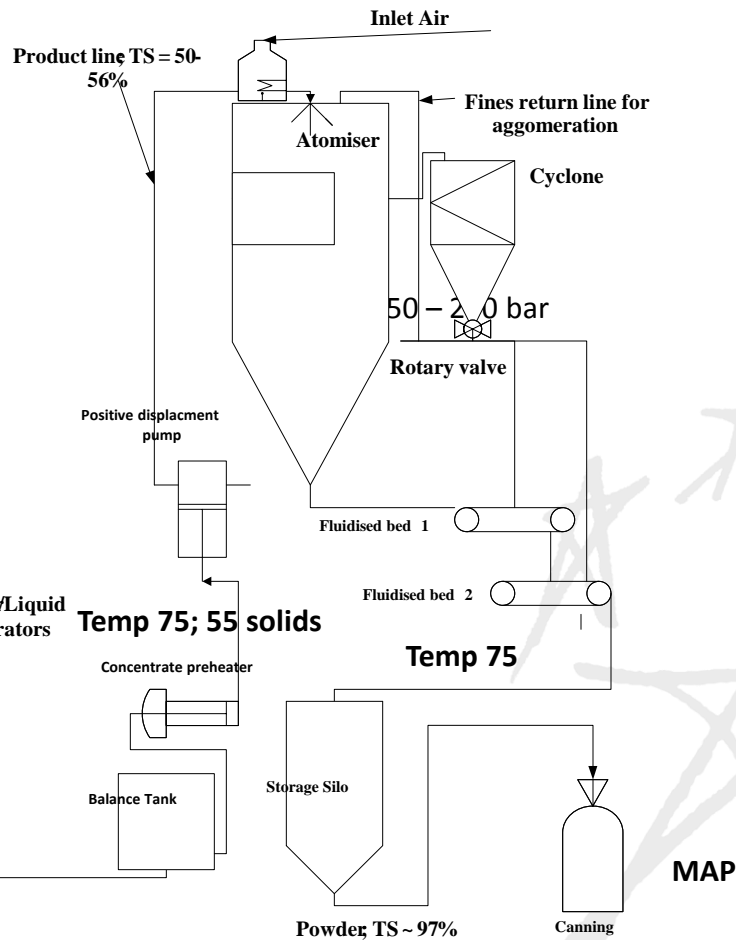
65; 2000 psi + 500 psi

Step 4: Holding tank

Step 5: Evaporation

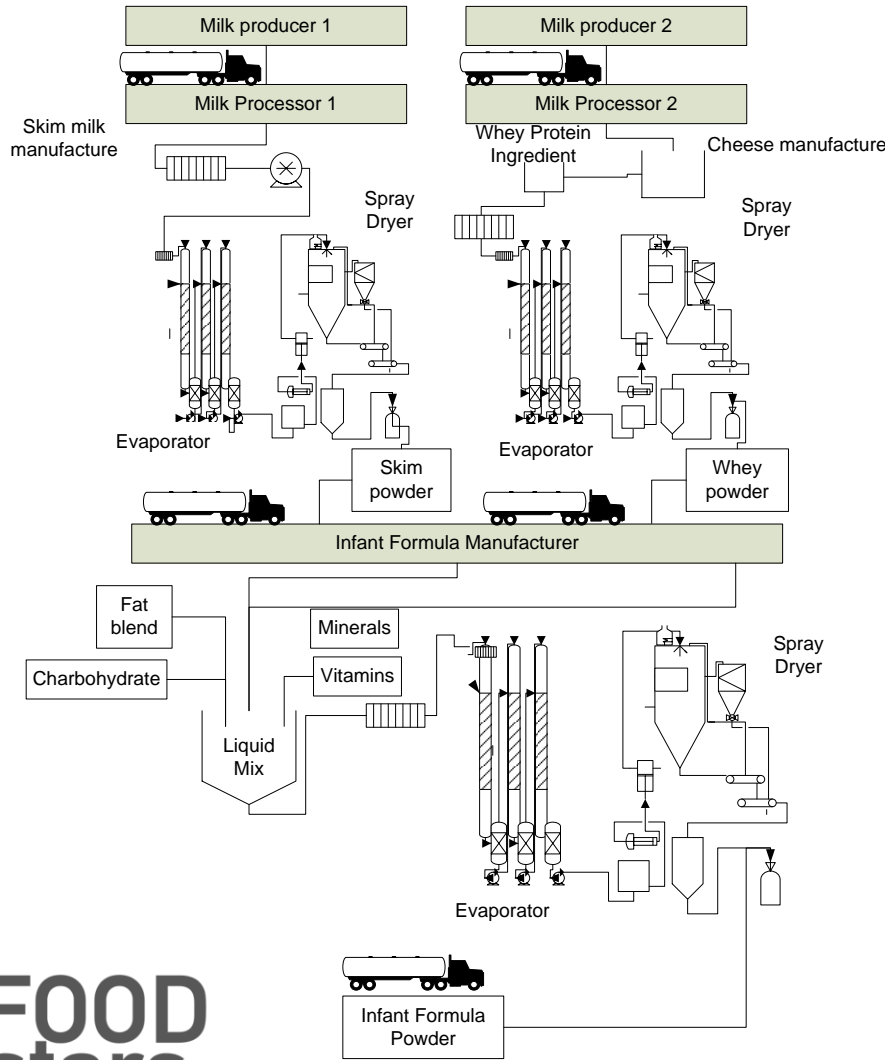


Step 6: Drying (Three stage)

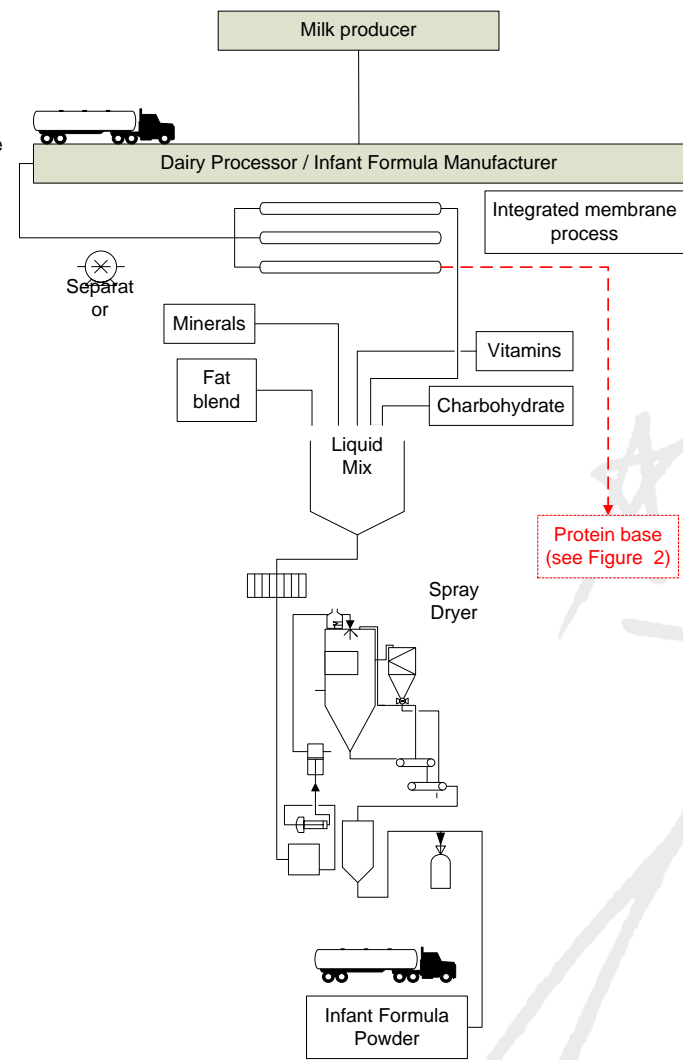


What Does IMF Processing Look Like – Same Challenges

Typical Road Map for Infant Formula Manufacture



Proposed Road Map for Next Generation Infant Formula Manufacture – using a new concept ingredient as a liquid protein base





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WASTE LOSS MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL IN DAIRY PROCESSING

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Definition of wastage

- “Wastage is defined as something expended uselessly or that one fails to take advantage of or that is used extravagantly” (IDF Bulletin 385/2003)
- In milk processing wastage is described as:
“milk purchased that is not sold as primary product”

Material losses in the Irish Dairy Industry

- Historically very high levels of wastage were accepted in the dairy industry
- In the infancy of the dairy industry only milk fat was of interest for processing into butter while skim milk was returned to farmers
- The cheese revolution followed whereby milk solids were converted to a highly stable product – whey became an effluent from this process and was fed to pigs
- Today the dairy industry operates at a very high efficiency due to the low margin on dairy commodities and tight regulations on discharge licenses (Phosphates !!)

Material losses in the Irish Dairy Industry

- Today losses primarily come from:
 - Flushing lines
 - Flushing tanks
 - Product changeovers
 - Deposits in heating equipment
 - Evaporator condensates
 - Spray dryer fines
 - CIP of all of the above
- Recovery mainly focuses on white water recovery by filtration (RO)– use of recovered material can be an issue
- Correct plant design minimises losses

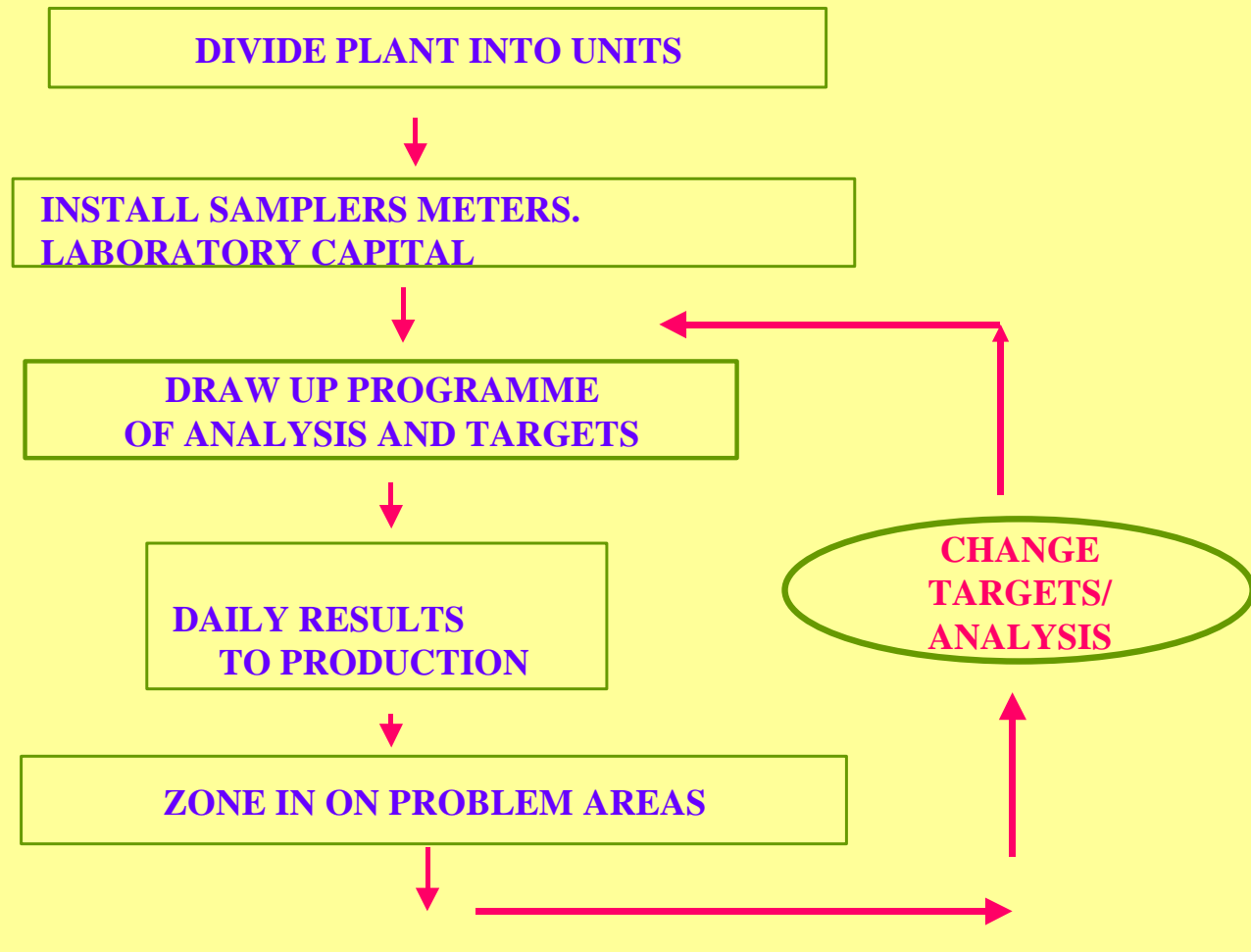
WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE IRISH DAIRY INDUSTRY

- UP TO MID '80S - TRADITIONAL APPROACH - GLS, OVERUN IN BUTTER
- YIELD CALCULATED IS:
 - $\frac{\text{MILK FAT IN PRODUCT}}{\text{MILK FAT PROCESSED}}$
- ACCURATE RECORD OF STOCK, COMPOSITION - A SOURCE OF ERROR
YIELDS > 100%?
- FROM MID 80'S
 - *MAJOR INPUT TO OPTIMISE YIELDS.*
- DIRECT MEASUREMENT OF LOSSES ADOPTED
 - DAILY PERFORMANCE APPRAISED
 - MONETARY VALUE OF LOSSES QUANTIFIED
- PROCESS CONTROL/INVESTMENT - NEW TECHNOLOGIES
- COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

LOSS MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUE (LMT)

- A. ***Traditional Method:*** Material balance inaccurate for daily use due to stock carryover and error in measurement.
- B. ***L.M.T.:*** Requires measuring all loss sources in each process.
- C. ***Necessary Inputs:*** Flow measurement and sampling equipment analysis of effluent, by-product and product.
- D. ***Expression of Results:*** As kg of product lost/day.
- E. ***Set Target Figures:*** For losses on basis of good operating practice.
- F. ***Avoidable Loss Kg/Day:*** = Total loss - target value

Implementation of L.M.T.



SUCCESS OF WASTE MINIMISATION PROGRAMME IS BASED ON:

- **COMPANY POLICY STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**
- **MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT**
- **MONETARY/CAPITAL RESOURCES**
- **A PROGRAMME OF PERSONNEL TRAINING**
- **OVERCOME CULTURAL BARRIERS**
- **INCENTIVE SCHEMES**
- **EMPLOYEE MOTIVATION**
- **INFORMATION FEED BACK**



PROCESS INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR WASTE LOSS APPRAISAL

- **PROCESS DESCRIPTIONS**
- **PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAMS**
- **PIPE AND INSTRUMENT DRAWING**
- **OPERATING MANUALS**
- **DRAINAGE DETAIL AND HISTORY**
- **WASTE ANALYSIS - FLOW OR CONCENTRATION**
- **DISCHARGE LICENCE DETAILS**
- **EMISSION STANDARDS**



Where do losses occur ?

- Spillages to floor and leaks
- Inherent sources such as milk separation ,emission losses in drying
- Waste in pipes that do drain easily
- Heat deposits in heat exchangers
- CIP
- **Product losses are also wastage**
- Over specification such as excess fat in cheese/powders where accurate standardisation is not employed
- Product returns due to shelf life consideration resulting in downgrading of product – microbiological quality

Heating Dairy Products Creates Wastage as Effluent

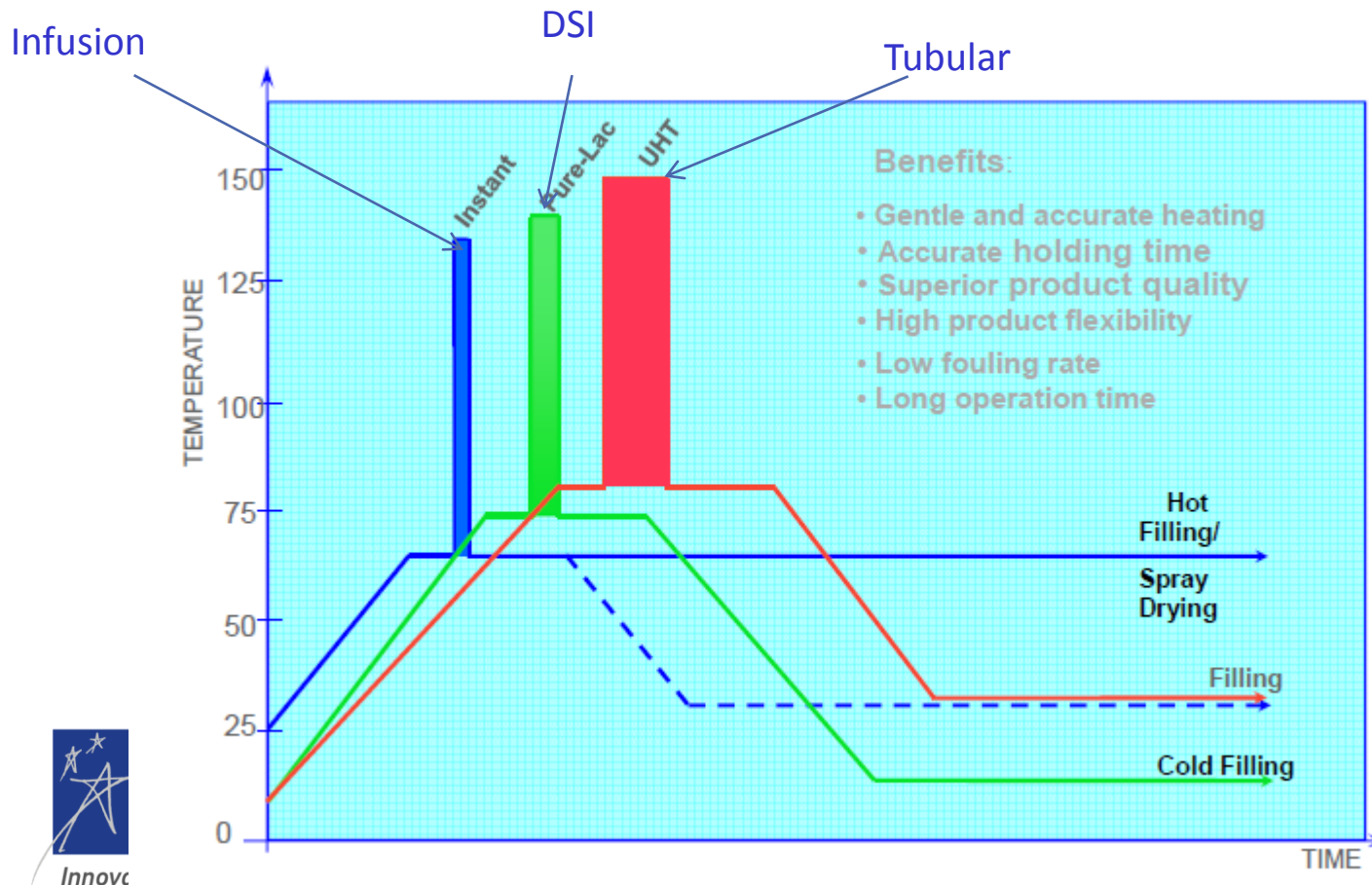
Effect of heating on bovine milk components

- Microbiological Safety
- Inactivation of enzymes
- Protein structural changes, resulting in inactivation of functional proteins
- Maillardation
- Heat Toxins
- FOULING !!!!!!!**
- Higher DM + Higher Temperature Exacerbates the Problem**

Many Technologies for HHT - Challenges

Options include

- DSI (direct contact of steam with product)
- Infusion (direct contact of steam with product)
- Tubular (indirect contact of product with heating medium)



All systems are challenged by high DM processes

HHT requirements are met primarily in the holding section

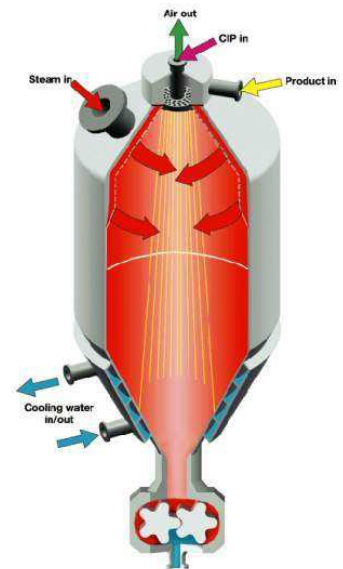
Typically the holding tube/section is the initiation zone for fouling

How to reduce effluent related to fouling in heating processes

- Food Safety is still a major challenge
 - Fonterra crisis highlights vulnerability in the sector
 - The dairy industry is considering higher thermal loads
 - Higher thermal loads = higher effluent loading
 - Consider combination processes to meet equivalent microbial reductions
 - Research needs to consider state of the art processes
 - Instant Infusion (SPX), low temperature bactofugation (Westfalia/Seitel), low temperature Microfiltration (TAMI/Synder/Membralox)



Smart Process Design is key!



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What are Teagasc' Capabilities in Dairy Recovery

- Complete milk fractionation – MF – UF – NF – RO – ED – IEX
- New concepts for liquids – concentrates – powders
- Robustness studies – plant and membrane performance
- Feasibility studies – mapping macro-micro nutrient partition
- Integrated mass balance and process flow design
- CAPEX OPEX and business case evaluation
- Capability to rapidly modify and construct membranes pilots to meet customer requirements
- Reverse Osmosis drives water recovery and water balance in Dairy plants



Practical techniques to reduce waste in dairy processing

- **Good operating practices**
 - *Regular preventative maintenance. Leaking steam valves, product leakage pumps. Calibration of instrumentation and records.*
 - E.G. Load cells, flow meters
 - Depth Controller, pH sensors
 - Good communication network.
- **Segregate various streams and isolate before reaching drain.**
- **Segregate storm and flush/CIP where possible.**
- **Employ on line instrumentation where possible - conductivity, turbidity, or mass flow to give instant alarm.**

Techniques continued

- **Bunding of silos – standard practice**
- **Avoid spillages and identify/remove dead lines.**
- **Remove operator dependency where possible**
- **Increase automation where possible.**
- **Train and motivate employees – bonus schemes**
- **Increase product shelf-life and reduce over specification.**

Technology/process changes

- Introduce new equipment which produce less waste
 - *Automatic valve blocks instead of flow plates/swing bends*
- Change process conditions such as agitation, flow rate, thermal load, vacuum, air flow,
- Redesign equipment to avoid losses at start up and shutdown
 - *Minimise mixing of phases*
- Appraise new technologies
 - *Vats, separators, clarifier CIP recovery*

How to Reduce Waste in Dairy Plants –Effluent Load

- Establish waste load reduction targets for your plant and for individual processes within the plant
- Improve maintenance to prevent leaks from valves and piping
- Reduce water use as water used becomes wastewater
- Use condensate from evaporation if available
- Design lines that will allow proper drainage of product rather relying on rinse water to remove product
- Inspect vats and tanks to ensure dairy residues are removed before commencing CIP
- Collect solids from the floor and place in waste containers
- Do not use hoses as brooms
- Seek ideas from employees in reducing waste and implement the best ideas immediately and let them know the outcome
- Train employees toward preventing pollution



What about irrecoverable milk solids?

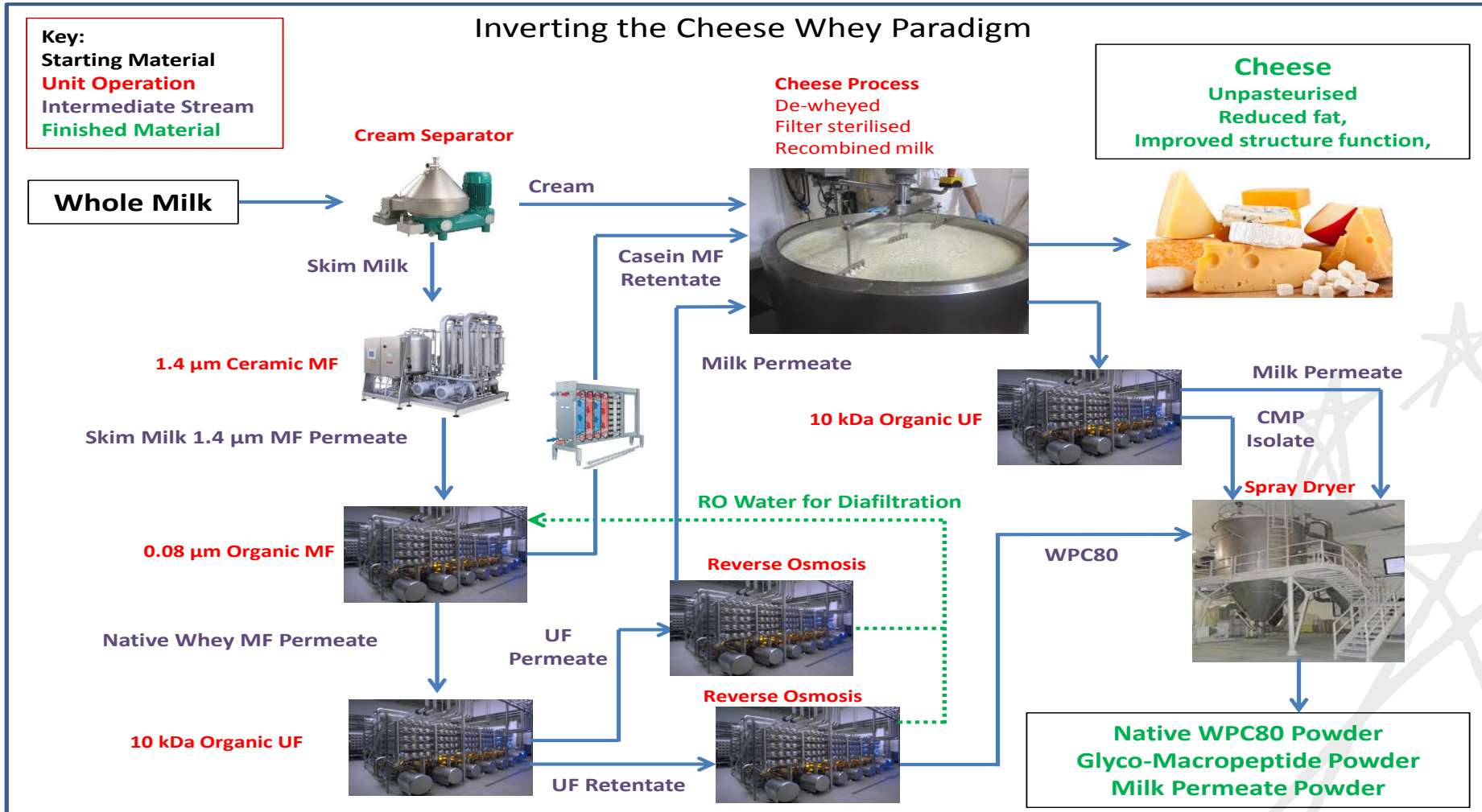
- Dairygold needed a wastewater treatment plant that could reliably treat process wastewater containing powdered milk and cheese waste, as well as high-strength salty whey
- This led to the installation of the worlds largest above ground anaerobic digester effluent plants, commissioned in 2012.
- This waste-to-energy system uses effluent from the site to generate gas to contribute to the site's energy requirements.
- The site, located at Mitchelstown, Co Cork, included a 45,000m digester, 78m in diameter, to treat the process dairy waste load



What about whey

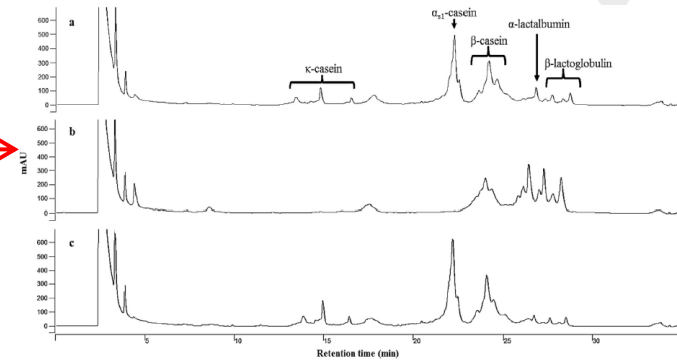
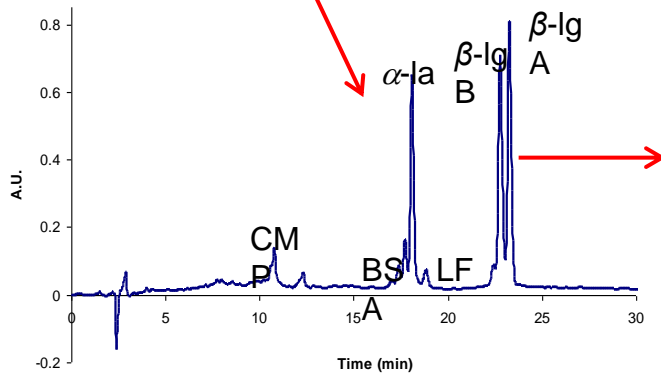
- Cheese whey used to be the largest effluent stream in the dairy industry
- Whey is now one of the most valuable commodities produced by the dairy processors
- Perhaps cheese could be considered the by-product (waste) of whey processing due to its high commercial value

Next Generation Process Technologies – Cheese Whey Relationship



What Areas in Dairy Recovery are hot right now!

- Removal of bacteria and recovery of filtration retentates
- Phospholipid recovery – milk and oil processing
- Enrichment of milk oligosaccharides
- Recovery of targeted enzymes
- Renovation – where can waste streams be recombined in existing products – legislation and regulation - EMP for certain markets
- Retention of higher bioavailability milk salts through selective partition of minerals in demineralization process
- Retention of higher levels of trace minerals and vitamins in demineralization and lactose processing



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