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## **ABSTRACT**

As consumers have pursued healthier lifestyles in recent years, consumption of soy foods has risen steadily, encouraged by scientific studies showing health benefits from these products. There is a large market for ice cream in the United States. However, since ice cream contains dairy ingredients, a number of Americans are not able to consume it because of dietary habits due to religious beliefs, lactose intolerance, vegetarianism or other related ideologies. For years, these groups of consumers have been able to substitute ice cream with frozen desserts containing soy protein as a substitute for milk protein, but never in the United States have companies used a mixture of the soy protein with coconut milk in ice cream or frozen dessert formulations.

A non-dairy frozen dessert containing coconut milk and soy protein (meeting FDA requirements for health claim) was developed, and two consumer studies were performed to determine sensory attributes critical to consumer acceptance and purchase intent. In the first study (n = 109) three formulations were developed: vanilla (A), peach (B) and strawberry cheesecake (C). Drivers for acceptance and purchase intent were overall liking/texture, and overall liking/texture/sweetness, respectively. Appearance and color were important for purchase intent for product C, not for A and B. Flavor choices affected purchase intent; flavor was most critical to purchase intent for product B, not for A. Products A, B, and C had an original purchase intent of 34%, 44%, and 83%, respectively; these figures (except for product B) significantly (prob.<0.05) increased after information about health benefit of soy protein/non-dairy ingredients had been given to consumers.

In study two, nine different formulations of the strawberry cheesecake-flavor desserts were developed. Consumers (n = 432) evaluated two of the nine formulations for acceptability

of consumer sensory attributes. There were significant differences found among the nine formulations and overall liking, flavor and texture were the attributes responsible for the differences. Overall liking and flavor were the two most important factors in determining both consumer acceptance and purchase intent.

## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

Ice cream and related frozen desserts are consumed by more than 90% of households in the United States. According to 2004 U.S. production, ice cream accounts for the largest share (60%) of the frozen dessert market (International Dairy Foods Association, 2005). Reduced-fat, light, low-fat and nonfat ice cream account for 28% of the market, followed by frozen yogurt (4%), water ice (4%), sherbet (3.5%) and other (0.5%). Since ice cream contains dairy ingredients, a number of Americans are not able to consume it because of dietary habits due to religious beliefs, lactose intolerance, vegetarianism or other related ideologies. Because of this, soy-based products have become increasingly popular and gradually moved into the mainstream market.

Vegetarians and health enthusiasts have known for years that foods rich in soy protein offer a good alternative to meat, poultry, and other animal-based products. As consumers have pursued healthier lifestyles in recent years, consumption of soy foods has risen steadily, encouraged by scientific studies showing health benefits from these products. In October 1999, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave food manufacturers permission to put labels on products containing at least 6.25 grams of soy protein per serving, indicating that these foods may help lower heart disease risk. There are many soy-based frozen desserts in the market, but there is no evidence of a commercial frozen dessert formulated with soy protein isolate and coconut milk. Because the non-dairy frozen desserts lack the milk-fat, which makes the product creamier, coconut milk may be added to help reduce the sandiness and iciness that are often related with soy-based frozen desserts.

This thesis research was designed to develop a non-dairy frozen dessert containing soy protein and coconut milk and to determine the consumer sensory characteristics that determine product acceptance and purchase intent.

This thesis is divided into five chapters. Chapter one provides a short introduction and discusses this research's justification. Chapter two presents a literature review with concepts related to this thesis work. Chapters three and four are the two consumer studies investigating consumer attitude towards non-dairy frozen dessert containing soy protein and coconut milk. Chapter five consists of a brief summary of all findings of this research and possible future work. A list of all references cited, and the appendices that contain the questionnaires for both consumer studies, the research consent form, SAS code and other figures are provided. Finally, the last page of this thesis contains the VITA of the author of this work.

## **CHAPTER 2. LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **2.1 Introduction**

Ice cream has long been a favorite of the American consumer. In fact, it ranks second to cookies as the favorite dessert of Americans. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA, 2005), the total U.S. production of ice cream and related frozen desserts in 2004 amounted to about 1.6 billion gallons, translating to about 21.5 quarts per person. Moreover, according to the International Dairy Foods Association, in 2002, the total U.S. sales of ice cream and frozen desserts reached \$20.5 billion. Of that total, \$8.1 billion was spent on products for "at home" consumption, while \$12.5 billion was spent on "away from home" frozen dessert purchases (scoop shops, foodservice and other retail sales outlets). Unfortunately, some Americans are not able to consume ice cream due to changes in their eating habits or to lactose intolerance. The product developed for this thesis is catered to these types of consumers

### **2.2 Ice Cream**

Ice cream is a frozen foam that consists of air cells dispersed in an aqueous matrix (Marshall et al., 2003). The three main structural components of ice cream are air cells, ice crystals, and fat globules, which have a major influence on the sensory and textural properties of ice cream. These three main structural components are distributed throughout a continuous phase of unfrozen solution (serum). The processing of ice cream involves the mixing of the ingredients, homogenization of the mixture, pasteurization and aging at 4°C before freezing in a scraped surface heat exchanger and hardening (Berger, 1990). The homogenization of the ice cream mix ruptures the original fat globules in milk and results in the formation of smaller globules with new exposed surfaces; these are stabilized by the proteins and the low molecular

weight emulsifiers (Augustin and Udabage, 2003). In the vast majority of countries, heat treatment of ice cream mix, to a level sufficient to destroy vegetative pathogens, is mandatory. The minimum permitted heat treatment varies from country to country and, in the US, from state to state (Varnam and Sutherland, 2001). According to the FDA, milk can be pasteurized by a High-Temperature-Short-Time Treatment (HTST) or by a Low-Temperature-Long-Time Treatment (LTLT). The HTST treatment uses 72°C (161°F) for 15 seconds, and the LTLT treatment uses 63°C (145°F) for 30 minutes; for ice cream mix a pasteurization of 71°C (160°F) for 30 minutes is used. The pasteurization temperature and time used for ice cream mix is a little higher than that of milk since the consistency of the mixture is thicker than that of milk. These heat treatments cause the destruction of pathogens in the ice cream mix, give ice cream a longer shelf life, improve the solubility of ingredients, and melt the milk fat. The application of different heat treatments can affect the ice cream properties. Pasteurization at lower temperatures for longer times generally results in the improved solubility of stabilizers and gives ice creams better melt resistance (Loewenstein and Haddad, 1972a, 1972b).

Following the heat treatment the mix must be cooled. Cooling and aging of the ice cream mix cause crystallization of the fat. Cooling and aging also promote the displacement of the proteins, which are adsorbed onto the fat globules during homogenization, by low molecular weight surfactants in the ice cream mix (Augustin and Udabage, 2003). It has been shown that decreasing the temperature of an emulsion increases the displacement of proteins from an oil-water interface by low molecular weight surfactants and further, that the temperature induced changes in interface composition are dependent on the type of emulsifier used (Krog, 1991). The mix is held at 4°C for 24 hours. Longer holding periods should be avoided to prevent spoilage by

psychrotrophic microorganisms. Cooling the mix to  $-1$  to  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a scraped surface heat exchanger permits the use of shorter aging periods (Sutherland and Varnam, 2001).

In traditional ice cream manufacturing freezing is a two-stage process. According to Sutherland and Varnam (2001), in the first stage the temperature is reduced under agitation, air being incorporated to give an aerated product. The amount of air incorporated, the time the ice cream mix spends in the freezing barrel, the temperature of the freezer outlet and the dasher speed all affect the final structure development of an ice cream during the dynamic freezing process (Augustin and Udabage, 2003). Incorporation of air during freezing leads to an increase in volume of the mix, so-called the overrun. Overrun may be calculated either by volume or by weight and is also an important quality determinant. A high overrun ice cream has less flavor, a drier appearance and a less stiff texture (Sutherland and Varnam, 2001). In most countries ice cream is sold by volume, so it is economically desirable to have an overrun as high as possible without adversely affecting the characteristics of the ice cream.

The second stage, which is much slower, involves no incorporation of air and takes place under quiescent conditions in a hardening room or tunnel. The process is not complete and even at very low temperatures some water remains unfrozen. The crystallization stage is of major importance with respect to ice cream quality since the texture is largely determined by the size of the ice crystals. Faster freezing rates are preferred because at slow freezing rates the crystals formed are bigger and can be detectable in the mouth. Ice cream should be stored at constant temperatures since the fluctuations lead to migration and accumulation of water and the formation of large crystals upon refreezing. A temperature of  $-20$  to  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  is used for long-term storage, but higher temperatures of  $-13$  to  $-18^{\circ}\text{C}$  are acceptable during transport and short-term display (Sutherland and Varnam, 2001).

The physical, functional and sensory properties of ice cream influence the consumer's perception and acceptance of an ice cream. A desirable ice cream has good flavor, body and texture, color, and melting characteristics and should be of good microbial quality (Rothwell, 1985; Marshall and Arbuckle, 1996). Flavor is one of the more important attributes of ice cream for the consumer. The pasteurization of the ice cream mix causes loss of volatile flavors and governs the extent of interactions between components of the mix. Homogenization and freezing affect the flavor through their effects on the size of the fat globules, which, in turn, governs the mouthfeel and the flavor-release properties of the ice cream (Lipsch, 1986).

### **2.3 Regulations**

There are specific guidelines set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as to what can be called ice cream. These guidelines can be found under the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 135.110, 2003) and contain product description, specifications, required ingredients as well as optional ingredients. According to the 21 CFR 135.110 (a)(1), ice cream is defined as a food produced by freezing, while stirring, a pasteurized mix. It contains not less than 1.6 pounds of total solids to the gallon, and weighs not less than 4.5 pounds to the gallon. It contains not less than 10 percent milkfat, nor less than 10 percent nonfat milk solids.

Because of these set guidelines the product being developed for this thesis cannot be called ice cream, given that it does not contain any dairy ingredients. Our new type of product is to be called "frozen dessert" or "frozen novelty."

The reference amounts customarily consumed (RACC) per eating occasion are also set by the FDA and can be found in Table 2 of the 21 CFR 101.12. The FDA calculated the RACC for ice cream for persons 4 years of age or older to reflect the amount of food customarily consumed per eating occasion by persons in this population group. This RACC is based on the data set forth

in appropriate national food consumption surveys. The RACC for ice cream and frozen novelties is set at ½ cup (4 oz.).

The 21 CFR (2003) contains specific guidelines for labeling of products. Certain label statements about the nature of a product are not nutrient content claims unless such statements are made in a context that would make them an implied claim under 21 CFR 101.13(b)(2). The following type of label statement is generally not implied nutrient content claim and, as such, is not subject to the requirements of the nutrient content claim section of the 21 CFR: A claim that a specific ingredient or food component is absent from a product, provided that the purpose of such claim is to facilitate avoidance of the substances because of food allergies, food intolerance, religious beliefs, or dietary practices such as vegetarianism or other non-nutrition related reason, e.g., “100 percent milk free.”

The FDA also sets guidelines for such things as health claims in food products. By definition, a health claim means any claim made on the label that expressly or by implication characterizes the relationship of any substance to a disease or health related condition (21 CFR 101.14(a)(1)). Implied claims include those statements, symbols, vignettes, or other forms of communication that suggest, within the context in which they are presented, that a relationship exists between the presence or level of a substance in the food and a disease or health-related condition. The health claim originally targeted for our new product was that for soy protein and risk of coronary heart disease (CHD). Scientific evidences demonstrate that diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of CHD. Other evidences demonstrate that the addition of soy protein to a diet that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol may also help reduce the risk of CHD (21 CFR 101.82(a)(3), 2003). The requirements for a food to be eligible to fall under this particular health claim are as follow: 1) the food must contain at least 6.25g of soy protein per

reference amount customarily consumed of the food product; 2) The food shall meet the nutrient content requirements for a “low saturated fat” and “low cholesterol” food; and 3) the food shall meet the nutrient content requirement for a “low fat” food, unless it consists of or is derived from whole soybeans and contains no fat in addition to the fat, inherently present in the whole soybeans it contains or from which it is derived (21 CFR 101.82(c)(iii), 2003). The requirements for foods with “low saturated fat,” “low cholesterol,” and “low fat” can be found in 21 CFR 101.62, 2003. For a food to fall under the “low fat” category, the food must have a RACC greater than 30g or greater than 2 tablespoons and contains 3g or less of fat per RACC. The term “low saturated fat” can only be used in foods that contain 1g or less of saturated fatty acids per serving and not more than 15 percent of calories from saturated fatty acids. And finally, the term “low cholesterol” can only be used in foods containing 20mg or less of cholesterol per serving and 2g or less of saturated fatty acids per RACC. So, although all formulations developed for our new product contain at least 6.25g of soy protein per serving, a health claim cannot be made because the formulations do not meet the requirements for a “low saturated fat” or “low fat” foods.

## **2.4 Soy Protein**

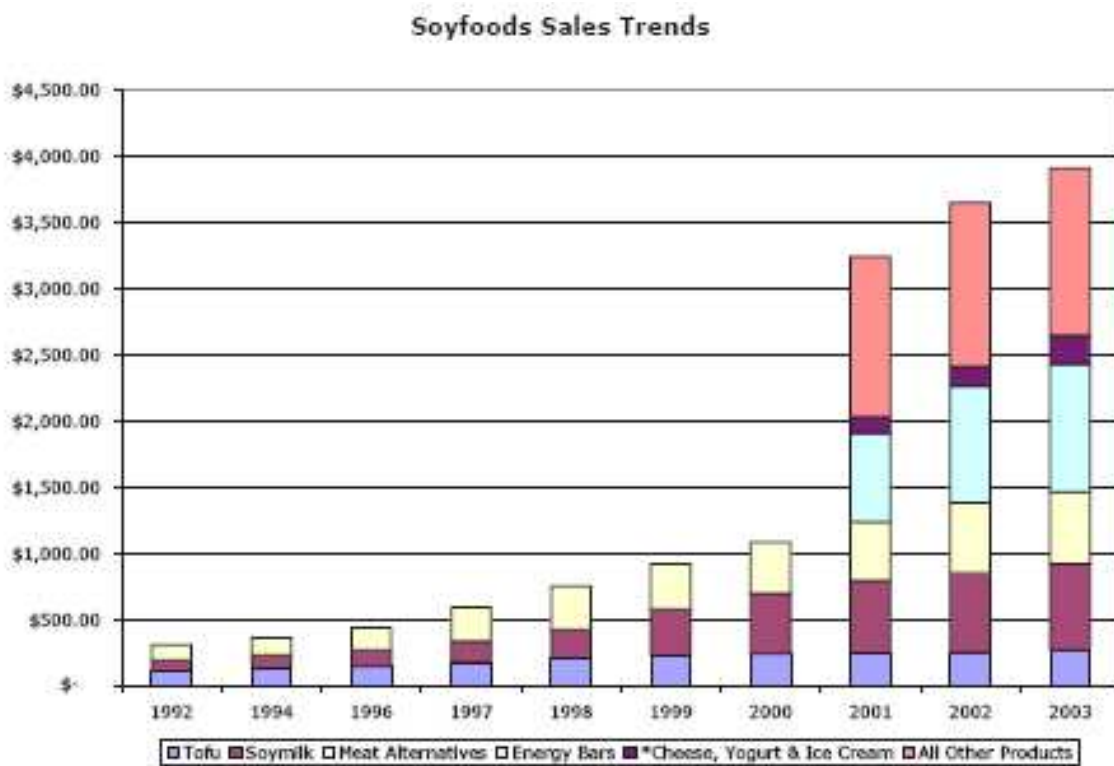
Soy is a remarkably versatile bean. While it has traditionally been used mostly in Asia, it is increasingly found in foods throughout the world. Soy is sometimes added to foods like breads, cereals and meat products, and even used as a meat substitute in products such as burgers and hotdogs for people who prefer vegetarian foods. Many soyfoods such as tofu, soy sauce, soy flour and soybean oil can be found in most supermarkets in the United States. Due to its versatility and health benefits, including high protein and low carbohydrate content, soyfoods have been gaining popularity in recent years. As companies have looked into developing soyfoods that appeal to western tastes, advances in processing has allowed for foods to be made

from components of soybeans such as soy protein concentrates and isolates. These technology advances have led to a wide range of second-generation soyfoods that appeal to people across the United States.

According to the Soyfoods Association of North America, from 1992 to 2003, soyfoods sales have experienced a 15% compound annual growth rate, increasing from \$300 million to \$3.9 billion over 11 years, as new soyfood categories have been introduced, soyfoods have been repositioned in the market place, and new customers have selected soy for health and philosophical reasons. Figure 1 illustrates this dramatic increase in sales. Between 2002 and 2003 there was a 7% increase in overall soyfoods sales. Since many consumers have now incorporated soy into their diets and supermarkets have brought soyfoods to their shelves, new growth spurts for soy will come with more consumers making a commitment to following healthier diets and more consensus evidence linking soy with disease prevention.

From 2001 to 2004, food manufacturers in the US introduced over 1,600 new foods with soy as an ingredient, averaging 400 new products per year. The 1999 FDA approved health claim for soy and heart health brought many new introductions, leading to 460 new products in 2001, 321 in 2002, 386 in 2003, and 443 in 2004, according to the Mintel's Global New Products Database. In 2004, the food categories with the most new soy containing product introductions were sauces and seasonings (84), followed by processed fish, meat or egg products (81), snacks (58), and dairy (33). Soy-based energy bars comprise the largest soyfood category (41%), followed by soy-based dairy alternatives (23%), soy-based meat alternatives (14%), soy-based cereals (11%), and soy condiments (5%), according to the Mintel, December Soy-based Food and Drink report.

Asian countries have lower incidences of several diseases, and this has been attributed to healthier lifestyles that include diets higher in vegetables, grains, fish and diets lower in red meats and fat (Adlercreutz, 1997). Soybean and its products are some of the foods believed to be responsible for lower incidence of some diseases in Asian countries as compared with Western countries. Although traditional soy foods like tofu and miso are still not popular in the U.S., many new soy-based products are selling well, largely because of the perceived health benefits of soybeans. In fact, one-third of Americans now eat soy foods, spending more than \$2.6 billion a year, mostly on soymilk, soy burgers, soy hot dogs and other processed products (Walsh, 2002).



**Figure 1:** Soy Sales Trend from 1992 through 2003 (Source: *Soyfoods: The U.S. Market 2004*, published by Soyatech, Inc. and SPINS)

Researchers still do not know which of several soybean components provide soy's important health benefits, but the most studied ones include isoflavones, protease inhibitors, phytates, phytosterols, saponins, phenolic acids, lecithin and omega-3 fatty acids. Clinical and animal studies suggest significant putative health benefits of consuming soybeans and components of soybeans, including soy protein isolate (SPI) (Badger et al., 2004). Isoflavones are the most widely studied of the soy phytochemicals and are considered major bioactive constituents associated with SPI. Isoflavones are thought to block human estrogens that may encourage the growth of hormone-sensitive cancers. The naturally occurring isoflavones in soy include genistein and daidzein, plus, to a lesser extent, glycitein. The amount of these isoflavones varies depending on the variety and the growing conditions. Soy foods naturally contain about two milligrams of isoflavones for every gram of soy protein. Unfortunately, processed foods rich in soy protein are not always rich in isoflavones, because isoflavones are often lost during processing. Conversely, isoflavone supplements sold to relieve menopausal symptoms or as bone supplements, may not contain protein.

Although isoflavones in foods containing SPI are known to be both bioavailable and bioactive, little is known about other phytochemicals bound to SPI, mainly because standards for these compounds are not readily available to allow for easy identification and quantitation (Badger et al., 2004). According to a study by Badger et al (2004) soy saponins are present in SPI at three times the levels of isoflavones (9.04 vs 2.8mg/g). While these compounds have been reported to have several bioactivities, including effects on cholesterol reduction, colon cancer, protection against chemical hepatotoxicity, estrogen actions and cell proliferation, they are not well-absorbed; thus, their abilities to reach target tissues at biologically relevant levels is questionable (Rao et al., 2002; Badger et al., 2002; Potter, 1995). However, saponins are present

in high concentrations in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract after a soy meal, and thus, they could be biologically important in GI tract development, GI function/health by interacting with the endothelial cell lining or through actions on gut microflora, or other physiologic or metabolic systems by acting indirectly through other mediators.

Heart disease has been the leading cause of death in the United States since 1918. According to the American Heart Association, 60,800,000 Americans have one or more types of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and 949,619 lives were lost in 1998 due to this devastating disease. The National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) recommends a multifaceted lifestyle approach to decrease the risk of heart disease, which includes reducing intakes of saturated fat to no more than seven percent of total calories and cholesterol to 300 mg/day maximum. Soyfoods are an excellent choice for a heart healthy diet. Because cholesterol is found only in animal foods, soybeans contain no cholesterol. Soybeans also provide very high quality protein, equivalent to animal sources of protein such as meat and milk (McDonough et al., 1990; Young, 1991). Additionally, soybeans are low in saturated fat. In fact, approximately 85 percent of the fat in soybeans is unsaturated. Most importantly, however, dozens of human clinical trials have demonstrated that soy consumption can lower both total and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, better known as the “bad” cholesterol (Carrol, 1991). Because of soy’s effectiveness in lowering the major blood lipids associated with an increased risk of heart disease, on October 26, 1999, the FDA approved a health claim for the relationship between the consumption of soy protein and reduced risk of coronary heart disease (CHD). In addition to the FDA-approved health claim for soy, the American Heart Association recently issued a statement for healthcare professionals which recommended including soy protein foods in a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol to promote heart health (Erdman, 2000).

Much of the early enthusiasm about the health benefits of soy had to do with its potential role in reducing breast cancer risk (United Soybean Board, 2005). According to the United Soybean Board (2005), the lower breast cancer mortality rates among soyfood consuming populations (five to seven fold less than in the U.S.) such as the Japanese, in conjunction with data showing that weak estrogens can function as antiestrogens, prompted initial speculation that soy might reduce breast cancer risk. Greater lifelong exposure to estrogen is associated with increased breast cancer risk; this is why earlier age at menses, later age at menopause and hormone replacement therapy usage are considered to be risk factors for breast cancer development (Pike, 2000). Since estrogen increases breast cancer risk, certain antiestrogens such as the drug tamoxifen, can decrease risk. The first animal study showing that genistein (the main isoflavone in soybeans) possessed antiestrogenic activity was published in 1966 (Folman, 1966). During the past ten years, research has identified several different mechanisms by which soy could exert antiestrogenic effects. These include: 1) competing with estrogen for binding to the estrogen receptor, 2) down-regulating estrogen receptors, 3) increasing serum levels of sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG) and 4) favorably altering estrogen metabolism (Anderson et al., 2000; Duncan et al., 2000). Despite the plethora of possible antiestrogenic mechanisms, the most excitement over the anticancer effects of soy is based on the ability of genistein to inhibit the activity of key enzymes and to influence cellular molecules, such as transforming growth factor beta, that lead to the inhibition of cancer cell growth (Constantinou and Huberman, 1995).

One recent study found that miso acted synergistically with the breast cancer drug tamoxifen, to inhibit the development of mammary tumors in rats. The study found that the combination of miso and tamoxifen inhibited the growth of existing mammary tumors, whereas tamoxifen by itself was ineffective (Dohi et al., 1998). There has been particular interest in

research showing that genistein exposure for just a few days very early in life reduces mammary cancer development later in life by as much as 50 percent (Lamartiniere, 2000).

## **2.5 Coconut Milk**

Although oil recovery remains the major concern in the coconut industry, there appears to be increasing demand for the aqueous extract of the solid endosperm, commonly called coconut milk, for use in the home and in the food industry. It has been estimated that 25% of the world's output of coconut is consumed as coconut milk (Gwee, 1988).

The extraction of coconut milk begins with labor-intensive operations such as shelling and paring of fully mature coconuts. Paring removes the brown testa, which imparts a brown color and slight bitter taste to the extracted milk. The coconut flesh or meat is then washed, drained and grated by machined (Gwee, 1997). According to Cancel (1979), there are several procedures that have been recommended for the extraction of coconut milk on an industrial or commercial scale. It primarily involves variations in the amount and temperature of the water added prior to pressing the grated coconut using a hydraulic or screw press. The milk is then filtered through a cloth filter or centrifuged at low speed (using a basket centrifuge) to remove finely comminuted particles of coconut pulp without breaking the emulsion.

It would be expected that the chemical composition of coconut milk would show very wide variations because of differences in factors such as variety, geographical location, cultural practices, maturity of the nut, method of extraction, and the degree of dilution with added water or liquid endosperm (Cancel, 1979). The main carbohydrates present in the coconut milk are sugars (primarily sucrose) and some starch. The major minerals found in raw coconut milk appear to be phosphorous, calcium, and potassium. Freshly extracted milk will very likely contain small amounts of water-soluble B vitamins and ascorbic acid (Gwee, 1997). Based on

their solubility characteristics, at least 80% of proteins in coconut endosperm would be classified as albumins and globulins (Samson et al., 1971; Balachandran and Arumughan, 1992). These would also be the predominant proteins in coconut milk. The protein content of undiluted milk ranges from 5 to 10% (on dry basis). Although coconut is high in saturated fat, as saturated fat is made up of fatty acids known as medium chain triglycerides (MTC's), coconut fat is smaller than the standard storage unit and is burned for energy rather than stored as body fat. Approximately 50% of the fatty acids in coconut fat are lauric acid. Lauric acid has been recognized for its unique properties in food use, which are related to its antiviral, antibacterial, and antiprotozoal functions. Another one of the coconut's antimicrobial components is capric acid. This is another medium chain fatty acid that has a similar benefit to lauric acid. Approximately 6-7% of the fatty acids in coconut fat are capric acid.

Researchers in the Phillipines have been at the forefront of efforts to develop new dairy foods using a combination of skim (cow's) milk and coconut milk (Davide et al., 1990). Amongst the products developed, flavored filled milk beverages, soft and blue cheeses, and low-fat fruit yogurt appear to show good commercial potential. Other products that have been developed over the years include soy/coconut milk, a butter-like product, and a *Lactobacillus*-fermented beverage. The addition of certain levels of coconut milk has also been suggested as a simple, but effective means of increasing the caloric density of tofu without affecting the acceptability of the product (Escueta et al., 1985).

## **2.6 Lactose Intolerance**

An estimated 30% of Americans and approximately 65-75% of people worldwide have decreased intestinal lactase levels, which may lead to lactose intolerance and difficulty digesting dairy products (Vesa et al., 2000; Suarez et al., 1998). Lactose malabsorption occurs when

lactose, the primary sugar in dairy products, is not completely digested and absorbed in the small bowel. Lactase, the enzyme required to hydrolyze lactose for intestinal absorption, is found primarily in tips of the villi in the jejunum (McCray, 2003). If lactase activity is decreased as a result of primary deficiency, altered anatomy, or an underlying disease process, malabsorption of lactose may occur. When unabsorbed lactose reaches the colon, colonic bacteria use this substrate for fermentation, producing gas and short chain fatty acids. The unabsorbed lactose also affects osmolality, causing water to be drawn into the bowel and accelerating the intestinal transit time (Vesa et al., 2000). The symptoms of lactose intolerance may include bloating, diarrhea, flatulence, abdominal pain, distention and cramping. The primary goals for treatment of lactose intolerance include symptom relief and ensuring adequate nutritional status. Many patients who wish to continue to consume dairy products can do so by adjusting the type, amount and timing of intake.

## **2.7 Vegetarianism**

Perceiving plant foods as beneficial because they are high in dietary fiber and, generally, lower in saturated fat than animal foods, many people turn to vegetarian diets. According to the latest poll by Baltimore-based Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG), 2.5 percent of Americans are vegetarians, meaning they do not consume red meat, poultry, or fish. That is an increase of nearly 1.5 percent since 1997. Asian Americans are among the most likely to be vegetarians, and 8.1 percent of Asian Americans avoid meat. Following Asian Americans come African Americans at 3.5% and Caucasians follow at a considerable distance at 1.6% (Fetto, 2000). Women shun meat more than men, with 3.2 percent steering clear of the meats, versus just 1.7 percent of men.

Health benefits are not the only reason vegetarian diets attract followers. Certain people, such as Seventh-Day Adventists, choose a vegetarian diet because of religious beliefs. Others give up meat because they feel eating animals is unethical. Some believe it is a better use of the Earth's resources to eat low on the food chain, that is, to eat plants, rather than the animals that eat the plants. And many people eat plants simply because they are less expensive than meats (Farley, 1995).

At the other end of the spectrum are vegans, who are people who do not eat red meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, eggs, or honey. According to Fetto (2000), these consumers account for only 0.9 percent of the American population, but that number is up as much as 270 percent from 1997. Vegans are more likely to reside in large cities (1.9 percent) and in the East (1.9 percent).

## **CHAPTER 3. DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF CONSUMER SENSORY QUALITY OF A NON-DAIRY FROZEN DESSERT PREPARED WITH COCONUT MILK AND SOY PROTEIN ISOLATE**

### **3.1 Introduction**

Ice cream has long been a favorite of American consumers. In fact, it ranks second to cookies as the favorite dessert of Americans. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the total U.S. production of ice cream and related frozen desserts in 2004 amounted to about 1.6 billion gallons, translating to about 21.5 quarts per person.

There are specific guidelines set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as to what can be called ice cream. According to the CFR, ice cream is defined as a food produced by freezing, while stirring, a pasteurized mix. It contains not less than 1.6 pounds of total solids to the gallon, and weighs not less than 4.5 pounds to the gallon. It contains not less than 10 percent milkfat, nor less than 10 percent nonfat milk solids.

There is a large market for ice cream in the United States. However, since ice cream contains dairy ingredients, a number of Americans are not able to consume it because of dietary habits due to religious beliefs, lactose intolerance, vegetarianism or other related ideologies. For years, these groups of consumers have been able to substitute ice cream with frozen desserts containing soy protein as a substitute for milk protein, but never in the United States have companies used a mixture of the soy protein with coconut milk in ice cream or frozen dessert formulations.

The objectives of this study were to develop a non-dairy frozen dessert prepared with soy protein and coconut milk and to identify consumer sensory attributes driving consumer acceptance and purchase intent.

## 3.2 Materials and Methods

### 3.2.1 Frozen Dessert Preparation

Three non-dairy frozen desserts were formulated with vanilla (A), peach (B) and strawberry cheesecake (C) flavors. These products were prepared by freezing while stirring a pasteurized mixture consisting of five basic ingredients (soy protein isolate, granulated sugar, coconut milk, stabilizer and water) and flavoring substance. The basis for these frozen desserts was coconut milk instead of milk-fat, imparting a smooth, creamy texture similar to that of milk.

Table 1 summarizes the percentages of the ingredients for each frozen dessert.

**Table 1:** Ingredient (%) for Frozen Desserts

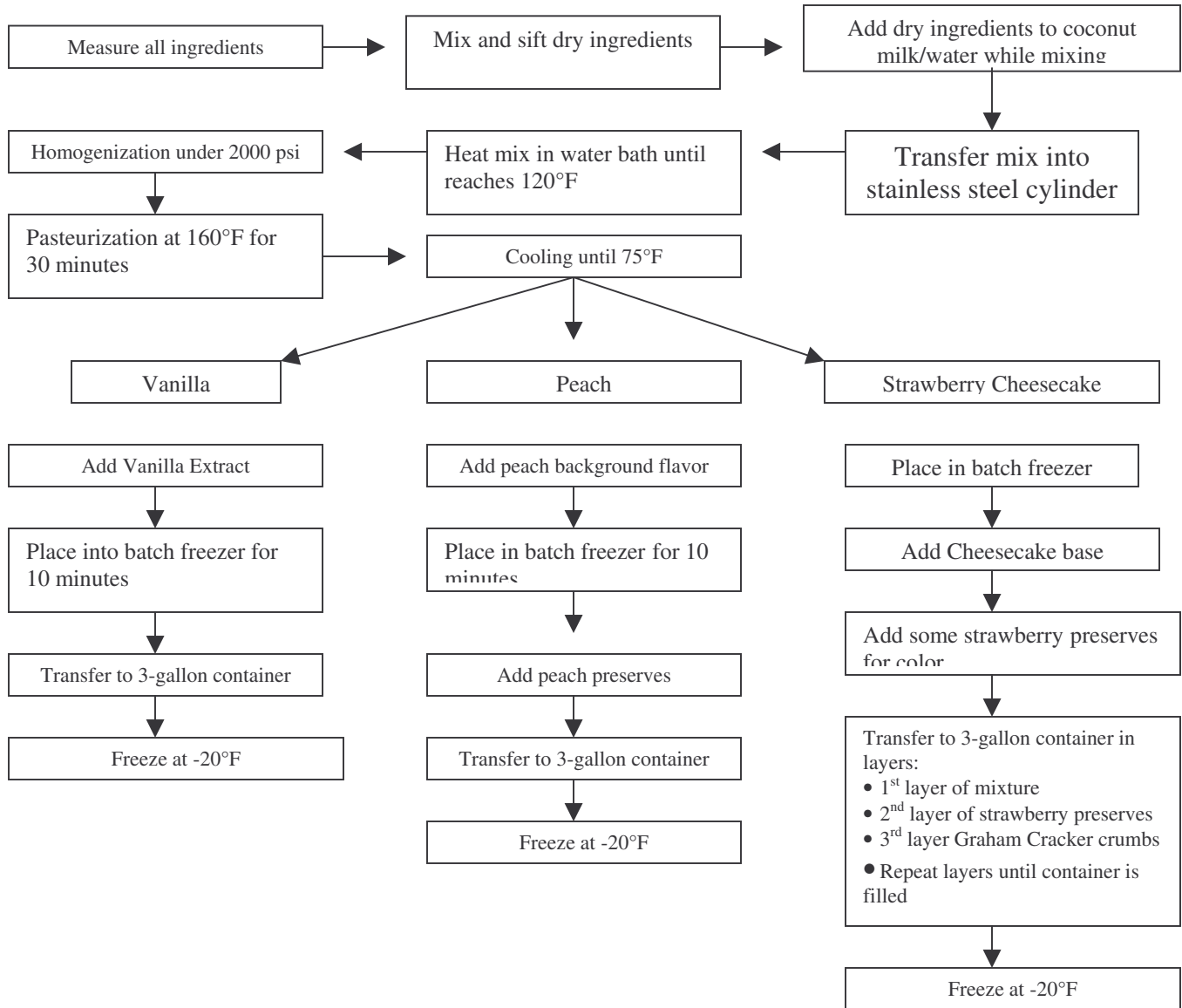
<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Vanilla (A)</b>	<b>Peach (B)</b>	<b>Strawberry Cheesecake (C)</b>
Soy Protein	6.12 %	6.05 %	6.70 %
Granulated Sugar	18.00 %	14.35 %	12.49 %
Coconut Milk	45.44 %	36.20 %	31.54 %
Water	30.00%	24.15 %	24.15 %
Stabilizer	0.15 %	0.12 %	0.10 %
Vanilla Extract	0.29%	-	-
Peach Flavor	-	0.13 %	-
Peach Preserves	-	19.00 %	-
Cheesecake Flavor	-	-	3.03 %
Strawberry Preserves	-	-	19.09 %
Graham Cracker Crunch	-	-	2.90 %

The soy protein used was soy protein isolate (Pro-Fam 892) obtained from Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) in Decatur, IL. The coconut milk (Savoy; Thai Agri Foods,

Public Co., Ltd., Thailand) was purchased from a local market. Per serving size (0.5 cup) the coconut milk contained 14g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, and 0mg cholesterol. The vanilla extract was purchased from R.R. Lochhead Mfg Company in Paso Robles, CA. The PGX-1 stabilizer was obtained from Danisco USA Company in St. Joseph, MO. The peach background flavor was purchased from Sensient Flavors Inc, in Amboy, IL. Finally, the cheesecake flavor base, strawberry preserves, peach preserves, and the graham cracker crunch were obtained from Dippin' Flavor in St. Louis, MO.

The first step in making our frozen desserts was measuring of all the ingredients: soy protein isolate, coconut milk, sugar, stabilizer and water. The coconut milk and water were placed into a clean container. Then, all the dry ingredients were sifted and mixed together to avoid clumping of the soy protein isolate, and were then gradually added to the coconut milk and water mixture while mixing to provide a uniform mixture. The mixture was then transferred into stainless steel cylinders and put into a water bath and heated until it reached approximately 49°C (120°F). The mixture was then transferred into the homogenizer (Model 300 DJF 4 2PS, Manton-Gaulin Mfg. Co. Inc, Everett, MA) operated under pressure of approximately 13,800 Kpa (2000 psi) to ensure there were no clumps and that a homogeneous mixture was obtained. The mixture was placed back into the stainless steel cylinders and put into a water bath for pasteurization. For our products a low-temperature long-time pasteurization was done at 71°C (160°F) for 30 minutes. The pasteurization step was performed to destroy any microorganisms that may be present in the mixture. After pasteurization the mixture was cooled until it reached 24°C (75°F). After cooling, each flavor underwent a different process (Figure 2) and then placed into a Model 20LA batch freezer (Emerson Thompson, Machine & Supply Co. in Bronx, NY). The batch freezer is designed with a dasher that whips and aerates the mixture; that is, as it

freezes it incorporates air. This incorporation of air is referred to as overrun, and for this study 120% overrun was used.



**Figure 2:** Process Flow Diagram for Non-Dairy Frozen Desserts

For the vanilla-flavored sample, the vanilla extract was added after cooling. The mixture was placed into the batch freezer for 10 minutes and transferred into three-gallon containers and sealed with a lid. The containers were then placed in the freezer at  $-29^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). For the

peach-flavored sample, the peach background flavor was added to the mixture after cooling, and put into the batch freezer. During the batch freezing, a portion of the peach preserves was added at the beginning, and the rest was added at the end to preserve bigger pieces of peach. After approximately ten minutes in the batch freezer, the mixture was then transferred into three-gallon containers, sealed with a lid, and placed in the freezer  $-29^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). For the strawberry cheesecake-flavored sample, the mixture was placed directly into the batch freezer and the cheesecake base was added. A small portion of the strawberry preserves was added to the mixture to give it a slight pink color. After approximately 10 minutes, the mixture was poured into three-gallon containers in layers until the container was filled. The first layer consisted of the frozen dessert mixture, followed by a layer of strawberry preserves, and finally with a thin layer of graham cracker crunch. The layers were slightly swirled. These steps were repeated until the three-gallon container was full. Once the container was full, it was covered with a lid, and placed into the freezer at  $-29^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

### **3.2.2 Consumer Acceptance Test**

One hundred and nine untrained consumers participated in the consumer acceptance test. The consumers were randomly chosen from the Louisiana State University campus using the following criteria for recruitment: (1) they were at least 18 years of age, (2) they were not allergic to soy, coconut, sugar, vanilla, and strawberries, (3) and that they were willing and available for participation and for the completion of the survey.

Consumers were presented with 3 2-oz samples, which were coded according to the flavor: sample A (Vanilla), sample B (Peach) and sample C (Strawberry Cheesecake). Each consumer was also provided with room temperature water and unsalted, plain crackers to cleanse their palate in between each sample. Consumers were asked to answer demographic questions

such as age and gender. Each consumer evaluated each sample for acceptability of appearance, color, texture, flavor, coconut flavor, sweetness and overall liking using the 9-point hedonic scale (1= dislike extremely, 5= neither dislike nor like, 9= like extremely). The binomial type questions (yes/no) were used to evaluate overall product acceptance, purchase intent and purchase intent after being provided with additional health benefit information about soy protein. A series of these binomial questions were compared to see changes in purchase intent before and after additional health information about the products was provided to the consumers. Table 2 summarizes the list of comparisons.

**Table 2:** Comparisons of Purchase Intent Before and After Additional Information Provided to Consumers

Comparison Number	Comparison
1	Would you buy this product? vs. Would you buy this product knowing it contains soy protein?
2	Would you buy this product? vs. Would you buy this product knowing it contains no dairy ingredients?
3	Would you buy this product? vs. Would you buy this product knowing it contains soy protein and no dairy ingredients?
4	Would you buy this product knowing it contains soy protein? vs. Would you buy this product knowing it contains soy protein and no dairy ingredients?
5	Would you buy this product knowing it contains no dairy ingredients? vs. Would you buy this product knowing it contains soy protein and no dairy ingredients?

### 3.2.3 Statistical Data Analysis

All data were analyzed at  $\alpha = 0.05$  using the SAS software version 9.1, 2003 (SAS Institute., Cary, NC). A procedure for partitioning the total variation in observed data into various components and assigning them to respective causes is called the analysis of variance (Gacula and Singh, 1984). Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to determine if differences exist among the three frozen dessert products in terms of acceptability of each sensory attribute

as well as overall liking. ANOVA, as a technique for statistical inference requires certain assumption to be theoretically valid. For theoretical validity of ANOVA in a parametric setup, it must be assumed that observations follow the normal distribution and that the error terms are independently distributed with mean zero and common variance  $\sigma^2$ . The Tukey's studentized range test was conducted to locate the differences. The multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) was also used and it is normally performed after ANOVA. MANOVA is used to reveal whether significant differences exist between treatments when all attributes are compared simultaneously (Lawless and Heymann, 1998). Descriptive discriminant analysis (DDA) was used after ANOVA to determine which attributes were responsible for the underlying differences among the three samples (Huberty, 1994).

Predictive Discriminative Analysis, PDA, (Huberty, 1994) and logistic regression were performed to identify sensory attributes critical to overall acceptance and purchase intent. PDA works with classification of products based on several variables simultaneously. It is an analog of a regression analysis. A fitted set of data to a mathematical function will give an observation its highest probability of being assigned to the known correct population whereas minimizing the probability that the same observation will be misclassified (Resurreccion, 1998). The odds ratio estimate was used to identify critical attributes for acceptability and purchase intent. The odds are a nonnegative number with a value that is greater than 1.0 when a success is more likely to occur than a failure (Agresti, 1996).

The McNemar test represents a comparison of dependent proportions for binary response variables. It is a two-related sample difference test that follows a Chi-square distribution with  $df = 1$ . The McNemar test was used to analyze the change in probability of consumer purchase

intent before and after they had been given additional health information about the product in question. The sample proportion was calculated using the following formula:

$$P_{ij} = n_{ij}/N$$

Where  $N$  = the total number of responses,  $n_{ij}$  = the number of subjects making response  $i$  before and response  $j$  after knowing about product health benefits.

A 95% confidence interval for the difference of proportions was also calculated using the following formula:

$$(p_{+1} - p_{1+}) \pm Z_{\alpha/2} (ASE)$$

Where  $(p_{+1} - p_{1+})$  represents the difference in proportions between consumers who answer yes after given the additional information ( $p_{+1}$ ) and those who answered yes before given the additional information ( $p_{1+}$ ).  $Z_{\alpha/2}$  denotes the standard normal percentile having a right-tail probability equal to  $\alpha/2$ , which in this case equals 1.96. ASE is the estimated standard error for the proportion difference (estimated variance) and was calculated using the below formula to follow:

$$ASE = \{ [ p_{1+}(1 - p_{1+}) + p_{+1} (1 - p_{+1}) - 2(p_{11}p_{22} - p_{12}p_{21}) ] / N \}^{1/2}$$

Where  $p_{11}$  = the proportion of consumers who answer yes before and yes after having been given additional health information about the product,  $p_{12}$  = the proportion of consumers who answer yes before and no after given additional information,  $p_{21}$  = the proportion of consumers who answer no before and yes after knowing about health benefits of the product and  $p_{22}$  = the proportion of consumers who answer no before and no after receiving additional health information about the product.

### 3.3 Results and Discussion

#### 3.3.1 Demographic Information

Demographic information about the consumers who participated in this study can be found in Table 3 and Table 4. The majority of consumers (66.67%) were 18-24 years of age, which was as expected since all panelists were recruited within the LSU campus.

**Table 3:** Frequency of Consumer Age

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
18-24	72	66.67	72	66.67
25-34	22	20.37	94	87.04
35-44	5	4.63	99	91.67
45-54	6	5.56	105	97.22
Over 55	3	2.78	108	100.00

**Table 4:** Frequency of Consumer Gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
Male	43	39.81	43	39.81
Female	65	60.19	108	100.00

Approximately 20% of the consumers were categorized in the 25-34 years of age group. The third age group (35-44 years old) included 4.63% of the consumers and 5.56% of the consumers were in the 45 to 54-year-old group. Finally, only 2.78% of the consumers were at least 55 years old. Approximately 40% of the consumers were male and 60% were female.

#### 3.3.2 Consumer Acceptability

The mean scores and standard deviations are presented in Table 5. Consumers preferred the strawberry cheesecake formulation, with the highest mean score of 7.71 for overall liking. The peach sample had a mean score of 6.03 for overall liking and the vanilla sample had an overall liking score of 5.76. When evaluating acceptability of appearance, color, flavor, coconut

flavor, sweetness and texture, consumers preferred the strawberry cheesecake sample with mean score 1 or sometimes even 2 points greater than the vanilla and peach samples.

**Table 5:** Mean Score  $\pm$  Standard Deviation for Consumer Acceptability for Sensory Attributes and Overall Liking\*

Attribute	Vanilla	Peach	Strawberry Cheesecake
Appearance	6.04 <sup>C</sup> $\pm$ 1.68	6.72 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.46	7.39 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.40
Color	6.11 <sup>C</sup> $\pm$ 1.66	6.97 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.21	7.45 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.30
Flavor	5.76 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.97	5.95 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.82	7.82 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.15
Coconut Flavor	6.00 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.86	5.22 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.62	6.24 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.74
Sweetness	6.30 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.64	6.13 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.66	7.51 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.40
Texture	5.94 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.94	5.96 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.95	7.45 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.58
Overall Liking	5.76 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.76	6.03 <sup>B</sup> $\pm$ 1.83	7.71 <sup>A</sup> $\pm$ 1.27

\* Means  $\pm$  standard deviation with the same letter (<sup>A,B or C</sup>) within the same row are not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ). N=108. Based on a 9-point hedonic scale (1 = dislike extremely; 5 = neither dislike nor like; 9 = like extremely).

### 3.3.3 Acceptability and Purchase Intent

As mentioned earlier consumers were asked to answer a series of binomial type questions (yes/no) for product acceptability, purchase intent, purchase intent if the product contained health beneficial soy, purchase intent if product was non-dairy, and finally purchase intent of non-dairy product containing soy protein. The percent frequency of positive responses for acceptability and purchase intent can be found in Table 6.

The strawberry cheesecake sample had higher acceptability responses (96.33%), followed by the peach sample (77.06%) and closely followed by the vanilla sample (75.70%). The responses for purchase intent are consistent with those for acceptability. The strawberry cheesecake had highest purchase intent with 82.57%, followed by peach with 44.04% and vanilla

with 34.26%. For the strawberry cheesecake sample, purchase intent after additional information was added decreased, but it generally increased for the vanilla and peach sample, which means that some consumers are more willing to purchase the products for the health benefits of the soy protein.

**Table 6:** Positive (Yes) Responses for Product Acceptance and Purchase Intent of Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert Formulations

<b>Formulation*</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>	<b>Purchase Intent</b>	<b>Purchase Intent With Soy**</b>	<b>Purchase Intent Non-Dairy***</b>	<b>Purchase Intent Non-Dairy with Soy****</b>
Vanilla	75.70%	34.26%	59.26%	46.30%	50.46%
Peach	77.06%	44.04%	50.93%	43.12%	46.79%
Strawberry Cheesecake	96.33%	82.57%	74.77%	65.14%	68.81%

\* Sample Formulations can be found in Table 1. Each formulation was evaluated 108 times.

\*\* Consumers were asked if they would purchase frozen dessert containing soy protein.

\*\*\* Consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy frozen dessert.

\*\*\*\* Consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy frozen dessert containing soy protein.

### 3.3.4 Overall Product Differences

The multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) method was used to determine if the samples were different when all attributes are compared simultaneously. The results for MANOVA are presented on Table 7. With results of <0.0001 in the Wilks' Lambda statistic it can be concluded that the three samples differed when all attributes were compared simultaneously.

The descriptive discriminant analysis (DDA) was used to determine which attributes were responsible for the difference among all three samples. From the first dimension (Can 1) of the pooled within canonical structure it can be concluded that flavor (canonical correlation = 0.7103) and overall liking (0.6871) were the two attributes that significantly contributed to the underlying differences among all three samples (Table 8).

**Table 7:** Multivariate Statistics and F Approximations

MANOVA	Test Criteria and F Approximations for the Hypothesis of No Overall Form Effect				
H = Type III SSCP Matrix for Forms E = Error SSCP Matrix S = 2    M = 2    N = 153.5					
Statistic	Value	F-Value	Numerator DF	Denominator DF	Pr > F
Wilks' Lambda	0.6069	12.52	14	618	<0.001
Pillai's Trace	0.4252	11.96	14	620	<0.001
Hotelling-Lawley Trace	0.5949	13.10	14	491.05	<0.001
Roy's Greatest Root	0.4862	21.53	7	310	<0.001

**Table 8:** Canonical Structure  $r^2$ 's Describing Differences Between Frozen Desserts (Based on Pooled Within Group Variances)

Attribute	Can 1**	Can 2**
Appearance	0.5194	-0.0259
Color	0.5622	-0.1903
Flavor	0.7103*	0.6480
Coconut Flavor	0.0679	0.7277
Sweetness	0.4489	0.6918
Texture	0.4799	0.5177
Overall Liking	0.6871*	0.5773
Cumulative Variance Explained	82%	100%

\* Indicates sensory attributes, which largely accounted for group differences.

\*\* The pooled within canonical structure in the first and second dimensions.

### 3.3.5 Logistic Regression Analysis and Predictive Discriminant Analysis (PDA) for Product Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Predictive discriminant analysis (PDA) was used to predict product acceptability and purchase intent. Using PDA (Table 9), the attribute that contributed the most to product acceptability prediction was overall liking with a hit rate of 88.31%, followed by flavor (87.89%) and texture (83.33%). With the seven-predictor variables we could predict product acceptability correctly with 85.44% hit rate. Based logistic regression analysis (Table 10 and 11) for product acceptability, overall liking was the most important attribute with an odds ratio of 2.568. This

means that if there were a one-point increase in the mean score on the 9-point hedonic scale for overall liking, the acceptability of the product would increase 2.568 times. The next two most important attributes based on logistic regression for acceptability were texture and coconut flavor, with odds ratio of 1.529 and 1.513, respectively.

**Table 9:** Hit Rate (%) for Product Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Attributes	% Hit Rate	
	Acceptability	Purchase Intent
Full Model (7 variables)	85.44	82.97
Appearance	77.54	68.10
Color	68.00	32.88
Flavor	87.89	83.90
Coconut Flavor	63.44	64.17
Sweetness	82.77	79.45
Texture	83.33	75.08
Overall Liking	88.31	86.81

**Table 10:** Full Logistic Regression Models for Predicting Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Attributes	Predictive Model
Acceptability	$y = -7.4252 + 0.1114 (\text{appearance}) - 0.1949 (\text{color}) + 0.2503 (\text{flavor}) + 0.4141 (\text{coconut flavor}) - 0.1972 (\text{sweetness}) + 0.4246 (\text{texture}) + 0.9432 (\text{overall liking})$
Purchase Intent	$y = -14.4034 + 0.3829 (\text{appearance}) - 0.5182 (\text{color}) + 0.4966 (\text{flavor}) - 0.1277 (\text{coconut flavor}) + 0.0658 (\text{sweetness}) - 0.0276 (\text{texture}) + 1.8990 (\text{overall liking})$

Purchase intent could be predicted with 86.81%, 83.90% and 79.45% accuracy based on overall liking, flavor and sweetness, respectively (Table 9). Using the seven-predictor variables (a full model), purchase intent could be predicted correctly with 82.97% hit rate. According to the results based on logistic regression analysis (Table 10 and 11), overall liking was once again the most important attribute with an odds ratio of 6.679, followed by flavor with an odd ratio of 1.643. Therefore, for every one-point increase on the 9-point hedonic scale for overall liking and flavor, consumer purchase intent would increase by 567.9% and 64.3%, respectively. From these

results it can be concluded that when trying to optimize product formulations these particular attributes must be the ones to focus all attention on.

Logistic regression was also done for each product individually (Table 12, 13 and 14). The most important attributes for consumer acceptance of the vanilla sample are coconut flavor and texture, with an odd ratio of 2.407 and 2.380, respectively (Table 12). The most critical attribute in determining purchase intent of the vanilla sample was overall liking with an odd ratio of 4.895.

For the peach sample, based on logistic regression, overall liking was the attribute that had significant influence on product acceptability, with an odd ratio of 4.168 (Table 13). When looking at the most important attribute for purchase intent of the peach sample, the results coincided with that for product acceptability. Overall liking was the most significant attribute for purchase intent of the peach sample with an odd ratio of 9.067.

When using logistic regression for product acceptability of the strawberry cheesecake sample, overall liking and coconut flavor were the critical attributes (although not significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ ) with an odd ratio of 4.046 and 1.927, respectively (Table 14).

Overall liking was the most influential attribute for purchase intent of the strawberry cheesecake sample with an odd ratio of 4.567. This means that for every one point increase on the 9-point hedonic scale for overall liking, purchase intent of this particular product would increase by 356.7%.

**Table 11:** Prob> $\chi^2$  and Odds Ratio Estimates for Consumer Acceptance and Purchase Intent (Full Model)

<b>Consumer Acceptance</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.1114	0.5936	1.118
Color	-0.1949	0.4042	0.823
Flavor	0.2503	0.2772	1.284
Coconut Flavor	0.4141	0.0249	1.513
Sweetness	-0.1972	0.3244	0.821
Texture	0.4246	0.0064	1.529
Overall Liking	0.9432	0.0026	2.568
<b>Purchase Intent</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.3829	0.0722	1.467
Color	-0.5182	0.0204	0.596
Flavor	0.4966	0.0355	1.643
Coconut Flavor	-0.1277	0.4021	0.880
Sweetness	0.0658	0.7546	1.068
Texture	-0.0276	0.8622	0.973
Overall Liking	1.8990	<.0001	6.679

**Table 12:** Prob> $\chi^2$  and Odds Ratio Estimates for Consumer Acceptance and Purchase Intent for Vanilla Flavored Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert

<b>Consumer Acceptance</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	-0.0404	0.9001	0.960
Color	-0.2398	0.4942	0.787
Flavor	0.3166	0.4042	1.372
Coconut Flavor	0.8782	0.0205	2.407
Sweetness	-0.0755	0.8003	0.927
Texture	0.8670	0.0097	2.380
Overall Liking	0.4234	0.3981	1.527
<b>Purchase Intent</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.2289	0.5041	1.257
Color	-0.4522	0.1552	0.636
Flavor	0.1492	0.6470	1.161
Coconut Flavor	-0.0831	0.7757	0.920
Sweetness	0.3690	0.2819	1.446
Texture	0.0131	0.9591	1.013
Overall Liking	1.5882	0.0029	4.895

**Table 13:** Prob> $\chi^2$  and Odds Ratio Estimates for Consumer Acceptance and Purchase Intent for Peach Flavored Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert

<b>Consumer Acceptance</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.4621	0.2718	1.587
Color	-0.3141	0.5474	0.730
Flavor	0.7288	0.1893	2.073
Coconut Flavor	-0.0103	0.9813	0.990
Sweetness	-0.6536	0.1714	0.520
Texture	0.1332	0.6616	1.143
Overall Liking	1.4274	0.0301	4.168
<b>Purchase Intent</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.4179	0.4009	1.519
Color	-0.4764	0.3423	0.621
Flavor	1.3166	0.0526	3.731
Coconut Flavor	0.0959	0.8205	1.101
Sweetness	-0.0977	0.8322	0.907
Texture	-0.3848	0.2966	0.681
Overall Liking	2.2046	0.0242	9.067

**Table 14:** Prob> $\chi^2$  and Odds Ratio Estimates for Consumer Acceptance and Purchase Intent for Strawberry Cheesecake Flavored Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert

<b>Consumer Acceptance</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	-0.7953	0.5860	0.451
Color	0.2457	0.8743	1.279
Flavor	-0.6877	0.3451	0.503
Coconut Flavor	0.656	0.1710	1.927
Sweetness	0.0830	0.9130	1.086
Texture	0.2100	0.6906	1.234
Overall Liking	1.3977	0.2076	4.046
<b>Purchase Intent</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Pr &gt; <math>\chi^2</math></b>	<b>Odds Ratio</b>
Appearance	0.7641	0.1946	2.147
Color	-1.1997	0.1115	0.301
Flavor	0.3422	0.6021	1.408
Coconut Flavor	-0.0091	0.9774	0.991
Sweetness	0.2543	0.6177	1.290
Texture	0.3186	0.3882	1.375
Overall Liking	1.5188	0.1130	4.567

### 3.3.6 Changes in Probability of Purchase Intent Using the McNemar Test

The McNemar test was used to evaluate changes in probabilities before and after additional information about the health benefit of the product was given to the consumers. This was done by comparing a series of binomial type questions (Table 2). In this test the null hypothesis ( $H_0: \pi_{1+} = \pi_{+1}$ ) states that the probability of the purchase intent is the same before and after consumers were informed of health benefits of ingredients present in the product. The results from the McNemar test can be found in Table 15. From these results it can be concluded that for the vanilla and strawberry cheesecake samples, there was an increase in purchase intent after additional information was provided to the consumers. There was, however, one exception (A/5 and C/5), for these two samples, that the health benefits of the soy protein did not increase the purchase intent if these products were originally non-dairy. Additional information provided to consumers had no impact on purchase intent for the peach sample. With this we can conclude that the consumers' willingness to purchase this particular formulation did not depend on the potential health benefits promoted by soy.

**Table 15:** Changes in Probability of Purchase Intent

Sample*/ Comparison**	X <sup>2</sup>	p-value	Confidence Interval (95%)	
A/1	26.00	<.0001	0.162	0.324
A/2	5.14	0.0233	0.018	0.207
A/3	11.56	0.0007	0.072	0.243
A/4	7.36	0.0067	-0.141	-0.025
A/5	1.47	0.2253	-0.028	0.121
B/1	2.88	0.0896	-0.009	0.139
B/2	0.048	0.8273	-0.092	0.073
B/3	0.47	0.4913	-0.051	0.106
B/4	2.00	0.1573	-0.088	0.014
B/5	1.60	0.2059	-0.020	0.093
C/1	3.56	0.0593	-0.151	0.002
C/2	13.37	0.0003	-0.262	-0.087
C/3	9.78	0.0018	-0.220	-0.055
C/4	4.50	0.0339	-0.107	-0.005
C/5	2.00	0.1573	-0.014	0.087

\* Sample Formulations and Comparisons can be found in Table 1 and 2, respectively.

### 3.4 Conclusions

Consumer preferred the strawberry cheesecake formulation with the highest overall liking mean score of 7.71. It also received highest positive response percentages for acceptability and purchase intent of 96.33% and 82.57%, respectively. With a Wilks' Lambda p-value of 0.0001, it was concluded that all three samples were different when comparing all attributes simultaneously. Using descriptive discriminant analysis it was determined that overall liking and flavor were the two attributes that contributed mostly to the underlying differences among the three samples. Overall liking followed by texture and coconut flavor were the most important attributes influencing product acceptability with an odd ratio of 2.568, 1.529 and 1.513, respectively. Overall liking and flavor were the most critical attributes in determining purchase intent with an odd ratio of 6.679 and 1.643, respectively. Providing additional product information to consumers potentially enhances purchase intent of these frozen dessert products containing soy protein and coconut milk.

## **CHAPTER 4. DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF CONSUMER SENSORY QUALITY OF A NON-DAIRY STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE FROZEN DESSERT PREPARED WITH COCONUT MILK AND SOY PROTEIN ISOLATE**

### **4.1 Introduction**

According to the International Dairy Foods Association, in 2002, the total U.S. sales of ice cream and frozen desserts reached \$20.5 billion. Of that total, \$8.1 billion was spent on products for "at home" consumption, while \$12.5 billion was spent on "away from home" frozen dessert purchases (scoop shops, foodservice and other retail sales outlets).

The physical, functional and sensory properties of ice cream influence the consumer's perception and acceptance of an ice cream. A desirable ice cream has good flavor, body and texture, color, and melting characteristics and should be of good microbial quality (Rothwell, 1985; Marshall and Arbuckle, 1996). Today, consumers are demanding healthy foods. In the US, more than 12 million people are vegetarians, and 30% of the American population is lactose intolerant. To satisfy demands of these consumers, a new type of non-dairy frozen desserts with coconut milk and soy protein was developed. When developing new ice cream products, or frozen desserts, it is critical to maintain the quality of certain sensory attributes, such as texture and flavor, to ensure product acceptability.

One of the objectives of this study was to add a health claim for the soy protein content. The requirements for a food to be eligible to fall under this particular health claim are as follow:

- 1) the food must contain at least 6.25g of soy protein per reference amounts customarily consumed of the food product;
- 2) The food shall meet the nutrient content requirements for a "low saturated fat" and "low cholesterol" food; and
- 3) the food shall meet the nutrient content requirement for a "low fat" food, unless it consists of or is derived from whole soybeans and

contains no fat in addition to the fat inherently present in the whole soybeans it contains or from which it is derived (21 CFR 101.82(c)(iii), 2003).

The other objectives of this study were to refine the formulation of the non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen dessert and to identify the sensory attributes that would greatly contribute for the success of this product in terms of overall consumer acceptability and purchase intent.

## **4.2 Materials and Methods**

### **4.2.1 Non-Dairy Strawberry Cheesecake Frozen Dessert Preparation**

Based on the results from the first study, it was concluded that the strawberry cheesecake formulation was the one with highest acceptability. For this reason the strawberry cheesecake formulation was chosen for refinement during the second study. Since one of the original goals for this study was to meet the FDA soy protein requirements to have a health claim, it was decided that the minimum amount of soy protein would have to be 6.12% of the total formulation in order to attain the 6.25 grams of soy protein per serving required by the FDA (21 CFR 101.82(a)(3), 2003). The other two varying ingredients that were chosen were water and coconut milk. For the minimum amount of water to be used, it was decided that the level below 35.21% of the total formulation would result in a thick, pasty mixture that would not pass through the pipes in the homogenizer. Finally, when deciding the limits for the coconut milk to be used it was decided that the level above 30% of the total formulation resulted in undesirable levels of saturated fat; and the level below 20% coconut milk of the total formulation adversely affected the texture (creaminess) of the frozen dessert, due to the fact that coconut milk was the only source of fat. Consequently, nine different mixtures were formulated following the three-component coordinates mixture design.

These products were prepared by freezing, while stirring a pasteurized mixture consisting of five basic ingredients (soy protein isolate, granulated sugar, coconut milk, stabilizer and water) as well as flavoring substance. The basis for these frozen desserts was coconut milk instead of milk-fat, imparting a smooth, creamy texture similar to that of milk.

The soy protein used was soy protein isolate (Pro-Fam 892) obtained from Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) in Decatur, IL. The coconut milk (Savoy; Thai Agri Foods, Public Co., Ltd., Thailand) was purchased from a local market. Per serving size (0.5 cup) the coconut milk contained 14g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, and 0mg cholesterol. The PGX-1 stabilizer was obtained from Danisco USA Company in St. Joseph, MO. The cream cheese flavor (72-047 Natural Cream Cheese Type Flavor) was obtained from Givaudan Flavors Corporation (Oconomowoc, WI). The strawberry preserves, and the graham cracker crunch were obtained from Dippin' Flavor (St. Louis, MO).

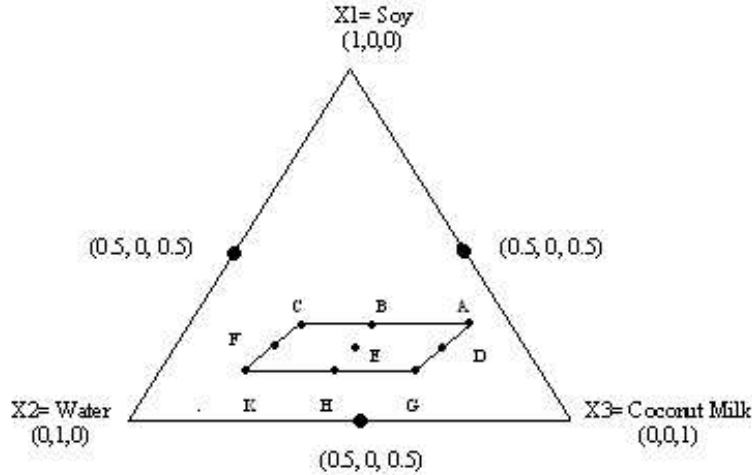
The first step in making our frozen desserts was measuring of all the ingredients: soy protein isolate, coconut milk, sugar, stabilizer and water. The coconut milk and water were placed into a clean container. Then, all the dry ingredients were sifted and mixed together to avoid clumping of the soy protein isolate, and were then gradually added to the coconut milk and water mixture while mixing to provide a uniform mixture. The mixture was then transferred into stainless steel cylinders and put into a water bath and heated until it reached 49°C (120°F). The mixture was then transferred into a Model 300 DJF 4 2PS homogenizer (Manton-Gaulin Mfg. Co. Inc., Everett, MA) operated under pressure of approximately 13,800 Kpa (2000 psi) to ensure there were no clumps and that a homogeneous mixture was obtained. The mixture was placed back into the stainless steel cylinders and put into a water bath for pasteurization. For our products a low-temperature long-time pasteurization was done at 71°C (160°F) for 30 minutes.

The pasteurization step was performed to destroy any microorganisms that may be present in the mixture. After pasteurization the mixture was cooled until it reached 24°C (75°F).

Once the mixture was cooled the cream cheese flavor was added and mixed thoroughly. The frozen dessert mixture was then placed into a Model 20LA batch freezer (Emery Thompson, Bronx, NY). A small portion of the strawberry preserves was added to the mixture to give it a slight pink color. The batch freezer is designed with a dasher that whips and aerates the mixture; that is, as it freezes it incorporates air. This incorporation of air is referred to as overrun, and for this study 120% overrun was used. After approximately 10 minutes in the batch freezer, the mixture was poured into three-gallon containers in layers until the container was filled. The first layer consisted of the frozen dessert mixture, followed by a layer of strawberry preserves, and finally with a thin layer of graham cracker crunch. The layers were slightly swirled. These steps were repeated until the three-gallon container was full. Once the container was full, it was covered with a lid, and placed into the freezer at -20°F.

#### **4.2.2 Mixture Experimental Design**

For the experimental design the three component constrained simplex lattice mixture design was used (Cornell, 1983). Nine different mixtures were formulated (Table 16). The mixture design consisted of soy protein isolate (X1), water (X2), and coconut milk (X3) (Figure 3). These three components made up 73.71% of the total formulation and were the only three ingredients that were varied throughout the study. The remaining of the ingredients remained constant in all 9 formulations as follows: strawberry preserves (13%), sugar (10%), graham cracker crunch (3.18%), stabilizer (0.11%) and cheesecake flavoring (0.4%). The addition of the component proportions (X1 + X2 + X3) equaled 1.0 or 100%.



**Figure 3:** The constrained region in the simplex coordinate system. X1 = soy protein isolate, X2 = water and X3 = coconut milk. Letters within the triangle represent the 9 formulations and correspond to the letters in Table 16.

Table 16 shows each of the nine individual formulations for the non-dairy frozen dessert as well as the percentages of the three varying ingredients (soy protein isolate, coconut milk and water). The remaining of the ingredients remained constant. The letters (A-K) corresponded to those in Figure 3.

**Table 16:** Nine Formulations for Non-Dairy Strawberry Cheesecake Frozen Desserts\*

Formulation	% Soy Protein Isolate	% Water	% Coconut Milk
A	12	48	40
B	12	56	32
C	12	61	27
D	10	49	41
E	10	56	34
F	10	63	27
G	9	50	41
H	9	57	34
K	9	64	27

\*The three varying ingredients (100% in the mixture design) were 73.71% of the total formulation. 13% strawberry preserves, 10% sugar, 3.18% graham cracker crunch, 0.11% stabilizer and 0.4% cream cheese flavoring were the remaining part of the formulation.

### 4.2.3 Consumer Acceptance Test

Four hundred and thirty two untrained consumers participated in the consumer acceptance test. The consumers were randomly chosen from the Louisiana State University campus using the following criteria for recruitment: (1) they were at least 18 years of age, (2) they were not allergic to soy, coconut, sugar, and strawberries, (3) and that they were willing and available for participation and for the completion of the survey.

Consumers were presented with two two-ounce coded samples that followed the Balanced Incomplete Block design, plan 11.3a ( $t=9, k=2, r=8, b=36, \lambda= 1, E=.56$ , Type II) (Cochran, 1957). With this plan each consumer tasted two out of the 9 formulations, which is a large number of samples for a consumer to evaluate at one time (Meilgaard et al., 1999). Each consumer was also provided with room temperature water and unsalted, plain crackers to cleanse their palate between samples. Consumers were asked demographic questions such as age and gender. Each consumer evaluated each sample for acceptability of appearance, color, texture, flavor, coconut flavor, sweetness and overall liking using the 9-point hedonic scale (1= dislike extremely, 5= neither dislike nor like, 9= like extremely). The JAR type questions were used to evaluate the intensity of coconut flavor and sweetness (too weak, just about right and too strong). The binomial type questions (yes/no) were used to evaluate overall product acceptance, purchase intent and purchase intent after being provided with additional health benefit information about soy protein. A series of these binomial questions were compared to see changes in purchase intent before and after additional health information about the products was provided to the consumers (Table 2).

#### 4.2.4 Statistical Data Analysis

All data were analyzed at  $\alpha = 0.05$  using the SAS software version 9.1, 2003 (SAS Institute., Cary, NC). The analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to determine if differences exist in consumers' acceptability as well as overall liking among the non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen dessert formulations. The post-hoc multiple comparisons using Tukey's studentized range test were performed.

The multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) was also used and it was performed after ANOVA. In this process, more than one variable was tested to detect differences in groups across multiple dependent variables at the same time (Pavon, 2003). Descriptive discriminant analysis (DDA) was used to determine which attributes were responsible for the underlying differences among the nine samples. Predictive discriminant analysis (PDA) was used to determine both product acceptance and purchase decision based on % hit rate (Huberty, 1994). Both logistic regression analysis and PDA can be used to determine both product acceptance and purchase decision (Bond, 2004).

The McNemar test was used in order to determine changes in purchase intent before and after additional product information was given to the consumers. In this test, the null hypothesis ( $H_0: \pi_{1+} = \pi_{+1}$ ) states that the probability of the purchase intent is the same before and after consumers were informed of health benefits of soy ingredients present in the product. The aim was to learn if participants were influenced or not by the fact that they were informed about health benefits of the soy product, and, therefore, their opinions changed from a "before" status to an "after" status (Pavon, 2003). Details of equations for the McNemar Test can be found in Agresti (1996).

#### **4.2.4.1 Principal Component Analysis**

Principal component analysis (PCA) is a method of extracting structure from the variance-covariance or correlation matrix (Federer, 1987). Its objective is the interpretation of data relationships (Popper et al., 1997). The PCA technique simplifies data structure and aids in interpretation by forming the original dependent attributes into new uncorrelated dimensions which results in a data map that graphically illustrates interrelationships among variables (Lawless and Heymann, 1998).

PCA takes  $n$  variables and finds combinations of these variables to produce indices  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_p$  that are uncorrelated. A lack of correlation between the variables means that the indices are measuring different dimensions in the data (Manly, 1986). These indices are ordered where the largest amount of variation is displayed by  $Z_1$ , and so forth. The  $Z_i$  are called the principal components. If the variances of most of the indices are extremely low, then the variation in the data can be described by only a few  $Z$  variables that are not negligible (Bond, 2004). According to Manly (1986), when the original variables are highly correlated (either positively or negatively), then the best results are obtained with principal component analysis because this means that the important principal components measure the underlying dimensions in the data set. In this study, PCA was used to illustrate interrelationship among variables, and relationship between variables and products was illustrated using a bi-plot of product-attribute.

### **4.3 Results and Discussion**

#### **4.3.1 Demographic Information**

A summary of demographic information is detailed in Table 17 and Table 18. The majority of the participating consumers were in the age range of 18-24 years old (77.91%), followed by those in the age range of 25-34 years old (15.12%). The lesser number of

consumers were found in the 35-44, 45-54 and 55 and over age groups with percentages of 3.95, 1.86 and 1.16, respectively. Of the total, 53.26% were male and 46.74% were female.

#### 4.3.2 Product Information

Consumers were asked to rate the intensity of coconut flavor and sweetness using the JAR type questions (too weak, just about right or too strong). The results can be found in Table 19. For both coconut flavor and sweetness, the majority of the consumers rated the intensities as “just about right.” An average of about 30% of the consumers rated the intensity for coconut flavor as “too weak,” and this means that the other ingredients, such as cheesecake flavoring and strawberry preserves, may have masked some of the coconut flavor. An average of about 26% of the consumers rated the sweetness intensity as “too weak.”

**Table 17:** Frequency of Consumer Age

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
18-24	335	77.91	335	77.91
25-34	65	15.12	400	93.02
35-44	17	3.95	417	96.98
45-54	8	1.86	425	98.84
Over 55	5	1.16	430	100.00

**Table 18:** Frequency of Consumer Gender

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
Male	229	53.26	229	53.26
Female	201	46.74	430	100.00

**Table 19:** Frequency of Consumers Rating (JAR) for Coconut Flavor and Sweetness Intensities

Sample*	Coconut Flavor Intensity			Sweetness Intensity		
	Too weak	Just About Right	Too Strong	Too Weak	Just About Right	Too Strong
A	35.05%	43.30%	21.65%	22.0%	68.0%	6.0%
B	23.66%	58.06%	18.28%	26.60%	67.02%	6.38%
C	28.72%	52.13%	19.15%	27.37%	67.37%	5.26%
D	35.79%	51.58%	12.63%	21.88%	70.83%	7.29%
E	22.58%	63.44%	13.98%	30.11%	66.67%	3.23%
F	27.66%	60.64%	11.70%	29.79%	68.09%	2.13%
G	26.60%	69.15%	4.26%	16.30%	82.61%	1.09%
H	32.63%	50.53%	16.84%	29.47%	67.37%	3.16%
K	33.33%	63.54%	3.13%	28.13%	66.67%	5.21%

\* Sample formulations can be found in Table 16.

#### 4.3.3 Consumer Acceptability

Table 20 reports the mean scores and ANOVA results for the acceptability of appearance, color, flavor, coconut flavor, sweetness, texture and overall liking of the nine formulations of non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen dessert. Sample G, which consisted of 9% soy protein, 50% water and 41% coconut milk received a high overall liking score of 6.74, followed by sample K with the overall liking score of 6.26. Formulation K consisted of 9% soy, 64% water and 27% coconut milk. Samples E, which consisted of 10% soy, 56% water, and 34% coconut milk, and H which consisted of 9% soy, 57% water, and 34% coconut milk, received overall liking scores of 6.23. Except for samples C and F, all formulations received the overall liking and flavor scores of greater than or equal to 6.0.

**Table 20:** Mean Score (Standard Deviation) for Consumer Acceptability for Sensory Attributes and Overall Liking\*

Sample*	Appearance	Color	Flavor	Coconut Flavor	Sweetness	Texture	Overall Liking
A	5.93A (1.84)	6.47A (1.53)	6.23A (1.59)	5.46A (1.67)	6.15A (1.61)	5.49B (1.85)	6.08A (1.64)
B	5.54B (1.71)	5.86B (1.69)	6.12A (1.74)	5.39B (1.80)	6.34A (1.71)	5.72A (1.91)	6.00A (1.69)
C	6.02A (1.82)	6.26A (1.60)	5.68B (1.99)	5.57A (1.77)	6.08A (1.92)	5.51B (2.15)	5.64B (1.92)
D	6.07A (1.57)	6.17A (1.64)	6.23A (1.79)	5.82A (1.74)	6.41A (1.73)	5.97A (1.77)	6.19A (1.60)
E	6.27A (1.49)	6.49A (1.33)	6.28A (1.69)	5.82A (1.52)	6.36A (1.60)	5.82A (1.84)	6.23A (1.63)
F	5.93A (1.71)	5.89B (1.64)	5.86B (1.92)	5.55A (1.65)	6.01B (1.77)	5.42B (2.02)	5.74B (1.73)
G	6.56A (1.40)	6.75A (1.47)	6.78A (1.53)	6.17A (1.56)	6.80A (1.54)	6.52A (1.80)	6.74A (1.59)
H	6.14A (1.58)	6.23A (1.61)	6.31A (1.76)	5.91A (1.64)	6.45A (1.66)	6.01A (1.85)	6.23A (1.68)
K	6.11A (1.58)	6.31A (1.53)	6.37A (1.89)	5.92A (1.71)	6.26A (1.69)	6.01A (1.77)	6.26A (1.88)

\* Sample formulations can be found in Table 16. Means with the same letter (A, B or C) within the same column are not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ). Numbers in parenthesis represent the standard deviation of 96 consumer responses. Based on a 9-point hedonic scale where 1 = dislike extremely; 5 = neither like nor dislike; 9 = like extremely.

#### 4.3.4 Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Each of the nine non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen dessert formulations was evaluated separately using a 2-point hedonic scale (yes/no) for consumer acceptance, purchase intent, purchase intent if product contained soy, purchase intent if product was non-dairy and purchase intent if product was non-dairy and contained soy. The results for positive (yes) responses for the questions mentioned earlier can be found in Table 21. Sample G received highest positive responses for acceptability (91.58%). This sample consisted of 9% soy protein, 50% water and 41% coconut milk. The sample which received the second highest acceptability response was sample K (9% soy, 64% water, 27% coconut milk) with 83.51% positive

responses. This result agrees with the overall liking scores (Table 20) for sample G and K. The results for purchase intent coincide with those for product acceptability. Sample G (70.53%) and K (57.29%) received the two highest positive percentage responses for purchase intent. When consumers were asked if they would purchase the product if it contained soy protein the purchase intent increased for all nine different formulations. Sample G rated highest (75.79%) in purchase intent if the product contained soy protein, followed by sample H (67.02%). Sample H consisted of 9% soy protein, 57% water and 34% coconut milk. When consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy product, the responses were mixed, some increased and others decreased in purchase intent. Sample G ranked highest under this category (60%), followed by sample H (51.58%). When consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy product that contained soy protein, the responses were mixed as well, but for the most part, purchase intent increased. Again samples G and H were rated highest in purchase intent for a non-dairy product containing soy protein with positive responses of 65.26% and 60%, respectively.

**Table 21:** Positive (Yes) Responses for Product Acceptability and Purchase Intent of Non-Dairy Strawberry Cheesecake Frozen Dessert Formulations

<b>Formulation*</b>	<b>Acceptability</b>	<b>Purchase Intent</b>	<b>Purchase Intent With Soy**</b>	<b>Purchase Intent Non-Dairy**</b>	<b>Purchase Intent Non-Dairy with Soy**</b>
A	83.33%	39.58%	49.47%	30.93%	36.08%
B	78.95%	49.77%	66.32%	50.53%	55.79%
C	76.04%	37.50%	54.74%	39.58%	44.79%
D	82.29%	46.32%	61.70%	43.75%	52.08%
E	81.91%	47.92%	57.89%	39.58%	46.88%
F	76.84%	38.54%	50.55%	37.50%	43.75%
G	91.58%	70.53%	75.79%	60.00%	65.26%
H	78.95%	56.84%	67.02%	51.58%	60.00%
K	83.51%	57.29%	65.93%	45.83%	54.17%

\* Sample Formulations can be found in Table 16. Each formulation was evaluated 96 times.

\*\* Consumers were asked if they would purchase frozen dessert containing soy protein if they would purchase a non-dairy frozen dessert, and if they would purchase a non-dairy frozen dessert containing soy protein.

### 4.3.5 Overall Product Differences

To determine if all nine formulations differ when all sensory attributes are considered at once, the multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) was used. The Wilks' Lambda result of 0.0109 in Table 22 indicates that all nine formulations are significantly different when comparing all attributes simultaneously.

**Table 22:** Multivariate Statistics and F Approximations

MANOVA	Test Criteria and F Approximations for the Hypothesis of No Overall Form Effect				
H = Type III SSCP Matrix for Forms E = Error SSCP Matrix S = 7    M = 0    N = 408					
Statistic	Value	F-Value	Numerator DF	Denominator DF	Pr > F
Wilks' Lambda	0.90408	1.49	56	4410.4	0.0109
Pillai's Trace	0.09932	1.48	56	5768	0.0115
Hotelling-Lawley Trace	0.10238	1.49	56	2945.3	0.0106
Roy's Greatest Root	0.04037	4.16	8	824	<.0001

**Table 23:** Canonical Structure  $r^2$ 's Describing Differences Between Frozen Desserts (Based on Pooled Within Group Variances)

Attribute	Can 1**	Can 2**	Can 3**	Can 4**
Appearance	0.611	0.440	-0.366	-0.194
Color	0.723	-0.016	-0.597	0.173
Flavor	0.809*	-0.113	0.281	-0.314
Coconut Flavor	0.621	0.355	0.039	-0.065
Sweetness	0.596	0.083	0.340	0.325
Texture	0.766*	0.233	0.429	0.212
Overall Liking	0.857*	-0.038	0.295	-0.166
Cum. Variance Explained	39.4%	73%	89.8%	97.4%

\* Indicates sensory attributes, which largely accounted for group differences.

\*\* The pooled within canonical structure in the first, second, third and fourth dimensions.

The descriptive discriminant analysis (DDA) was used to determine which attributes were responsible for the underlying differences among 9 samples. According to the results in

Table 23, the first canonical dimension (CAN 1) accounted for 39.4% cumulative variance explained and indicates that overall liking (canonical correlation of 0.857) contributed the most to the differences, followed by flavor (0.809) and texture (0.766).

#### **4.3.6 Logistic Regression Analysis and Predictive Discriminant Analysis (PDA) for Product Acceptability and Purchase Intent**

Based on logistic regression analysis (Table 24 and 25), overall liking is the most important attribute in determining consumer acceptability with the highest odds ratio of 2.202 (Table 25). This translates to a 120.2% increase in product acceptance for every one-point increase in the overall liking score on the 9-point hedonic scale. The next most important attribute in determining consumer acceptability was flavor with an odd ratio of 1.529. Again, this means that for every one-point increase in the flavor score on the 9-point hedonic scale, there will be an increase in product acceptability by 52.9%. Using predictive discriminative analysis (PDA), product acceptance can be predicted with approximately 84%, 83% and 78% accuracy based on overall liking, flavor and sweetness, respectively (Table 26).

Coincidentally, according to Table 25, overall liking was also the most important attribute in determining purchase intent with an odds ratio of 4.228, followed by flavor (1.342) and texture (1.268). This means that for every one-point increase in overall liking, flavor and texture score on the 9-point hedonic scale, there will be an increase in purchase intent by 322.8%, 34.2% and 26.8%, respectively. Purchase decision can be predicted with 84.07%, 76.3%, and 74.09% accuracy based on overall liking, flavor and sweetness, respectively, using PDA (Table 26).

The odds ratio for purchase intent based on a single-variable overall liking for all nine formulations was also calculated because overall liking was the most important attribute in determining both consumer acceptability and purchase intent. These results can be found in

Table 27. Sample F, which consisted of 10% soy protein, 63% water and 27% coconut milk, presented the highest odds ratio of 12.215 for overall liking. The next two samples with higher odds ratios were sample G (9% soy, 50% water, 41% coconut milk) and sample H (9% soy, 57% water, 34% coconut milk) with odds ratios for overall liking of 9.537 and 7.446, respectively. This means that for samples F, G and H, a one-point increase in overall liking on the 9-point hedonic scale would increase purchase intent of these formulations by 1121.5%, 853.7% and 644.6%, respectively.

**Table 24:** Full Logistic Regression Models for Predicting Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Attributes	Predictive Model
Acceptability	$y = -6.7076 + 0.1073 (\text{appearance}) + 0.0256 (\text{color}) + 0.4248 (\text{flavor}) + 0.0223 (\text{coconut flavor}) + 0.0621 (\text{sweetness}) + 0.1043 (\text{texture}) + 0.7893 (\text{overall liking})$
Purchase Intent	$y = -13.9429 + 0.0472 (\text{appearance}) + 0.0585 (\text{color}) + 0.2939 (\text{flavor}) + 0.1080 (\text{coconut flavor}) + 0.0200 (\text{sweetness}) + 0.2371 (\text{texture}) + 1.4417 (\text{overall liking})$

**Table 25:** Prob> $\chi^2$  and Odds Ratio Estimates for Consumer Acceptance and Purchase Intent (Full Model)

Consumer Acceptance			
Parameter	Estimate	Pr > $\chi^2$	Odds Ratio
Appearance	0.1073	0.3427	1.113
Color	0.0256	0.8257	1.026
Flavor	0.4248	<.0001	1.529
Coconut Flavor	0.0223	0.8139	1.023
Sweetness	0.0621	0.4927	1.064
Texture	0.1043	0.1822	1.110
Overall Liking	0.7893	<.0001	2.202
Consumer Purchase Intent			
Parameter	Estimate	Pr > $\chi^2$	Odds Ratio
Appearance	0.0472	0.6523	1.048
Color	0.0585	0.5983	1.060
Flavor	0.2939	0.0100	1.342
Coconut Flavor	0.1080	0.2191	1.114
Sweetness	0.200	0.8299	1.020
Texture	0.2371	0.0029	1.268
Overall Liking	1.4417	<.0001	4.228

**Table 26:** % Hit Rate for Product Acceptability and Purchase Intent

Attributes	% Hit Rate	
	Acceptability	Purchase Intent
Full Model	85.83%	79.95%
Appearance	68.61%	63.13%
Color	72.47%	60.51%
Flavor	82.96%	76.31%
Coconut Flavor	64.80%	67.95%
Sweetness	78.08%	74.09%
Texture	68.72%	72.91%
Overall Liking	83.84%	84.07%

**Table 27:** Odds Ratio Based on Overall Liking for Purchase Intent (A Single Variable Model)

Sample	Odds Ratio
A	7.125
B	3.967
C	6.855
D	2.437
E	4.355
F	12.215
G	9.537
H	7.446
K	7.339

#### 4.3.7 Changes in Probability of Purchase Intent

The changes in probability of purchase intent were calculated for overall combined formulations (Table 28) and each of the nine formulations (Table 29) using the comparisons listed in Table 2. According to Table 29, consumers' purchase intent did not change when they were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy product, except for sample K ( $p = 0.0218$ ). However, there was a significant decrease in purchase intent when consumers were asked if they would purchase a soy product versus buying a non-dairy product containing health beneficial soy protein for all nine formulations with the exception of sample H ( $p = 0.0522$ ). This means consumers are willing to sacrifice the dairy for the health benefits of the soy protein. Also, a significant increase in purchase intent was found on formulations B, C, D, F and H when

consumers were asked if they would purchase the product, versus buying the product containing health beneficial soy protein. For formulations H and K a significant increase in purchase intent was found when consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy product versus purchasing a non-dairy product containing health beneficial soy.

The changes in probability of purchase intent were also calculated overall for all nine formulations combined. According to Table 28, there was no significant difference in purchase intent, when consumers were asked if they would purchase the product versus purchasing a non-dairy product containing soy. The positive increase in purchase intent was significant when consumers were asked if they would purchase the product versus would they purchase the product not knowing that it contained soy.

**Table 28:** Changes in Probability of Purchase Intent using the McNemar Test

Comparison*	$\chi^2$	p-value	Confidence Interval (95%)	
1	47.545	<.0001	0.084	0.148
2	7.475	0.0063	-0.084	-0.014
3	0.875	0.3496	-0.018	0.050
4	56.903	<.0001	-0.124	-0.074
5	30.943	<.0001	0.043	0.089

\* Comparisons can be found in Table 2

**Table 29:** Changes in Probability of Purchase Intent using the McNemar Test

Sample*/ Comparison**	$\chi^2$	p-value	Confidence Interval (95%)	
A/1	2.613	0.1060	-0.019	0.210
A/2	2.286	0.1306	-0.190	0.023
A/3	0.290	0.5900	-0.145	0.082
A/4	9.000	0.0027	-0.205	-0.048
A/5	2.273	0.1317	-0.015	0.118
B/1	11.636	0.0006	0.078	0.259
B/2	0.030	0.8618	-0.108	0.129
B/3	1.500	0.2207	-0.037	0.163
B/4	5.556	0.0184	-0.190	-0.020
B/5	1.923	0.1655	-0.021	0.126
C/1	10.667	0.0011	0.073	0.264
C/2	0.250	0.6171	-0.061	0.102
C/3	2.333	0.1266	-0.020	0.165
C/4	7.364	0.0067	-0.160	-0.029

(Table 29 Cont'd)

C/5	2.273	0.1317	-0.015	0.119
D/1	6.533	0.0106	0.039	0.262
D/2	0.154	0.6949	-0.126	0.084
D/3	1.000	0.3173	-0.050	0.155
D/4	4.765	0.0290	-0.180	-0.012
D/5	3.556	0.0593	-0.002	0.168
E/1	3.522	0.0606	-0.002	0.192
E/2	2.000	0.1573	-0.198	0.031
E/3	0.034	0.8527	-0.120	0.100
E/4	6.250	0.0124	-0.185	-0.025
E/5	3.769	0.0522	0.001	0.145
F/1	6.000	0.0143	0.030	0.234
F/2	0.040	0.8415	-0.112	0.092
F/3	0.862	0.3532	-0.057	0.162
F/4	4.455	0.0348	-0.147	-0.007
F/5	3.600	0.0578	-0.001	0.126
G/1	1.923	0.1655	-0.021	0.126
G/2	3.333	0.0679	-0.216	0.006
G/3	1.087	0.2971	-0.151	0.046
G/4	10.000	0.0016	-0.167	-0.044
G/5	2.778	0.0956	-0.008	0.114
H/1	5.556	0.0184	0.021	0.192
H/2	1.087	0.2971	-0.151	0.046
H/3	0.429	0.5127	-0.063	0.126
H/4	3.769	0.0522	-0.148	-0.001
H/5	6.400	0.0114	0.021	0.147
K/1	2.882	0.0896	-0.010	0.164
K/2	5.261	0.0218	-0.210	-0.019
K/3	0.429	0.5127	-0.125	0.062
K/4	8.333	0.0039	-0.181	-0.039
K/5	6.400	0.0114	0.021	0.146

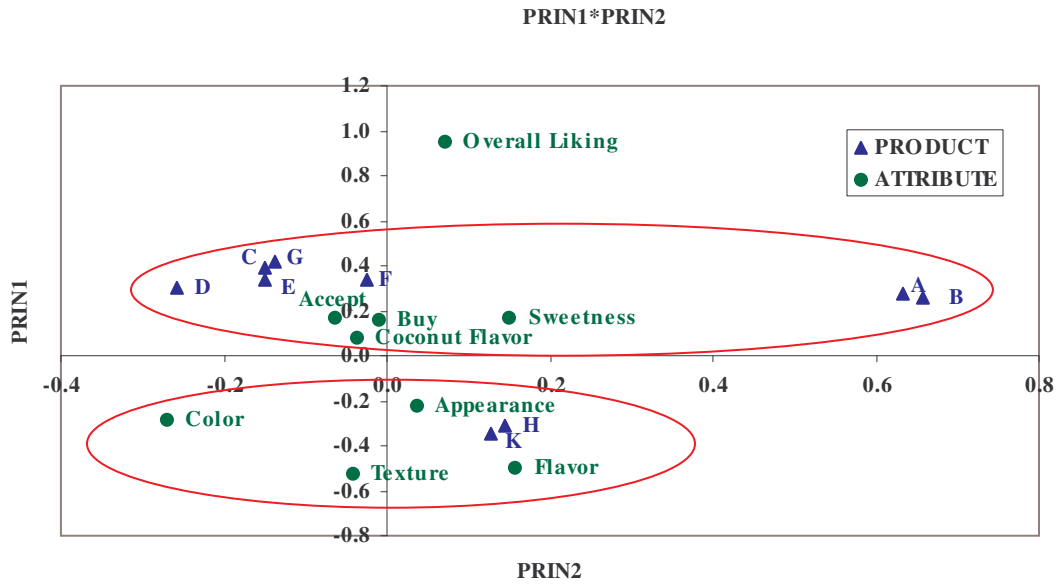
\* Sample Formulations can be found in Table 1.

\*\* Comparisons can be found in Table 2.

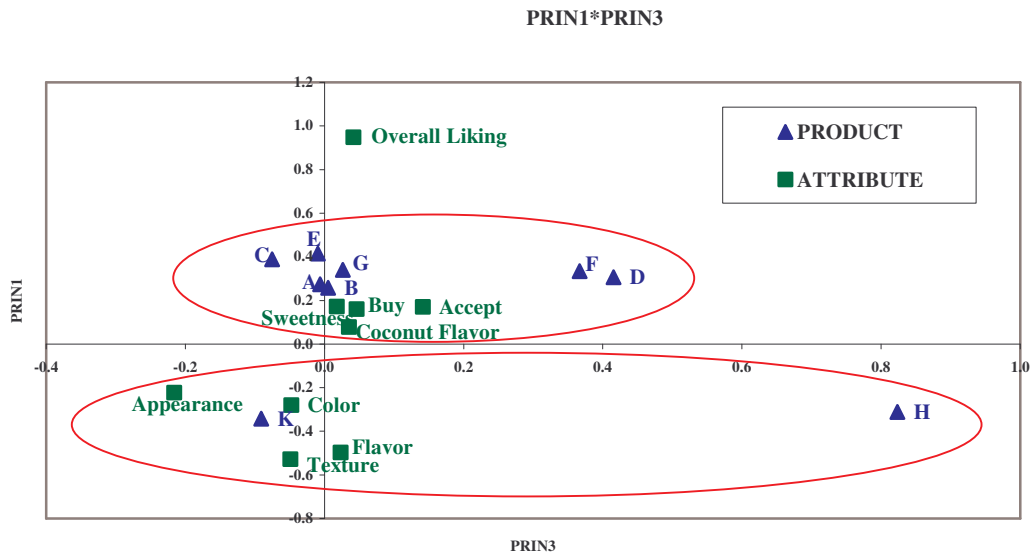
#### 4.3.8 Principal Component Analysis

The bi-plot (product – attribute) spaces using principal components 1 and 2 and principal components 1 and 3 are shown in Figures 3 and 4, respectively. In both figures, it can be seen that the discriminating attributes for the non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen desserts are appearance, color, flavor and texture. Both figures coincide in that the quadrant with the discriminating attributes contains only samples H and K. These results coincide somewhat with those of the descriptive discriminant analysis (DDA) result, where the pooled within canonical structure in the first dimension identified texture, flavor and color as the three attributes

contributing significantly to overall differences among the nine frozen dessert formulations (Table 23). However, the plot comparing principal components 2 and 3 was not able to clearly determine any specific discriminating factors (See Appendix).



**Figure 4:** PCA bi-plot (product attribute) involving Principal Component 1 and Principal Component 2



**Figure 5:** PCA bi-plot (product attribute) involving Principal Components 1 and 3.

#### 4.4 Conclusions

This study identified specific sensory attributes driving acceptance and purchase intent of non-dairy strawberry cheesecake frozen dessert containing soy protein meeting the requirements of the FDA for health benefits. Four hundred and thirty two consumers participated in this study. Results of the multivariate analysis showed significant differences among formulations. Descriptive discriminant analysis showed that overall liking, texture and flavor were the attributes responsible for the underlying differences among the nine formulations. Logistic regression results showed that overall liking and flavor were the two most important factors in determining both consumer acceptance and purchase intent. Principal component analysis bi-plots confirmed that discriminating attributes included flavor, texture, color and appearance. Results from the analysis of variance show consumers preferred formulation G, which consisted of 9% soy protein, 50% water and 41% coconut milk. Formulation G had high mean scores on the 9-point hedonic scale for all attributes. Formulation G also received the most positive responses for consumer acceptability (91.58%), purchase intent (70.53%), purchase intent of soy product (75.79%), purchase intent of non-dairy product (60%) and purchase intent of non-dairy product containing soy protein (65.26%).

Therefore, the formulation G may have great potential for commercialization with success. Further consumer and market tests should be conducted to warrant the demand of this product.

## CHAPTER 5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Two consumer studies were performed to determine consumer sensory acceptabilities of a non-dairy frozen dessert containing soy protein and coconut milk. During the first study three formulations of the frozen dessert were prepared: vanilla, peach and strawberry cheesecake. Each consumer (n=109) evaluated the three formulations for acceptability of appearance, flavor, color, coconut flavor, sweetness, texture and overall liking on a 9-point hedonic scale. Product acceptability and purchase intent were evaluated using binomial type questions (yes/no). On this first study consumers preferred the strawberry cheesecake formulation with the highest overall liking mean score of 7.71. It also received highest positive response percentages of 96.33% and 82.57% for acceptability and purchase intent, respectively. With a Wilks' Lambda p-value of 0.0001, it was concluded that all three samples were different when comparing all attributes simultaneously. Descriptive discriminant analysis determined overall liking and flavor as the important attributes responsible for the differences among the three formulations. For product acceptability overall liking, texture and coconut flavor were the most influential attributes with an odd ratio of 2.568, 1.529 and 1.513, respectively. Overall liking and flavor were the critical attributes in determining purchase intent with an odd ratio of 6.679 and 1.643, respectively. There was a significant difference in purchase intent when consumers were given health information about soy ingredients in the frozen dessert.

The formulation with highest acceptability (strawberry cheesecake) was chosen to be furthered analyzed during the second study. Nine different formulations were developed with varying percentages of soy protein (9%-12%), water (48%-64%) and coconut milk (27%-41%). According to the Balanced Incomplete Block Design, each consumer (n = 432) evaluated two of the nine formulations for acceptability of appearance, color, flavor, coconut flavor, sweetness,

texture and overall liking on a 9-point hedonic scale. Consumers were also asked to rate the intensity of the coconut flavor and sweetness as “too weak,” “just about right” and “too strong.” Product acceptability and purchase intent were determined using binomial type questions (yes/no). Also, a series of binomial type questions were compared regarding purchase intent when providing additional information to the consumers. This was performed to determine changes in probability of purchase intent. For the second study, results proved consumers preferred formulation G (9% soy protein, 50% water, 41% coconut milk). This formulation received high mean scores on the 9-point hedonic scale for all attributes. It also received the highest positive responses for consumer acceptability (91.58%), purchase intent (70.53%), purchase intent of soy product (75.79%), purchase intent of non-dairy product (60%) and purchase intent of non-dairy product containing soy protein (65.26%). Multivariate analysis results showed significant differences among formulations (Wilks’ lambda = 0.0109). DDA determined overall liking, texture and flavor as the attributes responsible for the differences among the nine formulations. Overall liking and flavor were the two most important factors in determining both consumer acceptance and purchase intent. Principal component analysis bi-plots confirmed that discriminating attributes included flavor, texture, color and appearance. Consumer purchase intent presented no significant differences when consumers were asked if they would purchase a frozen dessert versus purchasing a non-dairy frozen dessert. However, there were significant differences in probability of purchase intent when consumers were asked if they would purchase a non-dairy product versus purchasing a non-dairy product containing health beneficial soy protein.

A non-dairy frozen dessert containing coconut milk and FDA required soy protein has not been commercially developed. Product refinement of this product would ensure higher consumer

acceptability and maybe lower the content of saturated fat in order to meet the requirements set by the FDA to add a health claim for the soy protein contained in this product.

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# APPENDIX A: STUDY 1

## a. Sample Survey

1. What is your age group? (Please check one)

SAMPLE No. 1

18-24 years  25-34 years  35-44 years  45-54 years  Over 55 years

2. What is your gender?

Male

Female

1. How would you rate the **OVERALL APPEARANCE** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

2. How would you rate the **COLOR** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

3. How would you rate the **OVERALL FLAVOR (TASTE AND ODOR/AROMA)** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

4. How would you rate the **COCONUT FLAVOR** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

5. How would you rate the **SWEETNESS** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

6. How would you rate the **OVERALL TEXTURE/MOUTHFEEL** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

7. How would you rate the **OVERALL LIKING** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

8. Is this product **ACCEPTABLE**? YES [ ] NO [ ]

9. Would you **BUY** this product if it were commercially available?      YES [ ]      NO [ ]

10. Would you **BUY** this product if it contained soy protein, which would be beneficial to your health?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

11. Would you **BUY** this product if it contained no dairy ingredients, which would be good for lactose intolerance consumers?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

12. Would you **BUY** this product if it contained health-beneficial soy protein and had no dairy ingredients?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

## b. SAS Code: Logistic and PDA

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dm 'log;clear;output;clear';
data one;
input Panelist Sample $ Age Gender Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet
Texture Ovliking Accept Buy Buysoy Buyndair Buysoynd;
datalines;
;
proc freq;
tables Age;
tables Gender;
proc sort; by sample;
proc means mean std cv n maxdec=2;by sample;
var Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet Texture Ovliking;
proc freq; by Sample;
tables Accept Buy Buysoy Buyndair Buysoynd;
tables Buy*Buysoy Buy*Buyndair Buy*Buysoynd Buysoy*Buysoynd
Buyndair*Buysoynd;
tables Gender*Accept Gender*Buy;
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class Sample;
model Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet Texture Ovliking = Sample;
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class Sample;
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class Accept;
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class Buy;
var Sweet;
proc discrim crossvalidate pool=test posterr;
class Buy;
var Texture;
proc discrim crossvalidate pool=test posterr;
class Buy;
var Ovliking;
proc sort; by sample;
Proc logistic data = one; by sample;
model Accept = Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet Texture Ovliking/
ctable pprob= .5 clparm=wald clodds=wald clparm=pl clodds=pl rsquare
lackfit;
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lackfit;

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ctable pprob= .5 clparm=wald clodds=wald clparm=pl clodds=pl rsquare
lackfit;
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model Buy = Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet Texture Ovliking/
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lackfit;
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lackfit;
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lackfit;
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lackfit;
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lackfit;
Proc logistic data = one; by sample;
model Buy = Ovliking/
ctable pprob= .5 clparm=wald clodds=wald clparm=pl clodds=pl rsquare
lackfit;
run;

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### c. SAS Code: McNemar

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options nodate nonumber;
Data one;
Input sample$      BUY   BUYKNOW      count;
datalines;
;
run;
proc sort; by sample;
proc freq; weight count;
tables buy*buyknow/agree;by sample;

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`run;`

**APPENDIX B: STUDY 2**

**a. Research Consent Form**

RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to participate in the research entitled “Consumer Acceptance of Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert,” which is being conducted by Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, Professor of the Department of Food Science at Louisiana State University, phone number (225) 578-5188.

I understand that participation is entirely voluntary and whether or not I participate will not affect how I am treated on my job. I can withdraw my consent at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which I am otherwise entitled and have the results of the participation returned to me, removed from the experimental records, or destroyed. Four hundred and thirty two consumers will participate in this research. For this particular research, about 15-minute participation will be required for each consumer.

The following points have been explained to me:

1. In any case, it is my responsibility to report prior participation to the investigators any allergies I may have.
2. The reason for the research is to gather information on consumer sensory acceptability of non-dairy ice cream containing soy protein. The benefit that I may expect from it is a satisfaction that I have contributed to solution and evaluation of problems relating to such examinations.
3. The procedures are as follows: Four coded samples will be placed in front of me, and I will evaluate them by normal standard methods and indicate my evaluation on score sheets. All procedures are standard methods as published by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the Sensory Evaluation Division of the Institute of Food Technologists.
4. Participation entails minimal risk: The only risk that can be envisioned is that of an allergic reaction to soy products, sugar, coconut, and strawberries. However, because it is known to me beforehand that the foods to be tested contain common food ingredients, the situation can normally be avoided.
5. The results of this study will not be released in any individual identifiable form without my prior consent unless required by law.
6. The investigator will answer any further questions about the research, either now or during the course of the project.

The study has been discussed with me, and all of my questions have been answered. I understand that additional questions regarding the study should be directed to the investigators listed above. In addition, I understand the research at Louisiana State University AgCenter that involves human participation is carried out under the oversight of the Institutional Review Board. Questions or problems regarding these activities should be addressed to Dr. David Morrison, Associate Vice Chancellor of LSU AgCenter at 578-8236. I agree with the terms above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Investigator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## b. Sample Survey

1. What is your age group? (Please check one)

SAMPLE No. 1

18-24 years \_\_\_\_\_ 25-34 years \_\_\_\_\_ 35-44 years \_\_\_\_\_ 45-54 years \_\_\_\_\_ Over 55 years \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your gender? Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

1. How would you rate the **OVERALL APPEARANCE** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

2. How would you rate the **COLOR** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

3. How would you rate the **OVERALL FLAVOR (TASTE AND ODOR/AROMA)** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
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4. How would you rate the **COCONUT FLAVOR** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
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5. How would you rate the **COCONUT FLAVOR** of this product?

[ ] Too Weak                      [ ] Just About Right                      [ ] Too Strong

6. How would you rate the **SWEETNESS** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

7. How would you rate the **SWEETNESS** of this product?

[ ] Too Weak                      [ ] Just About Right                      [ ] Too Strong

8. How would you rate the **OVERALL TEXTURE/MOUTHFEEL** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

9. How would you rate the **OVERALL LIKING** of this product?

Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very much	Like Extremely
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lackfit;
Proc logistic data = one;

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ctable pprob= .5 clparm=wald clodds=wald clparm=pl clodds=pl rsquare
lackfit;
Proc sort; by Sample;
Proc logistic data = one; by Sample;
model Buy = Appear Color Flavor Cocofla Sweet Texture Ovliking/
ctable pprob= .5 clparm=wald clodds=wald clparm=pl clodds=pl rsquare
lackfit;
run;

```

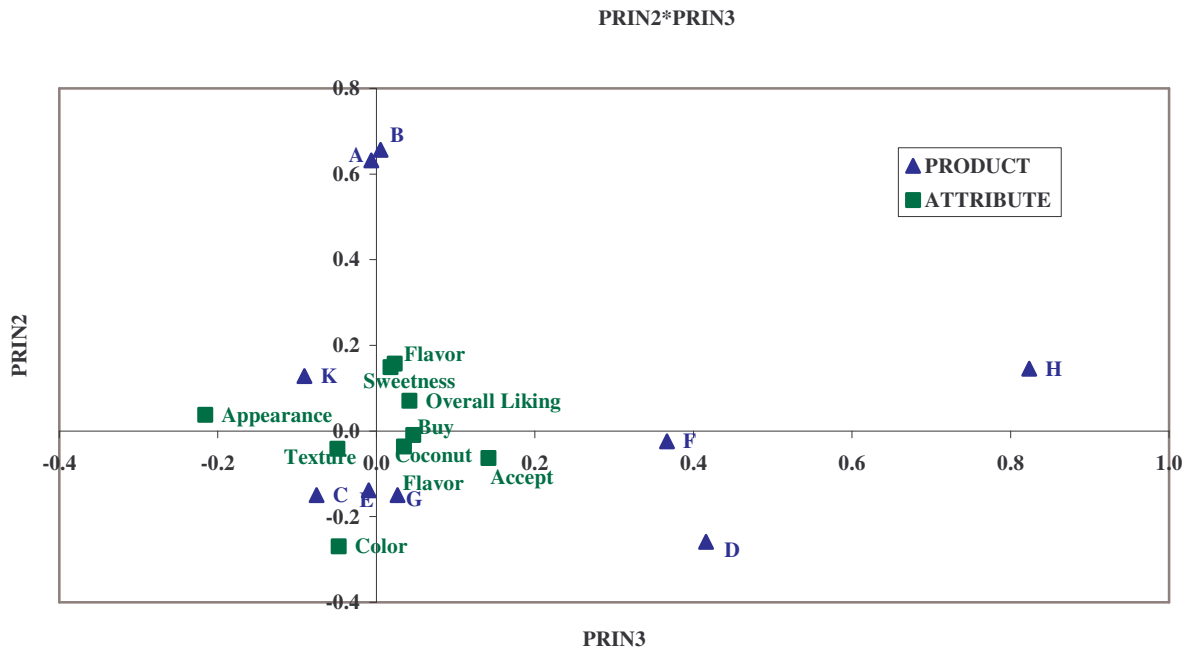
### e. SAS Code: McNemar Test

```

options nodate nonumber;
Data one;
Input sample$ BUY BUYKNOW count;
*/A1: Buy vs. Buysoy, A2: Buy vs. Buynodairy, A3: Buy vs. Buysoynodairy,
A4:Buysoy vs. Buysoynodairy, A5: Buynodairy vs. Buysoynodairy/*;
datalines;
;
run;
proc sort; by sample;
proc freq; weight count;
tables buy*buyknow/agree;by sample;
run;

```

### f. PCA bi-plot (product attribute) involving Principal Component 2 and Principal Component 3



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