# Palm Oil & Fractions: Characteristics and Properties

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# PALM OIL INDUSTRY-RM45.1b, PLANTED AREA OF 4.3m hectares, production of 15.8 m tonnes oil.

#### Oil Palm Bunch

Oil per bunch 20-30%

15.8m tonne CPO



Bunch weight 20-30 kg

#### **Fruit spiklets**





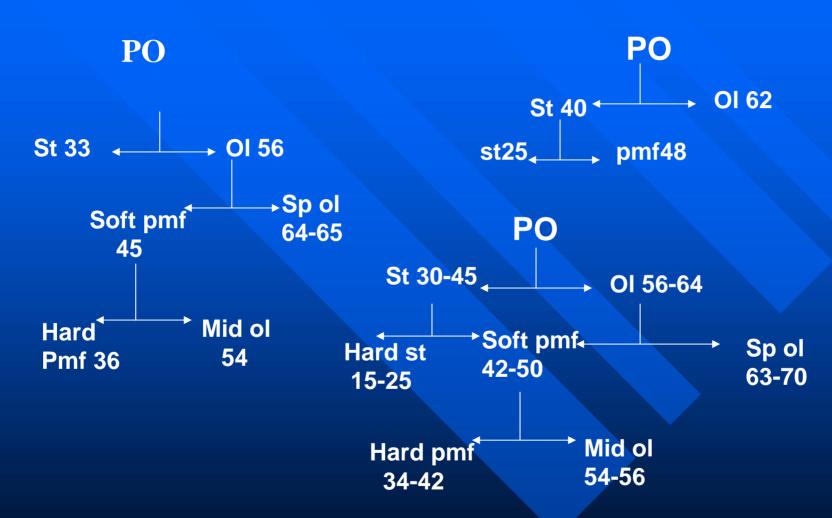
## Why PALM OIL?

- Versatility
- Cost effectiveness
- Wide range of products
- 20% solids at 20C-suited for formulation of plastic fat products
- Nutritive value

#### PALM OIL- A BALANCED OIL

• 50% UNSATURATED • 50% SATURATED

#### Fractionation of palm oil



## FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS

FAC	Palm Oil	Palm Olein	Super Olein	Palm Stearin
C12:0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1-0.3
C14:0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1-1.7
C16:0	44.0	40.9	35.4	49.8-68.1
C18:0	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.9-5.6
C18:1	39.2	41.5	45.1	20.4-34.4
C18:2	10.1	11.6	13.4	5.0-8.9
C18:3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1-0.5
C20:0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3-0.6

#### Triacylglycerol composition of palm oil

TAG	wt%	TAG	wt%	TAG	wt%	TAG	wt%	TAG	wt%
All 0 db	7.4	All 1 db	36.8	All 2 db	34	All 3 db	16.1	All>3 db	5.6
PPP	5.1	MOP	0.9	P00	20.3	000	4.4	L00	1.8
<b>PPSt</b>	1.2	POP	23.7	St00	2.4	POL	4.1	OLO	1.2
<b>PStP</b>	0.3	POSt	5.7	OPO	1	PLO	5.6		
		PPO	4.4	PLP	6.5				
		PStO	0.2	StLP	1.6				

# TRIGLYCERIDES OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS(C No.)

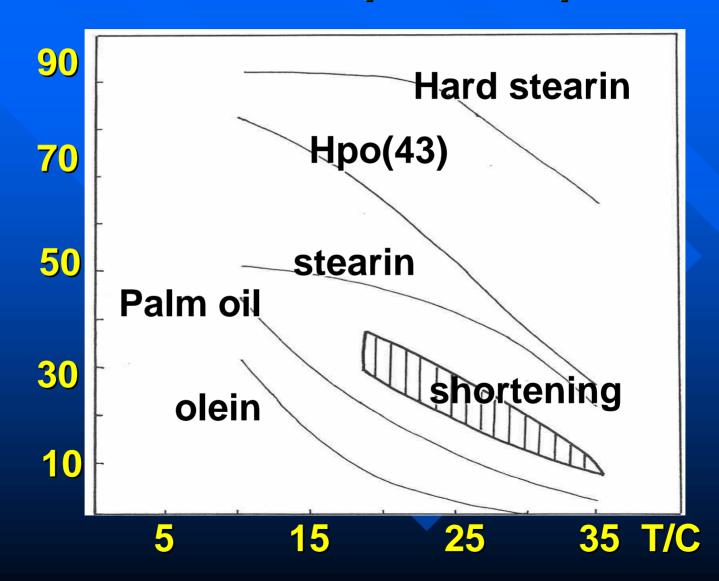
C. No	Palm	Palm	Super	Palm
	Oil	Olein	Olein	Stearin
C46	0.8	0.8	0.2	3.1
C48	7.4	3.3	1.9	23.7
C50	42.6	39.5	30.8	40.3
C52	40.5	42.7	53.4	25.3
C54	8.8	12.8	13.6	6.9
C56	-	0.7	0.2	0.5

# Two important physical properties of palm oil

SOLID FAT CONTENTS

POLYMORPHISM

#### Solid fat contents of palm oil products



### Morphology of Crystals

- α Small
- β' Small, ≈5 μm, needle-like
- $\beta$  large, course, as large as 50  $\mu$ m or more, dense, flat

β' TENDING

### Palm oleins

TWO TYPES

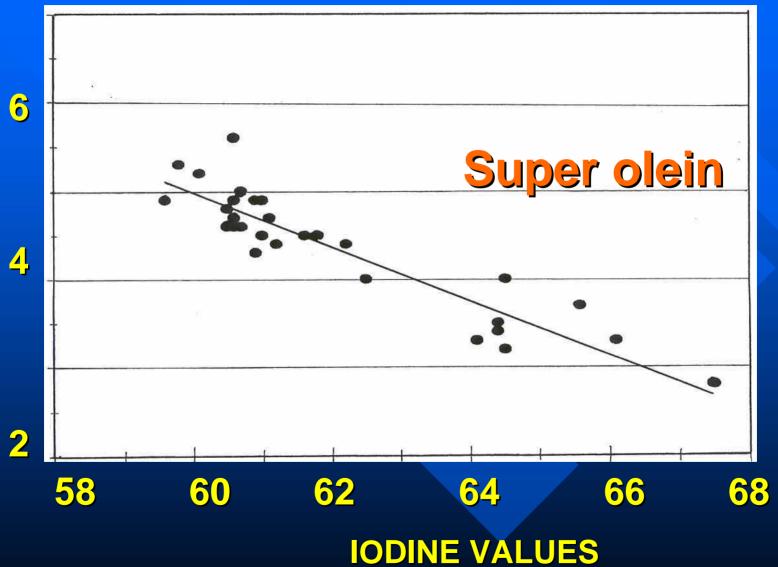
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• IV >60

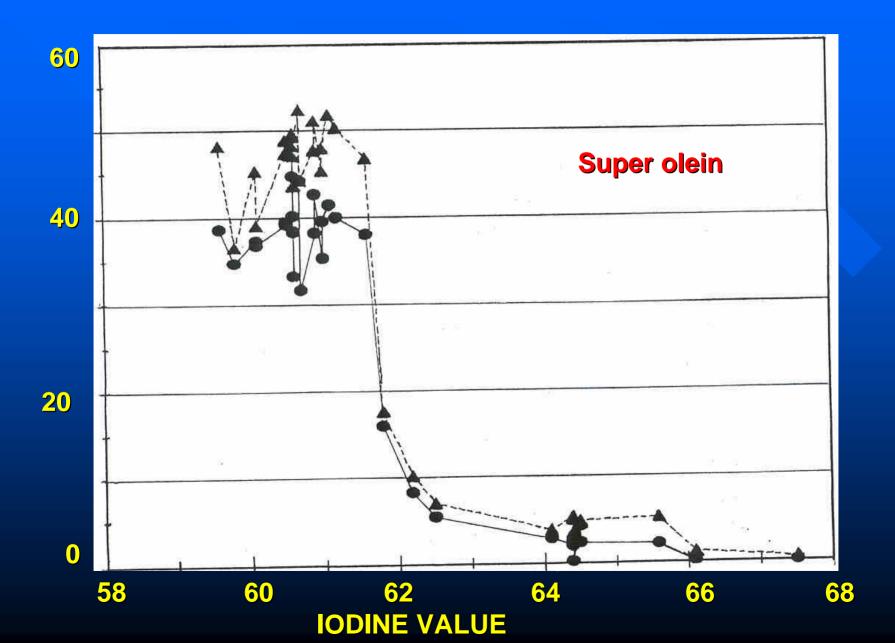
# Fatty acid composition(wt%) of palm olein

IV	C14	C16	C18	C18-1	C18-2
<60	1.0	37.9	4.1	43.4	12.5
60-64	1.0	34.8	3.8	45.5	14.2
>65	1.0	30.8	3.6	47.9	15.4
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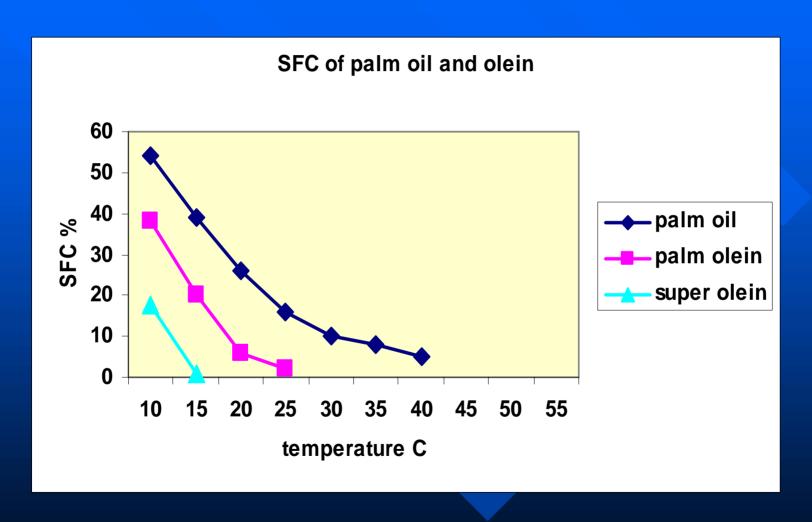
#### CLOUD PT (C)



#### SFC AT 2.5 AND 5C



### SFC of palm oil and oleins



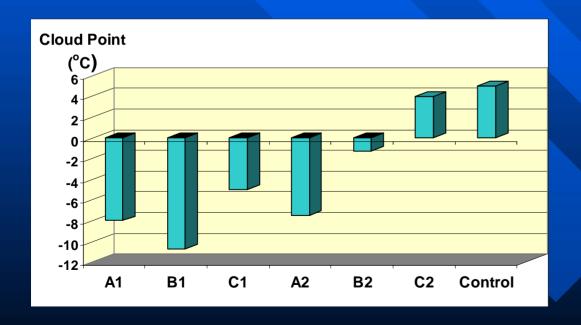
#### Palm olein

- An excellent choice for food applications.
- Has good oxidative stability.
- Limited use in temperate countries tends to crystallize and becomes cloudy at low temperature.
- Blending of palm olein with other liquid oils increase the degree of unsaturation (IV) of palm olein.

Binary and ternary blends of palm olein with other liquid vegetable oils, alternatives to partially hydrogenated oils which contain *trans* fatty acids.

Oil blends stay clear in temperate climate.

Excellent choice for food applications, e.g. as frying, cooking and salad oils.



# Typical specifications of palm olein for snack food frying

□ FFA <0.05%

□ PV <1

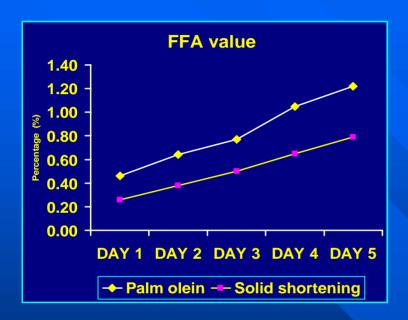
■ M&I <0.1%

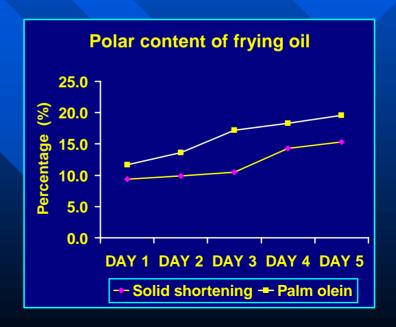
COLOUR <3R

FLAVOUR BLAND

**SMOKE POINT 220-240C** 

## Frying performance of palm-based solid shortening vs. palm olein.





# ADVANTAGES OF USING PALM-BASED PRODUCTS AS A FRYING MEDIUM

- Abundant supply
- Good heat transfer
- Excellent oxidative and flavour stabilities
- Less foam, polymers and polar compounds compared to soft oils

## Palm stearins

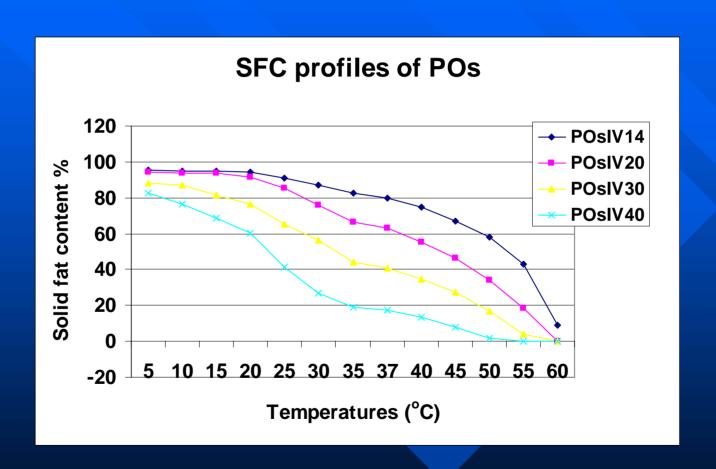
# Fatty acid composition of commercially available palm stearins

Fatty acids	Range(wt%)
16:0	47-82
18:0	4 - 6
18:1	11-37
18:2	1-10

#### Characteristics of Palm Stearin

Parameters	Range
Slip Melting Point °C	44 - 60
Iodine Value	14 - 49

## SFC of palm stearins



## FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF COCOA BUTTER, PALM, ILLIPE AND SHEA FAT

Fatty acid	Cocoa butter	PMF	Illipe	Shea
C12:0	Trace	0.1	Trace	0.5
C14:0	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.6
C16:0	25.2	46.8	17.5	4.2
C18:0	35.5	3.8	45.8	40.6
C18:1	35.2	37.6	35.2	47.3
C18:2	3.2	10.0	0.7	5.4
Total saturated	61.4	51.9	63.6	45.4

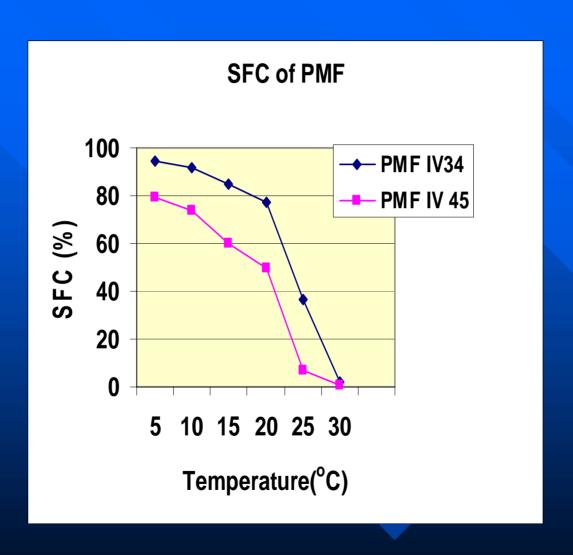
POP, POS, SOS

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### SFC of PMF



# TOCOPHEROLS/ TOCOTRIENOLS IN OILS

TOCOPHEROL
- RICHED

TOCOTRIENOL-RICHED

SOY, CORN COTTONSEED, SUNFLOWER, RAPESEED

PALM, WHEATGERM, RICEBRAN

## TOCOPHEROLS/TOCOTRIENOLS IN PALM OIL PRODUCTS

Type

mg/kg

Crude palm oil

600 - 1000

Crude palm olein

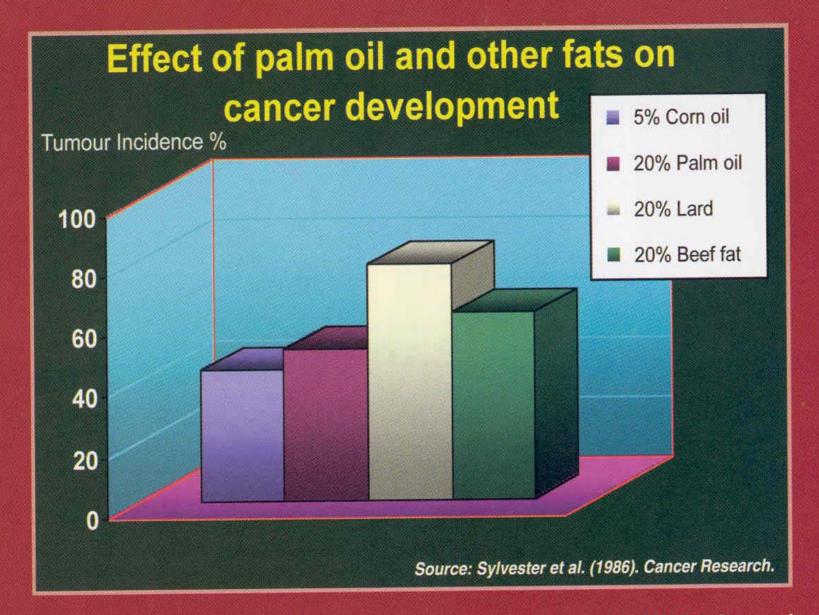
800 - 1000

Refined palm oil

350 - 630

Refined palm olein

468 - 673



A 20% palm oil (PO) diet was protective and comparable to a 5% corn oil (CO) diet. It was also better than a 20% lard and a 20% beef fat (BF) diets.

# CAROTENOID COMPOSITION IN CRUDE PALM OIL

TYPE	%
PHYTOENE	1.3
β CAROTENE	56
α CAROTENE	35
LYCOPENE	1.3
OTHERS	6.4

Vitamin A precursor

### Novel palm products-nutrolein

A nutritious cooking oil, extracted from selected palms and processed under stringent QC to retain carotenoids and tocopherols.

	Specifications
FFA	0.10%
IV	64 min
Cloud point	4 <i>C</i>
SMP	16 <i>C</i>
carotene	400ppm min
tocols	800ppm min

## Advantages of palm oil

- Versatility
- Unique in composition
- Functionality
- Healthy, natural oil
- Trans-free formulations
- Stability
- Abundance
- Consistent supply