



Application Note # AN-231E

FT-NIR Quality Control of Cheese

Various quality parameters in different cheese products like hard-, slicing-, cream-, preprocessed and soft cheese can be determined with the FT-NIR spectrometer MPA within seconds.

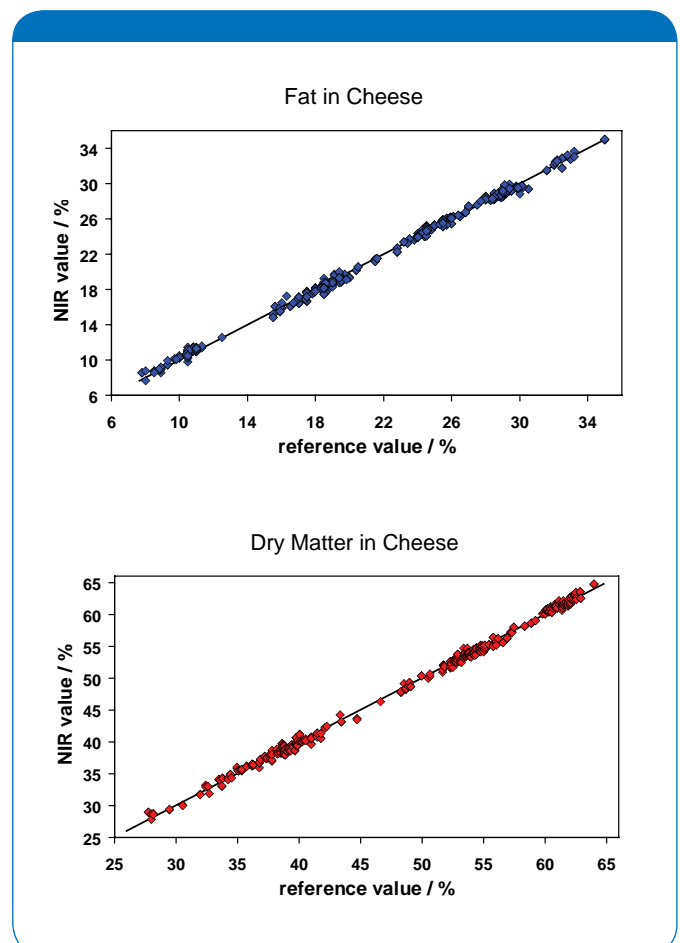
The near infrared measurements are carried out in easy to fill disposable Petri dishes, made of polystyrene. This way, the use of glass is avoided, as this is often required by the regulations. The grated cheese can be sprinkled, soft cheese smeared into the petri dish. By measuring the sample in the MPA spectrometer in transmission using a Si-diode detector, virtually the complete sample depth is scanned and analyzed.

Alternatively the sample can be measured in reflection. In any case a sample rotator is used to enlarge the scanned area and to enhance the reproducibility of the measurements. Depending on the type of cheese, additional parameters like salt content or pH-value can also be determined with only one measurement.

Below are the results of calibrations containing various types of cheese. For dedicated product calibrations, the accuracy may improve significantly.

Calibration results:

- Fat 7.5 - 35.0 ± 0.3 %
- Dry Matter 27.5 - 64.5 ± 0.5 %



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