

Technological studies for production of easy cook parboiled cargo rice

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The present investigation was carried out by using the long grain variety Giza 181. This study aimed to produce parboiled cargo rice easily cooked with improved physical and technological properties and have high nutrition value, as well as acceptable panel taste. To achieve these goals, two parboiling methods for paddy rice, i.e. (A) parboiling in freshwater, (B) parboiling in 0.5 % NaHCO_3 solution, were adopted with seven drying temperature rates to 14 % MC., i.e. O1 : drying the boiled paddy at 80°C, O2 : drying at 70°C, O3 : drying at 65°C, O4 : drying at 60°C, O5 : drying at 55°C, D6 : drying at 80°C to 16 % MC., then at 40°C to 14 % MC. and O7 : drying at 70°C, to 16 % MC., then at 40°C to 14 % MC. The physical, technological, chemical composition, microstructure, cooking quality and organoleptic scores of cargo rice resulted from parboiling were compared with raw white rice of Giza 181 variety, in order to evaluate the effect of parboiling and drying treatments. Data obtained were statistically analyzed by complete randomized analysis to figure out the best and suitable parboiling treatment and drying temperature rate for reaching the objectives of this investigation. The results of this study explored the following points:

1. Physical and technological properties : 1. Parboiling the paddy rice in NaHCO_3 solution (0.5 % conc.) and drying at 55°C to 14 % moisture content (MC.) significantly increased the length, width and thickness of cargo rice grains to the high values.
2. The highest grain index (1000 - grain weight) of cargo rice (22.17 gm), obtained from parboiling paddy rice in fresh water and drying at high temperature rate 80°C.
3. There was a significant decrease in bulk density of cargo rice due to parboiling and drying treatments. Raw white rice had the highest bulk density.
4. Parboiling treatments significantly decreased the husk percentage. The lowest husk percentage (19.57 %) was obtained from parboiling paddy rice in fresh water with drying at 55°C to 14 % MC., as compared with raw white rice (21.52 %).
5. The highest (cargo rice 0/0), resulted from parboiling paddy rice in fresh water and drying the boiled paddy at 55°C to 14 % MC.
6. A considerable increase in head rice yield percentage was obtained with parboiling treatments. The highest head rice yield percentage of cargo rice (74.6 % 0/0) resulted from parboiling in fresh water and drying at 55°C to 14 % MC.
7. Generally, broken grains percentage were significantly affected by parboiling the paddy rice treatments. The lowest percentage (5.83 %) was obtained by parboiling the paddy rice in fresh water and drying at 55°C as compared with raw white rice (9.57 %). Each 5°C increase in drying temperature than 55°C gave gradual increase in broken percentage.
8. Cracks percentage of cargo rice significantly decreased from 16.00 % to 6.33 % as drying temperature of boiled rice in fresh water decreased from 80°C to 55°C to 14 % MC. drying treatments. Raw white rice had the highest carbohydrate content than 55°C, increased gradually the carbohydrate content of cargo rice.
4. Parboiling treatments and drying rates significantly affected on the total lipids of cargo rice. Cargo rice resulted from parboiling paddy in 0.5 % NaHCO_3 solution and dried at 55°C to 14 % MC., contained the highest total lipids percentage (2.93 % 0/0). Increasing drying temperature of boiled paddy reduced gradually the lipids percent of cargo rice.
5. Generally, ash content of the cargo rice showed pronounced increases due to parboiling treatments. The highest ash content of cargo rice (1.67 % 0/0), obtained from parboiling the paddy in 0.5 % NaHCO_3 solution and drying the boiled rice at 80°C to 16 % MC., then at 40°C to 14 % MC., treatment.
6. Parboiling treatments gave a marked increase in the crude fiber content of cargo rice. Parboiling in 0.5 % NaHCO_3

solutions significantly increased the crude fiber than parboiling paddy in freshwater. While increasing drying temperature of boiled paddy from 55°C to 80°C increased the crude fiber content of the cargo rice to the high level.

7. Potassium, Phosphorus and Sodium elements content of cargo rice were significantly affected by parboiling and drying treatments. Parboiling the paddy rice in fresh water and drying the boiled paddy at 55°C to 14 % MC., gave the highest values of Potassium and Phosphorus content for cargo rice, however the highest Sodium content of cargo rice was obtained from parboiling in NaHCO₃ and drying at low temperature (55°C) under both methods of parboiling, increasing drying temperature significantly decreased the Potassium, Phosphorus and Sodium percentage of cargo rice.

8. Parboiling and drying treatments had a significant effect on the microelement (Ferrous, Manganese, Copper and Zinc) contents of cargo rice. Raw white rice (control) gave the lowest values of Ferrous, Manganese, Copper and Zinc elements. The highest Ferrous, Manganese, Copper and Zinc contents were 13.0, 7.30, 5.0 and 7.80 ppm respectively, obtained from parboiling the paddy in fresh water and using the low temperature rate (55°C to 14 % MC.). Increasing drying temperature of the boiled paddy over 55°C gradually decreased the Fe, Mn, Cu and Zn contents in cargo rice, under both methods of parboiling.

9. Thiamine content of cargo rice significantly increased by parboiling the paddy rice. It can be concluded that parboiling paddy rice in chemical solution of 0.5 % NaHCO₃ and drying at high temperature rate 80°C to 14 % MC., gave the maximum value of thiamine in cargo rice.

II. Scanning electron microscopy of parboiled cargo and raw white-rice: The microstructure of cargo rice resulted from parboiling paddy in fresh water or in 0.5 % NaHCO₃ solution and drying at 55°C to 14 % MC., or drying at 70°C to reach primarily 16 % Me., then followed drying at 40°C up to final 14 % MC., was studied. After parboiling, pronounced differences in the appearance of starch granules in the endosperm was noticed. The granules were compact in the polygonal structure in surface was disappeared. Several homogenous degrees of starch granules gelatinization shown as partially gelatinization and its degradation are the main reason of this appearance beside, widening between protein intermolecules due to water absorption and partial swelling. Alteration due to alkalinity and absorption played a role in this appearance. Also, the heat effect and the oil content of cargo rice that may interfere with starch and protein to form a state emulsion to form all the previous appearances.

IV. Cooking quality :

1. Parboiling treatments and drying rates significantly affected the volume increase of cooked cargo rice. The maximum increase in volume for cooked cargo rice was obtained from parboiling paddy in fresh water and drying at 80°C to 16 % MC., then at 40°C to 14 % MC. Cooked raw white rice gave the minimum increase in volume.
2. Cooked cargo rice resulted from parboiling in fresh water and dried at low temperature rate of 55°C to 14 % MC., gave the highest increase in weight (142.0 gm) after cooking. Increasing drying rate than 55°C after parboiling caused decrease in weight for cooked cargo rice.
3. Significant differences in cooking time were obtained due to parboiling and drying treatments. Raw white rice had the shortest time for cooking (20.83 min.). Parboiling paddy rice in chemical solution of (0.5 % NaHCO₃) reduced the cooking time of cargo rice to (22.60 min.), when compared with cargo rice, obtained from parboiling in fresh water method (28.67 min.). Drying the boiled rice at high temperature rate of 80°C to 14 % MC., reduced the cooking time of cargo rice to minimum values (21.00 and 26.17 min.) for parboiling method (B) and (A), respectively.

v. Panel taste (organoleptic evaluation) :

1. Generally, parboiling the paddy rice decreased the colour score degrees for cooked cargo rice. Raw white rice was more whiteness than parboiled cargo rice after cooking. Cooked cargo rice resulted from parboiling in fresh water had a higher colour scores than that parboiled in 0.5 % NaHCO₃ solution. Increasing temperature of drying decreased the colour score of cooking cargo rice.
2. Flavour scores of cooking cargo rice, obtained from parboiling the paddy in fresh water was as that of raw white rice after cooking (8.0 score degree) without any effect to drying levels under this parboiling method. Parboiling paddy in chemical solution of 0.5 % NaHCO₃ decreased the flavour scores of cooked cargo rice.
3. Parboiling paddy rice in fresh water and drying the paddy at the two drying treatments (at 55°C or 80°C to 14 % Me., or at 70°C to 16 % MC., then at 40°C to 14 % Me.) improved the texture of cooked cargo rice resulted. These results may be attributed to the effect of parboiling on grain hardness and the uniformity of grains. Raw white rice gave the lowest scores of texture when it cooked.
4. Parboiling paddy rice in fresh water and drying at low temperature (55°C to 14 % MC.) gave cargo rice had excellent overall acceptability.

after cooking (8.0 scores). Raw white cooked rice had the same scores (8.0), whereas increasing drying temperature than 55°C under both methods of parboiling decreased the overall acceptability of cooked cargo rice.