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## ABBREVIATIONS

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16:0	palmitic acid	Asp	aspartic acid
18:0	stearic acid	Thr	threonine
18:1	oleic acid	Ser	serine
18:2	linoleic acid	Asn	asparagine
20:0	arachidic acid	Pro	proline
	(eicosanic)	Glu	glutamic acid
18:3	linolenic acid	Gly	glycine
20:1	eicosenoic acid	Ala	alanine
22:0	behenic acid	Val	valine
24:0	lignoceric acid	Cys	cystine
		Met	methionine
		Ile	isoleucine
gas liquid chromatography		Leu	leucine
		Phē	phenylalanine
mass spectrometer		Tyr	tyrosine
		Pep	peptide
mature		NH <sub>3</sub>	ammonia
		Lys	lysine
high intermediate		His	histidine
		Arg	arginine
low intermediate		Try	tryptophan
		Unk	unknown
immature		MG	γ-methylene glutamine
		MGA	γ-methylene glutamic acid
irrigated			
nonirrigated			

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

Dean Bond, Extension peanut Specialist, remarked that "the peanut industry will experience many changes during the decade of the '70s. One of their biggest advancements will be improved varieties." The purpose of this study was to develop methods and improve the knowledge of peanut chemistry which would aid in the rapid development of improved varieties and to help understand the conditions that affect the "quality factors" of peanuts. In fact, chiefly because of this study, this report proposes that the majority of the varieties of the near future should be developed by the Biochemist and then tested by the Agronomist before being released for commercial production.

Peanuts (Arachis hypogaea L.) fruit are an important segment of the Oklahoma farm economy valued at 26 million dollars in 1969. A basic understanding of the biochemical and physiological changes that occur during their growth is essential to improve our knowledge about this important food product. Thus, in this study, the relation of biochemical, agronomic and organoleptic factors to peanut flavor and quality have been emphasized.

To accomplish this, a better knowledge and measure of the contribution and effect of variety, maturity, irrigation and planting location on chemical constituents such as flavor precursors, fatty acids, and

lno acids were necessary for the improvement of flavor and other ality factors of roasted peanuts and peanut products.

It was necessary to develop new and to modify existing chemical ocedures to accomplish the goals of this study. Newer methods such ion exchange chromatography, gas liquid chromatography and mass etrometry were used to give a better understanding of long recognized oblems, such as changes associated with maturity, flavor, and problems recent origin associated with harvesting, curing and storing. hods, and the development of new varieties for the space age.

This dissertation is divided into three broad classifications:

#### A. Fatty Acids

Major emphasis was on the development of a rapid micro analytical chnique so that a portion of a raw peanut kernel can be analyzed for e oleic acid/linoleic acid ratio permitting the remainder of the rnel to be planted for genetic evaluation. Such a method is now being led by the plant breeder as an aid in the scientific selection of netic material to speed development of new peanut varieties that are anded by manufacturers of peanut products.

The peanut industry would like to have a Spanish peanut with a rger oleic/linoleic fatty acid ratio. This would permit a longer elf-life in peanut butter and oil and would make it feasible to pro- ce a peanut butter from Spanish peanuts alone instead of mixing in a rcentage of runner peanuts.

The method employs gas liquid chromatography as the analytical tool choice. The oil is subjected to trans-esterification and the fatty lds analyzed as their methyl esters. Parameters investigated include precision and accuracy study, time required for analysis, significance

contaminants in the oleic and linoleic acid GLC peaks, location of correct portion of the peanut kernel to be sampled to get a representative and reproducible sample and elimination of possible sources of error or interference that may be introduced by having pieces of the nut kernel present in the reaction mixture. The ultimate objective of this method was to provide a technique for the rapid and accurate analysis of 50 to 100 samples per day. Peanuts from widely divergent sources were used.

Using this fast GLC technique for analyzing a portion of the seed opposite the germ for oleic/linoleic (O/L) ratios, the first  $F_1$  generation seed of peanuts were analyzed and will be planted for further evaluation. Also O/L ratios were determined on approximately 2200 single peanut seeds in  $F_2$  generation and advanced generations from Spanish x Runner crosses. Approximately 300 of these were selected by a plant breeder on the basis of wider O/L ratios with Spanish type characteristics and were planted in 1969 for further evaluation.

Variations in the total fatty acid composition as influenced by maturity, irrigation and planting location were also evaluated on selected varieties. Statistical studies were included.

#### B. Amino Acids

There is a growing demand for a balanced dietary source of protein free amino acids to supply the needs of the world population. Relatively little information exists regarding the amino acid composition of the many varieties of peanuts. The total amino acids of several varieties were examined to determine differences that exist in the essential amino acids.

Also, free amino acids have been found to be related to flavor of

roasted peanuts. The possible correlation of free amino acid concentration and the concentration of the acidic peptide of raw peanuts with roasted flavor as affected by variety, maturity, irrigation and growing location is studied.

The Sakaguchi reaction for arginine was evaluated as a method to determine the degree of maturity in peanuts and the results compared with those obtained by ion exchange chromatography.

Several of the unknown amino acids found in the raw peanut extract have been identified.

#### C. Isolation and Partial Characterization of an Acidic Peptide

Of particular interest was the characterization of an acidic peptide in the free amino acid extract from Arachis hypogaea fruit. Preliminary analyses by Mason et al (1,2) indicated that the peptide contained relatively high amounts of aspartic acid, glycine and phenylalanine and smaller amounts of seven other amino acids. No basic amino acids were detected. The significance of this peptide is not known but its concentration appears to increase with maturity of the fruit.

Some progress has been made on purification of the peptide, but much remains to be done before it is pure enough for complete characterization.

## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The origin of the peanut is still as much a mystery as the "characteristic" peanut component or components and their precursors. Higgs (3) writing in the book The Peanut, The Unpredictable Legume quoted a translation from the work of August Chevalier (4) which was written in 1933 which said "The problem of the origin of the peanut has made thousands of ink flow". But with the finding of peanuts in ancient graves excavated at Ancon, Pachacamac (Peru) which are similar in appearance to those peanuts now grown in Peru, South America has been accepted as the origin of the peanut.

Apparently the South American Indians made a peanut paste which is similar to our peanut butter. Early in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, both the Portuguese and Spaniards probably carried peanuts to the East Indies. Records of early Spanish explorers show that the peanut was grown in Mexico and Central America and various islands of the West Indies before the arrival of Europeans. Later the peanut, grown in Africa, was used as food to feed the Negroes on slave ships. Records (5) indicated that the Spanish variety of peanuts was introduced to this country from Spain in 1871. In these earlier days the peanuts were roasted and sold in the shell by street vendors. The first peanut butter was made about 1890 by a St. Louis, Missouri physician (6) for use by his patients. George Washington Carver, in 1921, appeared before the Ways

Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives and presented information on the more than 300 products that he had developed from peanuts (7). Some of these products were milk, cream, buttermilk, cheese, coffee, plastics, paper and flour. Even today, "peanut butter deserves ample credit for maintaining the health of young Americans during their years of finicky eating habits" (49). In 1963, Brakman et al (8) reported that an extract of peanut flour could be an aid to ophthalmic disorders. The extract of raw peanuts was twenty times better than the extract of roasted peanuts.

Hoffpauir (9) in 1953 published an excellent review of the chemical composition of the peanut but the values were obtained prior to the common use of modern chromatographic technique.

The first use of gas liquid chromatography (GLC) in the separation of fatty acids was reported by James and Martin (10, 11) in 1952. Since then many improvements in column materials and equipment have made the development of the methods reported by Mason (12), Mason and Miller (13) and Jellum and Worthington (14) possible. The development of the GLC-Mass spectrometer combination instrument as used by Waller (15) has led to further improvements with identification of minor components now more easily identified.

After the published work of Spackman, Stein and Moore (16) in 1958 in which they were separating the amino acids using ion-exchange chromatography, the automation of the procedure has made amino acid determinations somewhat routine.

These analytical tools have made it possible to examine the components thought to be related to peanut quality in more detail than previously. Many of the more important articles dealing with this



sertation have been discussed in their related chapters.

Matlock (17) in 1968 (about one year after the initiation of this research program) discussed research on peanut quality which sets the stage for the research that is discussed in this dissertation. "Quality", a poorly understood and widely used term, means different things to different individuals. Matlock (17) using the published information from the papers of Sexton, et al. (18) and Sexton (19) listed "19 quality factors for which objective standardized methods of measurement have been or should be developed," and this table is reproduced (Table I). Quality factors 18 and 19 are related to this research. Once again Matlock (17) is quoted. "In order to evaluate the desirable characteristics involved in flavor, odor, appearance and texture, sensory tests are used. These tests are subjective in nature and difficult to use."

He goes on to report on the evidence concerning the hereditary and environmental influences on fatty acids and flavor. Matlock (17) further stated that "evidently, there are many environmental factors that contribute to flavor".

Later in 1968, Thomas (20) published a paper on the effect of irrigation and maturity on the quality of peanuts and peanut products. His report contained only organoleptic results. He reported that irrigation improved the quality of peanuts and peanut products and there were a higher percent of mature kernels present in the peanut crop. Peanut products from mature kernels were superior to those from immature and underdeveloped kernels. It was also observed that the <sup>0</sup> F dried peanuts were inferior to both bag cured and field cured peanuts.

Figure 1 shows a decrease of arginine and an increase in peptide phenylalanine with increasing maturity as published by Newell (21), on, et al. (1, 2) and Young, Mason and Matlock (22).

Pickett and Holley (23) reported on the changes in free amino acids of peanuts during roasting and found no difference in the number identifiable chromatographic spots. However, the size of all spots increased as the nuts were subjected to progressively heavier roasts. In 1962, McOskey (24) published a paper showing the loss by destruction of certain essential amino acids (lysine 15 percent, threonine 11 percent and methionine 10 percent) in roasted peanuts.

An excellent review by Cobb (25) covering the physical and chemical properties of peanuts will soon be published and will update the chemical references found in the book on peanuts by Woodroof (26).

TABLE I

PEANUT QUALITY FACTORS FOR WHICH OBJECTIVE, STANDARDIZED  
METHODS OF MEASUREMENT SHOULD BE DERIVED (17)

Quality Factor	Type <sup>a</sup>	Available Methods Indicated
Maturity	S	Spectrophotometric evaluation of expressed oil, sugar content, unsaturation of oil.
Resistance to mold	IS or S	None
Color	IS or S	Use of color "chips" similar to those used by the USDA for peanut butter.
Shape	S	Use of slotted screens with relatively small samples.
Density	Raw or Roasted	Beckman air pynometer, count per pound, sand displacement, fluctuation.
Concealed damage	S Raw or Roasted	Federal-State Grading Procedure
Milling quality	IS	Lab sheller
Blanchability	S	Lab blancher, hand blanching
Kernel hardness	S	Penetrometer
Texture of kernel	S	None
Tendency for radicle breakage	S	None
Pod thickness	IS	Micrometer or microscope measurement.
Pod fragility	IS	Impact tester
Mold Count	S	Direct count
Aflatoxin content	S	Chromatographic method
Infestation	IS	Direct Count

TABLE I (continued)

Quality Factor	Type <sup>a</sup>	Available Methods Indicated
Skin Slippage Tendency	S Raw or Roasted	None
Flavor	S Raw or Roasted	Flavor panel evaluation of ground or roasted peanuts.
Chemical consti- tuents	S Raw or Roasted	Moisture - Oven, moisture meter, distillation. Oil - Total, iodine value, fatty acid content, fatty acid composition, rancidity poten- tial, Tocopherol content, Protein - Total Vitamin.

<sup>a</sup>S = Shelled peanuts; IS = Peanut in the shell.

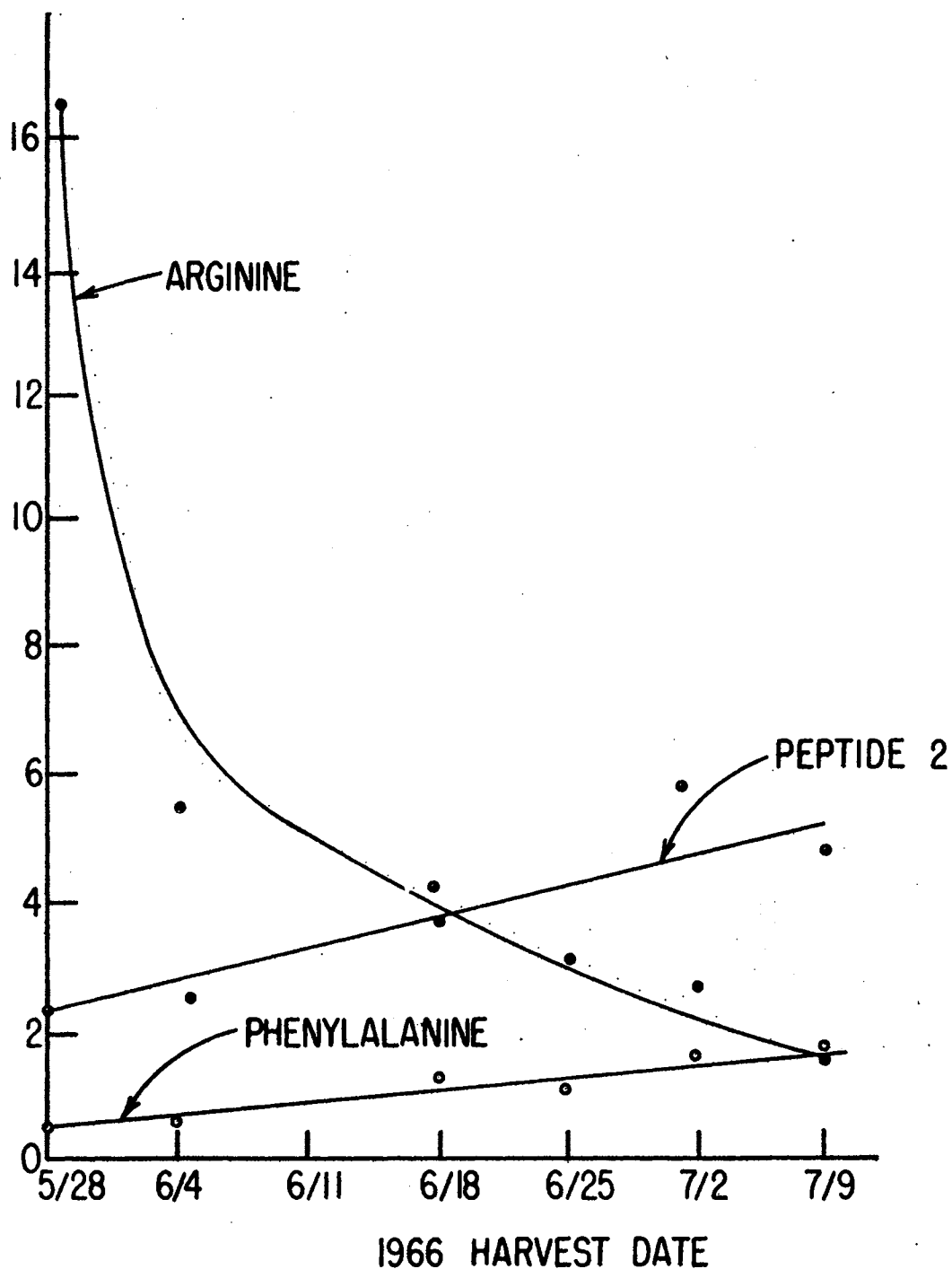


Figure 1. Change in Arginine, Peptide 2, and Phenylalanine Content of Spanish Peanut Fruit as a Function of Maturation (2).

## CHAPTER III

### A RAPID OLEIC/LINOLEIC MICRO ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

#### Introduction

The peanut industry desires a Spanish type peanut with a high oleic/linoleic (O/L) fatty acid ratio i. e. less than 25 percent linoleic acid which would give a ratio of two or three. This would allow the production of a longer shelf-life peanut butter, peanut oil and other roasted peanut products. Also, it would be feasible to produce peanut butter from Spanish peanuts alone instead of mixing in a percentage of runner peanuts so that the correct O/L ratio might be obtained. Normally the breeder will make his crosses and grow several generations of seed to obtain proper segregation of seed for chemical analysis. This requires considerable time and expense. By the use of the rapid micro analytical method of oleic and linoleic acids, he will be able to make his selections sooner. This should help him arrive at his goal for obtaining a peanut variety with a lower linoleic acid content in a shorter time period and perhaps at a lower cost than present selection methods.

In 1958, Rosen (27) proposed that one might be able to produce peanut oil with increased unsaturation. Already large changes in fatty acid composition of flax (28) have been induced by selective breeding practices. Preliminary work by Mason et al. (29) indicated a genetic variation was present in peanuts that was necessary to

hieve the present goal of decreased unsaturation. Because of possible alth problems, a proper balance of saturation and unsaturation in the tty acids must be considered.

In earlier work by Mason (12), small composite samples of ten to enty peanuts were pressed and analyzed for the O/L ratios. Pressing the oils was the chief limitation of the method. Jellium and Worth- gton (14) had developed a similar rapid method of fatty acid analysis oil from individual corn kernels. Seed viability was destroyed in air method. Only one or two drops of oil were necessary for the alysis and one peanut contains more than enough oil for this analysis. a portion of the kernel could be analyzed and the remaining portion uld be planted it would speed the development of the desired peanut riety. Therefore this procedure was developed for the analysis of a rtion of the individual peanut kernel.

#### Apparatus and Reagents

##### paratus

GLC analyses were performed on either a Perkin-Elmer model 800 uipped with a flame ionization detector or a modified Barber-Colman del 5000 gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector. uminum columns,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch by six feet (or four feet), packed with 14.5 rcent DEGS or stabilized DEGS on Anakrom 100/110 mesh were used. lium was used as the carrier gas.

##### agents

DEGS, diethylene glycol succinate (Applied Science Laboratories).

Stabilized DEGS (Analabs, Inc.).

Anakrom, 100 to 110 mesh (Analabs, Inc.).

Benzene, Fisher reagent grade, dried over sodium.

2,2-Dimethoxypropane (Dow Chemical Company). redistilled from 76° to 79° c.

Anhydrous methanolic hydrogen chloride: Methanol, Fisher reagent grade, is dried over Linde molecular sieve #3A (1/16 inch pellets). HCl was prepared by bubbling the gas (Matheson) through sulfuric acid. The dried HCl is then bubbled into the dried methanol which was cooled with an ice-water bath. It was standardized with 1/14 N NaOH and yielded a 2.8 N solution which is then sealed and stored at 4° C.

### Procedures

#### Selection of Sound Mature Kernels

Size alone is not sufficient for selection of sound mature kernels (MK). Successful and highly reproducible chemical determinations of peanuts require a rigid and carefully controlled selection and classification of the kernel (21, 30, 31, 32, 33). A brief outline of the classification (Table II) used in this study follows. Peanuts having dark colored interior pericarp surfaces and very thin faded pink colored testa were classed as mature (M). Those having some white on the interior pericarp and with pink were classed as high intermediate (HI). When there was some slight wrinkling of the skin, the testa had not completely collapsed and the interior of the pericarp remained white, the kernels were referred to as low intermediate (LI). The remainder of the undersized, shriveled, white pericarp and thick testa were grouped in the immature class (I). In most varieties the sound mature kernel was smooth with little or no wrinkling of the testa surface.



### Sample Preparation

The peanut kernel was held by the germ end. While being careful not to touch the germ, use a sharp scalpel to slice about 1/3rd of the nut from the end opposite the germ. It was important to use at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the seed because of the variability of the oil within the nut (34). With the large-seeded varieties, it was usually best to remove and discard  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the nut before slicing a portion for analysis.

### Preparation of Methyl Esters for O/L Analysis

The chopped portion of the peanut was placed in a 16 by 150 mm test tube and the following reagents were added in order: 4 ml sodium dried benzene, 0.1 ml of 2,2-dimethoxypropane and 0.5 ml of 0° C methanolic KOH. This mixture was shaken and the test tubes were covered and left overnight at room temperature (22-25° C) to form the methyl esters. The reaction mixture was analyzed by directly injecting 2-3  $\mu$ l or by diluting, evaporating to near dryness on a hot water bath (80-85° C) and injecting 50 nanoliters of the concentrated mixture on the GLC column. The latter method gave the best results and also a longer column life.

### Analytical Condition

Operating parameters varied slightly from day to day, thus the standard oil sample was used to adjust the equipment so as to obtain accurate analysis. The injection port should be about 250° C with an oven temperature of 235-240° C and a helium flow rate of approximately 1 ml per minute. The temperature of the hydrogen flame ionization detector on the Perkin-Elmer model 800 was the same as the oven temper-

ure. On instruments with small lines such as the modified Barber-Colman model 5000, it was necessary to operate the detector temperature at 350° C to avoid clogging. On the Perkin-Elmer model 800, a four one stream splitter was used since the flame was not suppose to receive more than 50 ml per minute of carrier gas. A typical analysis the Perkin-Elmer model 800 gas chromatograph with a stream splitter quired slightly less than two minutes. When using the Barber-Colman el 5000 gas chromatograph, a typical analysis required about three one-half minutes.

### Results and Discussion

The purpose of this phase of research was to improve upon the method of Mason and Waller (13) so that an even larger number of oil samples could be analyzed so as to aid the peanut breeder in a genetic study of inherited characteristics to the O/L ratio. This should speed development of a Spanish type peanut with a lower linoleic fatty acid content as sought by the peanut industry. A considerable portion time was required for checking and rechecking the methyl ester reaction to make sure that the rigid conditions were adhered to as reported Mason and Waller (13).

The major simplification was the elimination of the time consuming step of hydraulically expelling the oil. Also test tubes were used instead of expensive and more bulky flasks. Less reagents were used and lastly it was found not to be necessary to neutralize the methyl ester preparation before injection on the gas chromatograph. Covering samples with a towel gave the same results as stoppered tubes. Solid state injection of samples was attempted but found to be very time

suming because of the time required to load and resume operation. Because there was no solvent present in this latter method, very good separation of oleic and linoleic acids was obtained.

Portions of the peanut were analyzed starting from the tip opposite germ end and on the small seeded type it was necessary to sample up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the seed to obtain accurate and reproducible results. Kartha (34) fractionated peanut cotyledons and then combined similar portions to obtain enough sample to measure the percent oil and iodine value of the different locations within the cotyledon. The iodine value is a measure of unsaturation and was reported by Holly and Hammons (35) to be highly correlated with linoleic acid values. According to Kartha (34), the internal distribution varies with the tip opposite the germ end being the most unsaturated portion of the peanut kernel. Preliminary studies taking only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the peanut kernel showed this to be true. The highest percentage of unsaturated fatty acids were found in the more mature peanuts (36, 37, 38) with the saturated fatty acids being the highest in a mature kernel. Since this tip is the furthest from the point where nutrients enter the seed, one would also expect the tip to be the most unsaturated portion of the kernel. In the same article, Kartha reported that the interior face in about the middle of the kernel had the lower iodine value. Thus to take a representative sample, one must sample sufficiently near the center of the kernel. With the large-seeded varieties, it was best to remove and discard a portion of the seed and then take a cut for the O/L ratio analysis.

A new technique by Yermanos (39) involved the immersion of oil seeds in liquid solvents allowing the extraction of enough oil for analytical purposes without destroying seed viability. This was

empted with peanuts but it was difficult to obtain enough fat in the hours using the technique recommended by Yermanos. Also the ratio somewhat lower due to the extraction of the more unsaturated fatty acids present in the testa (40). At the present time, this method is recommended for use with peanut kernels.

After the reaction was completed, the samples were stable for approximately 30 hours with some changes being observed by 48 hours. As no samples were kept for analysis more than 24 hours when prepared under the above conditions.

To minimize GLC errors, the largest peak should be at least 40 percent at full scale deflection. Below this value the peak height error increased at a very fast rate due to changes in base line.

With these fast flow rates and high temperatures, it was felt that check on the purity of the oleic and linoleic methyl ester peaks was necessary. The technique of Sweeley, et al. (41) for the analysis of resolved compounds in gas chromatographic effluents was utilized. This technique using a prototype of the LKB 9000 combination GC-MS (15) employed an accelerating voltage alternator such that a continuous recording of two values of  $m/e$ , separated by not more than one percent of the mass range, can be obtained. This technique was used to indicate the presence of trace amounts of methyl stearate (about one percent) under the methyl oleate peak and methyl linolenate (also about one percent) under the methyl linoleate peak and the results on several peanut oils are shown in Table III. These values were within the experimental error that the rapid micro analytical technique gave, so there was no need to apply a correction factor to the O/L ratio.

To test for precision, 100 samples of oils from a wide range of

etic material containing a range of O/L ratios from one to six were d. These oils had been analyzed earlier for their fatty acid content. ios were calculated and compared with the values obtained by this id micro analytical method. Results were plotted (Figure 3) and ve a 1.8 O/L ratio, it was found necessary to apply a correction fac- to derive an approximate ratio for the rapid micro analytical tech- ue. Correction factors can be read directly from this figure as icated by the dotted line.

Figure 2 is a tracing of a GLC chromatogram showing the separation t was obtained with this technique. Excellent separation was ained. Base lines were drawn and peak heights were measured for nitic, oleic and linoleic acids and the O/L ratio calculated. If essary, correction factors can be read from Figure 3. The above ee fatty acids account for approximately 90 percent of the total ty acids. Oleic and linoleic in most varieties and strains comprised percent of the total fatty acids.

The standards used in the rapid micro analytical technique to ermine the O/L ratio on approximately 2,250 samples for the plant eders in 1969 gave excellent reproducibility ( $1.125 \pm 0.043$ ) of the ratios. Mason (29) had found that an O/L ratio difference of 0.04 significant at the 95 percent level of probability using his method.

Data (42) recorded in Table IV illustrates the type of data now ng derived by the peanut breeder using the rapid micro analytical hnique. Notice that certain crosses give a narrow range of O/L ios, i.e. P-939 X P-2. Another cross, P-964 X P-2, shows a much er range of O/L ratios.

### Summary

A biochemical rapid micro analytical technique is described whereby a portion of a peanut kernel was analyzed for the oleic/linoleic acid (methyl ester) ratio with the remainder being planted for genetic evaluation. A detailed description of the preparation of the methyl esters is reported. Analysis of the methyl esters by gas liquid chromatography required two to four minutes per sample depending upon the equipment. Various analytical techniques were evaluated for precision using 100 peanut varieties. This methodology is now in use to aid the breeder in the selection of his genetic material and approximately 2,200 selected peanuts have been analyzed. Factors which influence O/L ratios are reported. The described procedures should speed the development of new peanut varieties and other oilseed crops that are demanded by the manufacturers of peanut products.

TABLE II

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSIFICATION OF  
PEANUTS INTO MATURITY CLASSES

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Mature (M) peanuts have:

- (1) a dark colored interior pericarp surface
- (2) a very thin faded pink colored testa (skin)

High Intermediate (HI) peanuts have:

- (1) some white on interior pericarp
- (2) a thin pink colored testa

Low Intermediate (LI) peanuts have:

- (1) considerable white on the interior pericarp
- (2) a testa that isn't completely collapsed
- (3) slight wrinkling of the skin

Immature (I) peanuts have:

- (1) a white pericarp
  - (2) a thick fleshly white-pink testa
  - (3) undersized, shriveled kernels
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TABLE III

THE USE OF THE MASS SPECTROMETER GAS CHROMATOGRAPH ALTERNATING  
VOLTAGE ACCELERATOR (AVA) TO ESTIMATE THE CONTAMINATING  
FATTY ACIDS IN THE OLEIC AND LINOLEIC ACID GLC PEAKS  
WHEN MEASURED BY THE RAPID O/L PROCEDURE

nut ple ber	AVA		methyl stearate	AVA		methyl linolenate
	methyl oleate	methyl stearate		methyl linoleate	methyl linolenate	
	M+	M+	%	M+	M+	%
lard	296	298	1.10	294	292	1.60
63	296	298	0.66	294	292	0.59
18	296	298	0.65	294	292	0.80
16	296	298	0.99	294	292	1.00
91a	296	298	1.08	294	292	1.20
92	296	298	1.61	294	292	0.89
age			1.01			1.01



TABLE IV

RANGE IN O/L RATIOS FOR SEED OF PLANTS FROM  $F_3$  POPULATIONS,  
PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968 (42) AS DETERMINED BY  
THE RAPID MICRO ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE

Cross	Generation	O/L Ratio Range	Plants Analyzed
P-939 x P-2	$F_3$	0.66-1.12	80
P-939 x P-6	$F_3$	0.61-1.23	74
P-190 x P-2	$F_3$	0.88-1.56	50
P- 25 x P-2	$F_3$	0.88-2.42	48
P-960 x P-6	$F_3$	1.06-2.77	19
P-636 x P-6	$F_3$	0.91-1.32	49
P-962 x P-2	$F_3$	1.01-2.15	49
P-964 x P-2	$F_3$	0.98-2.95	50
P- 15 x P-964	$F_3$	0.98-2.95	100

Figure 2. Gas Liquid Chromatographic Tracing of Five  
Typical O/L Analyses.

Conditions were as follows:

Column - 6' x 1/4" coiled aluminum tubing

Column Packing - 14.5 percent DEGS on Anakrom 100/110 ABS

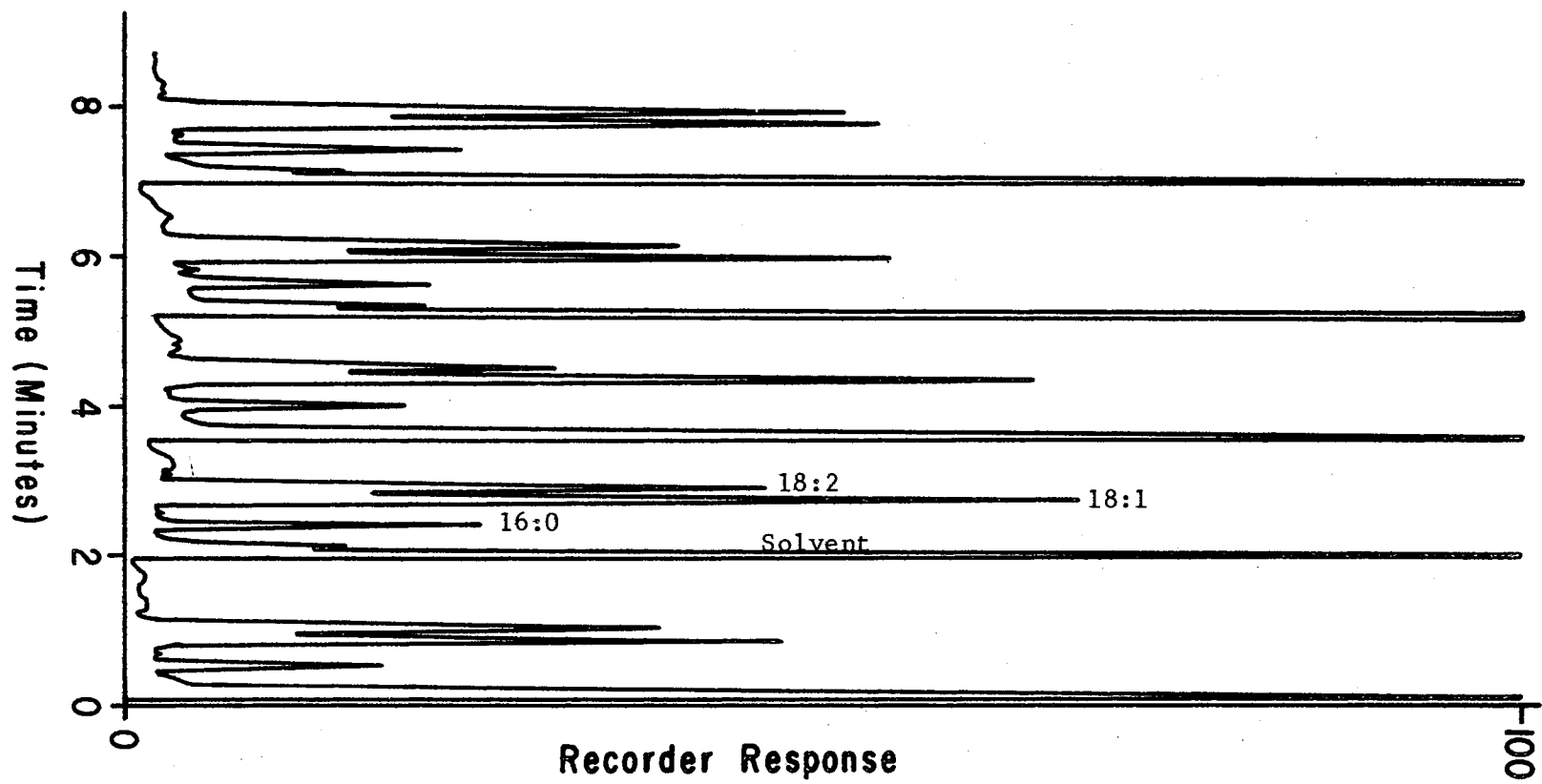
Column Temperature - 240° C

Inlet Temperature - 250° C

Carrier Gas - Helium

Detector - Flame Ionization

Flow Rate - 200 ml/min with 4 to 1 stream splitter



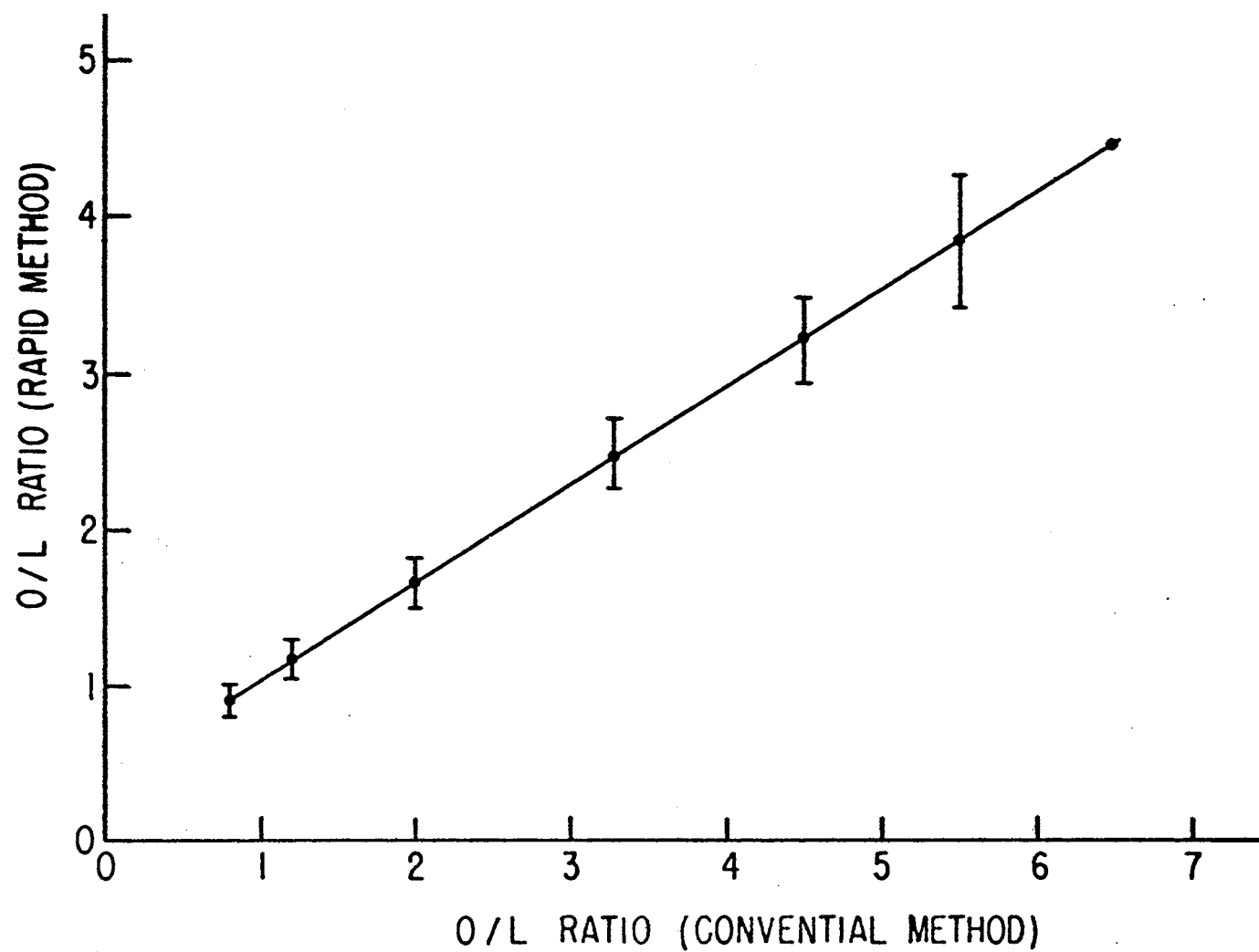


Figure 3. Calibration Curve for O/L Ratios.

## CHAPTER IV

### FATTY ACID COMPOSITION AND STABILITY OF PEANUT OIL AS INFLUENCED BY VARIETY, MATURITY, IRRIGATION, PLANTING LOCATION AND TIME OF HARVEST

#### Introduction

In recent years there has been a determined search for the "quality factor" in peanuts. In earlier work, Stokes and Hull (43) found that Spanish peanuts had a higher oil content than the runners. Laterohn, et al. (44) indicated that low and deficient rainfall at the time of maturity reduced the oil content of the kernels. Schenk (38) reported that the percent of oil in developing kernels of Dixie Spanish and Virginia Bunch 67 peanut fruits increased with maturity. Other workers (36, 37) have used the iodine number to measure the degree of oil unsaturation and have shown that a maximum value was reached early in the development of the peanut fruit. Holley and Hammons (35) found that the stability of the oil was highly correlated with the linoleic acid concentration and reported that the linoleic acid accounted for about 85 percent of the variation as measured under their conditions.

With the development of gas liquid chromatography (GLC), more accurate and complete analysis of the fatty acid in peanut oil were possible to obtain. Worthington (40) had measured the fatty acid composition of developing peanut fruit in the pericarp, testa, embryonic axis and cotyledon using peanuts grown in the greenhouse. Mason (29) and Tripp (45) have reported the fatty acid composition of some peanut

varieties with the latter work showing considerable variation in the concentration of fatty acids between the same varieties grown at Perkins, Oklahoma and those grown at Paradise, Oklahoma. No possible explanation was proposed.

The primary purpose of this section of the dissertation was to examine the influence of variety, maturity, irrigation and location on the fatty acid composition and stability of the peanut oil of peanuts grown under essentially normal but measured field conditions.

## Apparatus and Reagents

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The fatty acids were analyzed as their methyl esters on a Microtek gas chromatograph equipped with an Infotronics electronic integrator according to the procedure of Worthington and Holley (46). A DEGS-70 one inch six foot glass U-shaped column was used. Fatty acid composition was determined by normalization of peak areas and the values reported are therefore relative proportions of total fatty acids analyzed by this method.

## eagents

Gas chromatographic supports and stationary phases are described in Chapter III, page 13.

All other chemicals were reagent grade.

## Procedures

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The first portion of this study covered eight peanut varieties of

highly homozygous breeding lines that were grown at the Perkins, Oklahoma station in 1968. Table V shows the variety, harvest dates and identification numbers. These tests were divided into two groups for convenience and limitation of drying equipment. After harvest all peanut samples were dried at 90° F in the forced air oven. The total time in the dryer for each harvest was about 140 hours. Both the temperature and relative humidity were recorded on a Bristol Humidigraph and Temperature Recorder.

The second portion of this study involved nine varieties or strains grown in the National variety test in both Oklahoma and Georgia in 1968. Mature, sound, machine shelled peanuts were used for analysis. In Oklahoma the nonirrigated peanuts were grown at Perkins and the irrigated samples at the Fort Cobb research stations. The samples from Georgia were grown at Tifton.

#### Preparation of Peanut Samples into Maturity Groups

See Chapter III, page 14.

#### Storage of Samples Until Analysis

The first group of eight varieties was stored at 4° C until all the peanuts were harvested and classified into maturity levels and then they were stored at -20° C to minimize chemical changes (particularly the free amino acids).

The second group of nine varieties from the National variety test on receipt in the late fall were stored at 34° F and 60 percent relative humidity until analyzed.

#### Extraction of the Peanut Oil

Oils for methyl ester determinations were extracted by grinding the peanuts in a Serval Omni-mixer, transferring to Whatman #1 filter paper, extraction with diethyl ether, evaporation to dryness at room temperature under an explosive-proof-hood (a safety precaution) and storing in the refrigerator in small capped vials until needed for analysis. These same oils were used for the quality study of solvent extracted oils.

The hydraulic pressed oils were obtained by pressing; using a Carver Hydraulic Press with Silver plated dies.

#### Preparation of Methyl Esters

The method of Jellium and Worthington (14) was used to prepare the methyl esters; a method which used three percent sulfuric acid in ethanol, followed by extraction of methyl esters with petroleum ether, evaporation to dryness under nitrogen and storage at  $-20^{\circ}$  C.

#### Keeping Time in Oven

The method of Olcott and Einset (47) as modified and used by Young and Holley (31) was used to evaluate the stability of the peanut oils. "An 0.5-ml sample was pipetted into each of three 30-ml beakers which were placed in a forced-draft oven at  $60^{\circ}$  C. Daily weighings were made until a weight increase of 1.0 mg was attained. The average number of days for each of the three beakers to attain an increase of 1.0 g in weight was recorded as keeping time."

### Results and Discussion

The first portion of this study on peanut oil was on eight varieties grown at Perkins, Oklahoma which are identified in Table V. Parti



ar attention is directed to the P-No. and variety name, for they are d in the following discussion. At the bottom of the Table, the har- t dates are shown for each group. Three of these varieties (P-215, 958 and P-1276) are not well adapted to Oklahoma as they do not ch full maturity under Oklahoma conditions. The other varieties ld normally be harvested about 140 days after planting.

The fatty acid compositions of the varieties are recorded in les VI-XIII and were determined using the method of Jellum and thington (14). A tracing of a typical gas liquid chromatogram is wn in Figure 4. The peaks were identified by numbers and were fol- ed by a numerical designation of the fatty acid. The next two col- s were taken from the printer connected to the GLC-integrator com- ation.

Several figures were drawn to illustrate representative data. Figure 5 illustrates the oleic acid composition of peanut oil extracted m three maturity classes of peanuts harvested at different dates for Argentine variety (P-2). The mature classification in this portion the study contains the peanuts of the mature and high intermediate ups. In the arginine study (Chapter VII), they were determined to similar in maturity and thus were combined to provide less samples analysis.

The percent oleic acid acid in the mature group was fairly con- nt (40.48-41.44 percent) throughout the growing season with the ximum amount being measured at 141 and 155 days from planting. The rease to 40.67 at 169 days was note-worthy. Some unpublished pre- minary studies on over-mature peanuts indicated that the germination le was essentially a reversal of maturity. Argentine is a non-dor-

it type of peanut. The drop in oleic acid found in this variety was thought to be due to the metabolism of this fatty acid at the initiation of the germination cycle.

The oleic acid of the low intermediate group, most of which would be found in peanut products because they cannot be separated from mature kernels by conventional methods, was shown to increase (2.80 percent) with harvesting time reaching a maximum of 41.08 percent at 155 days. Since the quality of oil was highly correlated ( $-0.988$ ) with linoleic acid content, the best quality oil would be from peanuts harvested at 155 days for this variety in 1967.

The low oleic acid values of the immature peanuts were associated with immaturity. At the bottom of Table VI the ratio of oleic and linoleic (O/L) showed that the lower O/L values were also associated with immaturity. If the optimum O/L ratio was known for a variety, one could predict the degree of immaturity by determining the O/L ratio and comparing with the desired ratio.

Figure 6 shows the oleic acid composition of the OICB1271(P-112) related to harvest dates, recently released under the name Spanhoma. Higher oleic acid values occurred earlier in the season with the P-112 when compared with P-2 for the mature group. The low intermediate group had the most oleic acid late in the season. Using the O/L ratio and fatty acid data, it was difficult to decide upon the optimum harvest date. But, based on this author's experience with fatty acid composition, it would appear that two "crops" of peanuts were obtained from this variety in 1967 and the second crop never fully matured. In future studies, a more careful record of fruit set is needed.

Figure 7 is a plot of the oleic acid content of the mature and low

intermediate kernels from the third harvest date of each variety. Large differences between varieties are shown. Many companies blend runner nuts (such as P-215 which are grown in the southeast because of the longer growing season) with Spanish types to increase stability (shelf-life) of their product. Such blending information is not released by these companies but can be easily calculated from data in a paper by Schroof et al. (48).

Many other such plots could be made for study. For example, linoleic acid is very important since it is highly correlated with oleic acid and could be plotted as was done in the second part of this study.

A comparison of Dixie Spanish (P-1271) and Argentine (P-2) shows that their composition is almost identical. P-1271 was introduced from Liberia and P-2 was introduced from Argentina but the almost identical fatty acid composition and very similar phenotype lead the author to believe that they probably have a very closely related ancestor.

The second portion of this study on peanut oils was performed on peanuts from the National variety test. The nine varieties were grown in a randomized split plot design and the data were statistically analyzed. They are very similar in phenotype characteristics with all these of the Spanish types.

These peanuts were machine shelled and graded and represented essentially the type of peanuts that the peanut industry would process.

In Table XIV, the fatty acid composition of the nine varieties as affected by State (Georgia vs Oklahoma) and by treatment (irrigated vs nonirrigated) is shown. Two replications in each group were analyzed. Oleic and linoleic acid concentrations were included to give the O + L value in the next to the last column. In the last column the O/L

ios were listed. Tables XV and XVI show the stability of either solvent extraction or hydraulic pressed oils.

The analysis of variance results are recorded in Table XVII for various fatty acid variables tested. The degree of significance indicated. For simplicity, only three of these variables are examined in detail. These three fatty acids make up more than 90 percent the total fatty acids.

Figure 8 is a graph of palmitic acid (16:0) composition. The range of the nine varieties are shown on the left side of the graph (point A). The variety variation is much less in Oklahoma than in Georgia for both the irrigated (IRR) and nonirrigated (NIR). The significant differences between states are easily seen in this figure. In most varieties, the Georgia peanuts contain more palmitic acid regardless of treatment. Also this figure shows that more palmitic acid is in the nonirrigated peanuts in both states. Only for palmitic acid is a state (S) and treatment (L) interaction observed. This result indicates that the treatment effect was significantly different in response within each state as noted by the wider spread between IRR and NIR in Oklahoma as compared to Georgia. The wider differences between IRR and NIR in Oklahoma may be due to the fact that the IRR were grown at Ft. Cobb and the NIR at Perkins which are about 150 miles apart. There are two exceptions; variety nine (P.I. 268771B) in Georgia and variety six (Starr) in Oklahoma. The palmitic acid content of variety nine in relation to the other varieties decreased when grown in Georgia under irrigation. The opposite was true for variety six grown in Oklahoma. The other significant first order interaction was between state and variety. There was little variation on the Okla-

a-NIR peanuts and to a lesser degree the Oklahoma-IRR. The palmitic acid content did not vary nearly as much between varieties in Oklahoma as it did in Georgia.

At the bottom of Table XVII the coefficient of variation, CV (a) and CV (b), values are given. The CV values are low for palmitic acid. These values are a measure of the unaccounted for variation and are due directly to the variation in precision and accuracy. CV (a) is between plot variation and CV (b) is within plot variation. Since CV (b) is greater than CV (a), then the variation within plots is greater than the variation between plots.

Figure 9 is a plot of the mean values of oleic acid (18:1). Significant differences in the oleic acid content were found between states, between irrigated and nonirrigated and between varieties. These differences can be seen by examining the figure in the same way as was done for palmitic acid. For palmitic acid, there was a significant second order interaction involving state, treatment and entry (SxLxE). No first order interactions are also present (SxE and LxE). For a more complete interpretation, a further division of the data must be made (50). Often second order interactions are very difficult to interpret but some of these significant interactions are discussed later. It was interesting that the variance for SxL was not significant. The NIR and IRR tended to respond similarly in each state. The values for oleic acid in IRR test for Oklahoma was approximately 2.7 percent lower than the IRR test in Georgia.

A graph is shown for linoleic acid in Figure 10. Differences are noted in the same manner as above but once again the second order interaction is present, however, none of the first order inter-

ons were significant.

The coefficients of variation for these data were small indicating precision. The range of variations in the other fatty acids of to 30 percent, were probably due to the small peak size.

Arachidic (20:0) and behenic (22:0) saturated acids have been associated with heart disease (51) but peanut composition was not significantly affected by any of the parameters utilized in this study. The coefficients of variation ranged between 13.0 and 15.1 percent. The percentage for arachidic was 1.13 and for behenic was 1.96.

The variance for linolenic and eicosenoic (18:3 and 20:1) acids were significant between states and locations within states. Those variances for varieties and interactions were not significant. The percentage of these fatty acids made up a small portion of the total and the coefficients of variation were higher than for the other fatty acids.

When the major fatty acids (oleic plus linoleic) were combined, there were significant differences in the variance between Georgia and Alabama, the irrigated and nonirrigated and among varieties (Table II). The variances for the four interactions were not significantly different.

The O/L ratio is considered to be an important factor in estimating the stability of peanuts, peanut oil and peanut products. This has been discussed in Chapter III in the development of a rapid microanalytical procedure. The O/L ratio statistical analyses showed the type of interactions including the second order interaction that oleic and linoleic acids had shown. Thus, the O/L ratio data were presented for examination to see if the pooled data were valid. Figure 11

a plot of mean O/L ratios as shown for palmitic, oleic and linoleic acids. The Tifspan (#3) and Spantex (#4) varieties appeared to be the samples causing the problems in the interpretation of the data. The analysis of variance was made on the treatment in state and summarized in Table XIX. The interaction (LxE) variance for the Georgia samples was significant while the Oklahoma LxE interaction was not significant. This difference appeared to be attributed to the wide variation in Tifspan and Spantex in Georgia. Thus it was concluded that the pooled analyses testing significance of Georgia vs Oklahoma, NIR vs IRR and variety were valid for most of the varieties tested. Further studies on Tifspan and Spantex (P-1258 and P-4) should be made to test the validity of these results since they do not follow the response for O/L ratio that the other varieties in this study showed.

Oil stability is very important and was reported by Holley and Commons (35) to be correlated with linoleic acid. A formula was derived for predicting the shelf-life of the oil by measuring the linoleic acid, linoleic acid and protein content of peanuts. Linoleic acid accounts for 60 percent of the variation associated with oil stability according to their formula. Their formula was computed using a number of varieties. If this was true, then it would be predicted when looking at the plot for linoleic acid (Figure 10) that Georgia peanuts would be stable longer than the Oklahoma peanuts. This was true on the solvent extracted oils (Table XV) but not on the hydraulic pressed oils (Table XVI). So one would predict a longer stability for the NIR samples. This is true for Oklahoma samples but not Georgia peanuts when the means of the nine varieties were considered. The statistical data on the stability test gave a CV of about 10 percent, thus small differences

tween irrigation and nonirrigation tests would be more difficult to e. Thus the formula of Holley and Hammons (35) would appear to be ther accurate on these solvent extracted oils. But other factors e evidently involved based on the reverse trend when the hydraulic tracted oils were analyzed.

Table XVI shows the results of the stability test on hydraulic essed oils and no significant differences were found. Since iron a catalyst for oxidative rancidity in oils, it was postulated that e silver coating of the dies on the press was probably in need of pair (52). These tests on the stability of hydraulic pressed oils st be repeated.

After the oil samples had been stored at 4° C for eight months, it s decided to recheck their oxidative stability. The stability was creased and it was thought that this was due to storage at an ele- ted temperature. Thus it would be recommended that peanut oil sam- es be stored at -20° C.

### Summary

The fatty acid composition of three maturity groups for eight rieties with different harvest dates are reported. Mature peanuts ually contain more stearic (18:0) and oleic (18:1) acids and less oleic acid (18:2) and other fatty acids. Behenic (22:0) and arachi- c (20:0) which were recently implicated in heart disease (51) are wer in the mature nuts.

A second study on nine varieties showed that state (Georgia vs lahoma), treatment (irrigation vs nonirrigation) and variety had gnificant effect on the percentage of fatty acids except behenic



2:0) and arachidic (20:0). Solvent extracted oils from Georgia showed greater stability to oxidative rancidity than those from Oklahoma, whereas there was no difference between states for the hydraulic pressed oils.

TABLE V  
HARVESTING SCHEDULE FOR EIGHT VARIETIES  
GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA 1968

Group I: Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5.			
Agronomy Entry No.	Okla. P-No.	Variety	Biochem. No.
01	0002	Argentine	1
02	0112	OICB 1271	2
05	0161	Valencia	3
06	1271	Dixie Span.	4
Group II: Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12.			
03	0215	Early Runner	5
04	0958	NC 5	6
07	1273	Ga. 61-42	7
08	1276	Va. Bunch 67	8
Total growing days from seeding to harvesting			
	Group I	Group II	
<u>1st</u> Harvest	113	120	
<u>2nd</u> Harvest	127	134	
<u>3rd</u> Harvest	141	148	
<u>4th</u> Harvest	155	162	
<u>5th</u> Harvest	169	176	

TABLE VI

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Argentine - Okla. P-No. 0002, Entry No. 01						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/10/68	9/24/68	10/8/68	10/22/68	11/5/68
		113	127	141	155	169
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	13.06	13.16	13.07	12.56	11.87
	Low Int.	12.92	12.29	13.14	12.08	11.81
	Immature	13.65	13.29	13.66	13.00	12.60
18:0	Mature	2.74	2.47	2.63	2.86	2.76
	Low Int.	2.48	2.24	2.51	2.88	2.31
	Immature	2.03	2.10	2.40	2.55	1.75
18:1	Mature	40.48	41.19	41.44	41.40	40.67
	Low Int.	38.28	38.44	39.78	41.08	40.30
	Immature	36.03	35.97	37.54	37.14	35.47
18:2	Mature	39.56	38.49	38.31	38.51	39.23
	Low Int.	39.87	41.08	39.65	39.13	40.72
	Immature	40.57	41.32	40.14	40.86	42.74
20:0	Mature	.98	1.15	1.02	1.12	.94
	Low Int.	1.24	1.05	.95	1.05	1.08
	Immature	1.13	1.04	1.10	1.10	.88
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	.72	1.07	.82	.77	.90
	Low Int.	1.09	1.15	.76	.83	1.02
	Immature	1.46	1.44	1.24	1.51	1.87
22:0	Mature	1.84	2.14	2.10	2.27	2.45
	Low Int.	3.30	2.70	2.61	2.14	2.18
	Immature	4.16	3.44	3.18	2.84	3.43
24:0	Mature	.51	.27	.62	.61	.78
	Low Int.	.82	.82	.60	.68	.53
	Immature	.87	1.16	.86	.92	1.25
O + L	Mature	80.04	79.68	79.75	79.91	79.90
	Low Int.	78.15	79.52	79.43	80.21	81.02
	Immature	76.60	77.29	77.68	78.00	78.21
O / L	Mature	1.02	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.04
	Low Int.	.96	.94	1.00	1.05	.99
	Immature	.89	.87	.94	.91	.83

TABLE VII

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: OICB1271 Spánhoma - Okla. P-No. 0112, Entry No. 02						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/10/68	9/24/68	10/8/68	10/22/68	11/5/68
		113	127	141	155	169
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	12.88	12.81	12.15	12.06	12.37
	Low Int.	12.70	11.68	11.64	11.40	11.33
	Immature	12.78	13.59	13.38	12.88	12.04
18:0	Mature	2.79	2.90	2.58	2.36	2.34
	Low Int.	2.96	2.86	2.92	2.89	3.28
	Immature	2.66	2.44	2.06	2.21	2.53
18:1	Mature	41.85	42.23	41.46	41.02	41.03
	Low Int.	38.09	38.58	38.49	39.02	39.86
	Immature	36.46	35.14	35.20	35.30	37.09
18:2	Mature	38.08	37.10	38.94	39.66	39.84
	Low Int.	37.52	38.79	38.96	39.20	38.14
	Immature	37.81	38.52	38.93	39.76	39.87
20:0	Mature	1.15	1.18	1.07	1.18	1.09
	Low Int.	1.57	1.50	1.51	1.46	1.61
	Immature	1.60	1.48	1.30	1.36	1.39
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	.71	.73	.89	1.09	.95
	Low Int.	1.24	1.31	1.33	1.25	1.23
	Immature	1.66	1.68	2.18	2.19	1.69
22:0	Mature	1.82	2.28	2.02	2.23	2.27
	Low Int.	4.23	3.80	3.67	3.22	3.23
	Immature	5.32	5.24	4.97	4.59	3.95
24:0	Mature	.51	.60	.62	.55	+
	Low Int.	1.67	1.47	1.47	1.56	1.31
	Immature	1.71	1.90	1.99	1.72	1.43
0 + L	Mature	79.93	79.33	80.40	80.68	80.87
	Low Int.	75.61	77.37	77.45	78.22	78.00
	Immature	74.27	73.66	74.13	75.06	76.96
0 / L	Mature	1.10	1.14	1.06	1.03	1.03
	Low Int.	1.02	.99	.99	1.00	1.05
	Immature	.96	.91	.90	.89	.93

TABLE VIII

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Valencia - Okla. P-No. P-0161, Entry No. 05						
Fatty Acid	Maturity	Harvest Date & No. of Days				
		9/10/68	9/24/68	10/8/68	10/22/68	11/5/68
		113	127	141	155	169
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	11.75	11.62	11.08	11.05	10.31
	Low Int.	11.04	13.04	10.87	Moldy	Moldy
	Immature	12.21	12.46	12.71	Moldy	Moldy
18:0	Mature	2.78	2.12	2.61	2.12	2.67
	Low Int.	2.55	3.00	2.43		
	Immature	2.16	2.02	1.70		
18:1	Mature	39.96	39.02	38.62	38.11	38.87
	Low Int.	35.82	39.06	36.15		
	Immature	34.41	34.61	33.28		
18:2	Mature	41.22	42.36	42.89	43.73	42.70
	Low Int.	41.36	37.04	42.01		
	Immature	40.36	40.38	41.99		
20:0	Mature	1.05	.96	.98	.94	1.11
	Low Int.	1.40	1.36	1.36		
	Immature	1.36	1.24	1.10		
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	.75	.92	1.06	1.14	1.09
	Low Int.	1.54	1.08	1.57		
	Immature	2.10	2.02	2.32		
22:0	Mature	1.75	2.34	1.96	2.22	2.17
	Low Int.	4.30	3.28	3.77		
	Immature	5.31	5.17	4.70		
24:0	Mature	.62	.58	.72	.61	.87
	Low Int.	1.98	1.72	1.84		
	Immature	2.10	2.10	2.18		
O + L	Mature	81.18	81.38	81.51	81.84	81.57
	Low Int.	77.18	76.10	78.16		
	Immature	74.77	74.99	75.27		
O / L	Mature	.97	.92	.90	.87	.91
	Low Int.	.87	1.05	.86		
	Immature	.85	.86	.79		

TABLE IX

## FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Dixie Spanish - Okla. P-No. P-1271, Entry No. 06						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/10/68	9/24/68	10/8/68	10/22/68	11/5/68
		113	127	141	155	169
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	13.77	13.09	13.32	13.37	13.18
	Low Int.	13.04	12.63	12.45	11.76	11.90
	Immature	13.20	13.89	13.54	12.77	12.33
18:0	Mature	2.27	2.59	2.81	2.30	2.41
	Low Int.	2.51	2.40	2.62	2.05	2.73
	Immature	2.35	2.03	2.22	2.22	2.09
18:1	Mature	40.95	41.53	41.39	41.42	40.83
	Low Int.	37.15	36.83	38.41	43.10	39.87
	Immature	34.50	33.47	35.17	35.04	36.32
18:2	Mature	39.72	38.44	37.76	38.12	39.45
	Low Int.	38.32	38.65	39.36	34.55	38.01
	Immature	38.01	39.74	39.55	39.20	39.45
20:0	Mature	.61	.94	.98	1.11	1.00
	Low Int.	1.50	1.55	1.32	1.18	1.44
	Immature	1.58	1.36	1.37	1.38	1.35
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	.53	.77	.85	.96	.97
	Low Int.	1.40	1.52	1.28	1.75	1.25
	Immature	1.96	1.91	1.87	2.14	2.05
22:0	Mature	2.08	1.93	2.07	2.17	2.13
	Low Int.	4.43	4.46	3.29	3.71	3.33
	Immature	6.39	5.15	4.49	5.05	4.52
24:0	Mature	+	.51	.65	.48	.72
	Low Int.	1.63	1.94	1.26	1.67	1.46
	Immature	2.01	1.95	1.78	2.18	1.89
O + L	Mature	80.67	79.97	79.15	79.64	80.28
	Low Int.	75.47	75.48	77.77	77.65	77.88
	Immature	72.51	73.71	74.72	74.24	75.77
O / L	Mature	1.03	1.08	1.10	1.09	1.03
	Low Int.	.97	.95	.98	1.25	1.05
	Immature	.91	.85	.89	.89	.92

TABLE X

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Early Runner - Okla. P-No. P-0215, Entry No. 03						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/17/68	10/1/68	10/15/68	10/29/68	11/12/68
		120	134	148	162	176
		% of Total				
16:0	Mature	10.37	10.53	9.58	9.53	9.08
	Low Int.	9.67	9.81	9.39	8.91	9.62
	Immature	10.32	9.85	10.16	9.87	9.11
18:0	Mature	1.71	2.15	1.73	1.83	1.47
	Low Int.	1.83	1.72	1.72	1.74	1.29
	Immature	1.56	1.70	1.50	1.33	1.10
18:1	Mature	45.11	42.63	46.08	44.16	46.20
	Low Int.	43.75	43.78	41.94	44.15	41.81
	Immature	40.66	41.47	38.95	39.72	39.21
18:2	Mature	37.62	36.42	37.34	36.79	37.76
	Low Int.	36.06	36.30	38.04	37.16	39.65
	Immature	36.99	36.82	40.19	39.22	40.08
20:0	Mature	.82	1.23	.92	1.10	.79
	Low Int.	1.18	1.01	1.13	1.11	.83
	Immature	1.01	1.13	.91	.93	.84
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	1.17	1.59	1.33	1.79	1.49
	Low Int.	1.84	1.89	2.02	1.94	2.14
	Immature	2.41	2.42	2.42	2.94	3.34
22:0	Mature	2.24	3.40	1.95	2.96	2.00
	Low Int.	3.82	3.44	3.38	3.02	2.84
	Immature	4.80	4.22	3.76	3.61	3.60
24:0	Mature	.90	2.04	.78	1.82	.96
	Low Int.	1.86	2.05	2.37	1.97	1.81
	Immature	2.25	2.40	2.11	2.38	2.71
O + L	Mature	82.73	79.07	83.42	80.95	83.96
	Low Int.	74.81	80.08	79.98	81.31	81.46
	Immature	77.65	78.29	79.14	78.94	79.29
O / L	Mature	1.20	1.17	1.23	1.20	1.22
	Low Int.	1.21	1.21	1.10	1.19	1.05
	Immature	1.10	1.13	.97	1.01	.98

TABLE XI

## FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: NC5 - Okla. P-No. P-0958, Entry No. 04						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/17/68	10/1/68	10/15/68	10/29/68	11/12/68
		120	134	148	162	176
		% of Total				
16:0	Mature	9.97	10.90	10.72	10.28	9.71
	Low Int.	10.96	11.01	10.20	10.18	9.79
	Immature	11.10	11.79	10.74	10.90	9.60
18:0	Mature	1.74	2.20	1.64	1.91	1.89
	Low Int.	1.63	1.82	1.64	2.06	2.03
	Immature	1.65	1.58	1.51	1.52	1.95
18:1	Mature	48.57	49.98	47.18	47.79	49.80
	Low Int.	45.59	45.54	44.84	48.38	47.63
	Immature	44.08	43.04	42.49	45.23	45.96
18:2	Mature	34.07	30.78	36.01	33.72	33.59
	Low Int.	34.40	33.70	36.04	32.99	33.44
	Immature	34.18	35.52	36.80	34.14	34.10
20:0	Mature	1.20	1.12	.61	1.03	.75
	Low Int.	.99	1.13	.98	1.07	1.09
	Immature	1.08	1.00	1.07	.96	1.09
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	1.77	1.18	1.19	1.47	1.33
	Low Int.	1.70	1.64	1.67	1.37	1.63
	Immature	2.07	1.90	2.03	2.03	1.91
22:0	Mature	1.50	2.57	1.80	2.53	1.84
	Low Int.	3.17	3.24	2.96	2.54	2.86
	Immature	4.01	3.57	3.45	3.45	3.42
24:0	Mature	.75	1.27	.66	1.25	.76
	Low Int.	1.58	1.92	1.66	1.36	1.52
	Immature	1.83	1.61	1.91	1.75	1.96
O + L	Mature	82.64	80.76	83.19	81.51	83.39
	Low Int.	79.99	79.24	80.88	81.37	81.07
	Immature	78.26	78.56	79.29	79.37	80.06
O / L	Mature	1.43	1.62	1.31	1.42	1.48
	Low Int.	1.33	1.35	1.24	1.47	1.42
	Immature	1.29	1.21	1.15	1.32	1.35



TABLE XII

## FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Ga. 61-42 - Okla. P-No. P-1273, Entry No. 07						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/17/68	10/1/68	10/15/68	10/29/68	11/12/68
		120	134	148	162	176
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	12.19	11.56	10.95	10.38	10.86
	Low Int.	12.00	11.08	10.89	10.34	10.69
	Immature	11.75	11.08	11.37	10.98	11.19
18:0	Mature	1.56	1.89	1.75	1.85	1.83
	Low Int.	2.52	2.07	1.87	1.88	2.00
	Immature	1.88	1.84	1.56	1.47	1.64
18:1	Mature	43.07	39.14	43.23	42.82	43.13
	Low Int.	35.71	41.00	40.43	41.31	41.45
	Immature	39.54	38.72	38.07	37.22	38.57
18:2	Mature	38.64	36.47	37.57	36.52	37.79
	Low Int.	40.10	36.26	37.41	37.29	36.45
	Immature	34.90	35.09	35.90	37.51	37.27
20:0	Mature	.72	1.20	.88	1.15	1.01
	Low Int.	1.45	1.26	1.18	1.19	1.22
	Immature	1.24	1.29	1.20	1.18	1.07
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	1.04	2.31	1.51	1.56	1.64
	Low Int.	1.33	1.88	1.92	1.83	1.92
	Immature	2.38	1.97	2.18	2.49	2.86
22:0	Mature	1.99	4.86	2.66	3.65	2.38
	Low Int.	4.36	4.24	4.07	4.11	4.07
	Immature	5.99	6.17	6.06	5.37	4.95
24:0	Mature	.65	2.56	1.04	2.07	.97
	Low Int.	2.24	2.20	2.22	2.05	2.20
	Immature	2.30	3.39	3.33	3.36	2.45
O + L	Mature	81.71	75.61	80.80	79.34	80.92
	Low Int.	75.81	77.26	77.84	78.60	77.90
	Immature	74.44	73.81	73.97	74.73	75.84
O / L	Mature	1.11	1.07	1.15	1.17	1.14
	Low Int.	.89	1.13	1.08	1.11	1.14
	Immature	1.13	1.10	1.06	.99	1.03

TABLE XIII

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF EIGHT VARIETIES GROWN AT PERKINS, 1968

Strain: Va. Bunch 67 - Okla. P-No. P-1276, Entry No. 08						
		Harvest Date & No. of Days				
Fatty Acid	Maturity	9/17/68	10/1/68	10/15/68	10/29/68	11/12/68
		120	134	148	162	176
% of Total						
16:0	Mature	10.89	9.94	9.92	9.51	10.80
	Low Int.	10.29	9.82	9.82	9.79	11.03
	Immature	11.33	10.06	10.67		10.92
18:0	Mature	1.61	2.27	1.80	2.23	1.63
	Low Int.	1.84	2.00	2.00	2.08	1.83
	Immature	1.80	1.80	1.77		1.43
18:1	Mature	47.15	49.62	49.94	50.57	47.28
	Low Int.	45.52	44.64	46.81	46.11	46.44
	Immature	42.17	43.79	45.03		42.97
18:2	Mature	36.38	31.37	33.47	30.81	36.20
	Low Int.	34.39	34.38	33.43	34.65	35.66
	Immature	34.48	36.19	35.09		36.75
20:0	Mature	.66	1.25	.83	1.16	.54
	Low Int.	1.16	1.20	1.21	1.11	.93
	Immature	1.17	1.03	.98		.91
18:3 + 20:1	Mature	1.18	1.41	1.14	1.52	1.13
	Low Int.	1.68	1.87	1.77	1.62	1.39
	Immature	2.16	2.32	1.77		2.11
22:0	Mature	1.65	2.74	1.74	2.73	1.79
	Low Int.	3.37	3.90	3.16	2.97	1.87
	Immature	4.78	3.08	3.06		3.09
24:0	Mature	.58	1.39	.75	1.47	.63
	Low Int.	1.74	2.18	1.80	1.66	.85
	Immature	2.10	1.71	1.62		1.81
O + L	Mature	83.53	80.99	83.41	81.38	83.48
	Low Int.	79.91	79.02	80.24	80.76	82.10
	Immature	76.65	79.98	80.12		79.72
O / L	Mature	1.30	1.58	1.49	1.64	1.31
	Low Int.	1.32	1.30	1.40	1.33	1.30
	Immature	1.22	1.21	1.28		1.17

FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUT OILS FROM  
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State	Ident. #	Treat- ment	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:0	18:3+ 20:1	22:0	24:0	O+L	O/L
% of total												
Argentina (P-0002) (#2)												
Ok	1	NIR	12.49	3.01	42.77	37.22	1.11	.65	1.95	.55	79.99	1.15
Ok	2	NIR	13.06	2.82	43.51	37.11	1.05	.51	1.86	+	80.62	1.17
Ga	1	NIR	12.58	3.34	45.15	34.38	1.19	.63	2.01	.60	79.53	1.31
Ga	2	NIR	13.22	2.88	44.96	35.69	1.00	.43	1.77	+	80.65	1.26
Ok	3	IRR	11.72	2.73	41.00	40.00	1.00	.71	2.02	.61	81.00	1.03
Ok	4	IRR	11.78	2.76	42.06	39.26	1.19	.91	2.00	+	81.32	1.07
Ga	3	IRR	12.08	3.30	43.24	36.51	1.26	.68	2.17	.63	79.75	1.18
Ga	4	IRR	12.12	3.21	42.95	37.11	1.24	.63	2.06	.57	80.06	1.16
Tifspan (Ga C-1-27) (P-1258) (#3)												
Ok	5	NIR	12.95	2.59	43.00	37.98	.94	.54	1.93	+	80.98	1.13
Ok	6	NIR	12.68	2.79	43.19	37.24	1.00	.65	1.68	.50	80.43	1.16
Ga	5	NIR	13.26	2.67	44.34	35.34	1.13	.69	1.91	.56	79.68	1.25
Ga	6	NIR	13.09	2.80	44.64	35.05	1.07	.64	2.05	.58	79.69	1.27
Ok	7	IRR	11.76	2.38	42.15	38.33	1.17	.95	2.14	.58	80.98	1.09
Ok	8	IRR	11.59	2.76	42.29	38.73	1.11	.78	1.94	.57	81.02	1.09
Ga	7	IRR	12.67	2.42	45.95	34.84	1.17	.83	2.07	+	80.79	1.32
Ga	8	IRR	12.81	2.10	45.99	35.39	1.03	.78	1.86	+	81.38	1.30

State	Ident. #	Treat- ment	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:0	18:3+ 20:1	22:0	24:0	O+L	O/L
% of total												
Spantex (P-0004) (#4)												
Ok	9	NIR	12.89	2.34	41.79	39.23	1.05	.77	1.87	+	81.02	1.07
Ok	10	NIR	13.08	2.39	40.74	40.26	.97	.63	1.89	+	81.00	1.01
Ga	9	NIR	13.66	2.98	43.27	36.63	.77	.44	1.80	.40	79.90	1.18
Ga	10	NIR	13.30	2.90	44.49	34.89	1.29	.87	1.77	.37	79.38	1.28
Ok	11	IRR	12.23	2.28	40.73	40.56	1.01	.83	1.96	.26	81.29	1.00
Ok	12	IRR	11.63	2.31	40.72	40.38	1.04	.89	2.12	.67	81.10	1.01
Ga	11	IRR	13.08	2.39	40.74	40.26	.97	.63	1.89	+	81.00	1.01
Ga	12	IRR	12.89	2.34	41.79	39.23	1.05	.77	1.87	+	81.02	1.07
Starr (P-0006) (#6)												
Ok	13	NIR	12.52	2.65	42.13	38.33	1.05	.78	1.84	.53	80.46	1.10
Ok	14	NIR	13.16	2.45	42.12	38.19	1.17	.90	1.96	+	80.31	1.10
Ga	13	NIR	13.56	2.80	43.58	36.11	1.14	.83	1.93	+	79.69	1.21
Ga	14	NIR	13.44	2.87	43.86	35.67	1.26	.91	1.95	+	79.53	1.23
Ok	15	IRR	12.52	2.01	41.66	39.80	.98	.98	1.98	+	81.46	1.05
Ok	16	IRR	12.44	2.35	42.00	39.94	.93	.53	1.81	+	81.94	1.05
Ga	15	IRR	12.88	3.07	43.24	36.41	1.41	.90	2.05	+	79.65	1.19
Ga	16	IRR	12.61	3.01	44.28	36.46	1.09	.47	2.01	+	80.74	1.21
Spancross (Ga-G-32-S) (P-1259) (#5)												
Ok	17	NIR	13.00	2.55	43.16	37.76	1.08	.74	1.64	+	80.92	1.14
Ok	18	NIR	12.67	2.46	42.51	38.35	1.14	.85	1.84	+	80.86	1.11

State	Ident. #	Treat- ment	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:0	18:3+ 20:1	22:0	24:0	O+L	O/L
Ga	17	NIR	13.15	3.34	44.91	35.34	1.05	.38	1.86	+	80.15	1.27
Ga	18	NIR	12.68	3.10	45.91	34.63	1.14	.57	1.88	+	80.54	1.33
Ok	19	IRR	11.81	2.41	41.27	40.37	1.12	.95	2.01	+	81.64	1.02
Ok	20	IRR	11.99	2.25	41.77	39.94	1.12	.86	2.04	+	81.71	1.05
Ga	19	IRR	12.26	3.42	44.88	35.12	1.35	.57	2.12	.21	80.00	1.28
Ga	20	IRR	12.39	2.93	45.71	35.87	.97	.28	1.81	+	81.58	1.27
PI 268684 (P-0385) (#1)												
Ok	21	NIR	13.26	2.81	42.70	38.02	.89	.45	1.75	+	80.78	1.12
Ok	22	NIR	12.81	2.81	41.76	38.77	1.00	.54	1.78	.42	80.53	1.08
Ga	21	NIR	12.40	3.38	46.42	33.49	1.11	.54	1.91	.54	79.91	1.39
Ga	22	NIR	12.88	3.18	45.84	34.79	1.03	.35	1.87	+	80.63	1.32
Ok	23	IRR	12.10	2.27	41.34	40.09	1.13	.94	1.94	+	81.43	1.03
Ok	24	IRR	12.14	2.44	40.92	40.10	1.26	1.15	1.86	+	81.02	1.02
Ga	23	IRR	12.35	2.90	44.95	34.97	1.17	.57	1.98	+	80.92	1.25
Ga	24	IRR	12.08	2.88	45.19	35.92	1.25	.66	1.86	+	81.11	1.26
Spanhoma (P-0112) (#7)												
Ok	25	NIR	12.80	2.45	41.21	39.42	1.17	.95	1.87	+	80.63	1.05
Ok	26	NIR	12.93	2.50	41.60	39.45	1.00	.59	1.87	+	81.05	1.05
Ga	25	NIR	13.04	3.04	43.21	37.11	1.15	.60	1.61	+	80.32	1.16
Ga	26	NIR	13.04	2.87	44.06	36.19	1.07	.61	1.90	+	80.25	1.22
Ok	27	IRR	11.67	2.55	40.57	40.40	1.05	.81	2.09	.61	80.97	1.00
Ok	28	IRR	12.07	2.27	39.96	40.97	1.49	1.31	1.63	.23	80.93	1.98
Ga	27	IRR	12.23	3.40	42.99	36.41	1.11	.51	1.94	.81	79.40	1.18
Ga	28	IRR	12.55	2.88	43.48	37.34	1.11	.51	2.01	+	80.82	1.16

State	Ident. #	Treat- ment	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:0	18:3+ 20:1	22:0	24:0	O+L	O/L
% of total												
Dixie Spanish (P-0003) (#8)												
Ok	29	NIR	12.92	2.68	41.06	39.14	1.00	.65	1.88	.53	80.20	1.05
Ok	30	NIR	12.97	2.73	40.40	39.02	1.10	.81	2.13	.68	79.42	1.04
Ga	29	NIR	13.35	3.12	44.02	35.25	1.35	.52	1.80	.45	79.27	1.25
Ga	30	NIR	13.49	3.05	44.21	35.40	1.35	.68	1.81	+	79.61	1.25
Ok	31	IRR	12.39	2.27	40.23	40.58	1.02	.89	2.21	.36	80.81	.99
Ok	32	IRR	11.97	2.72	41.16	39.55	1.13	.84	2.02	.51	80.71	1.04
Ga	31	IRR	12.87	3.15	43.06	36.44	1.12	.57	2.11	.57	79.50	1.18
Ga	32	IRR	12.93	2.98	42.73	37.73	1.03	.47	2.13	+	80.46	1.13
PI 268771B (P-0931) (#9)												
Ok	33	NIR	13.14	2.39	41.67	38.86	1.46	.74	1.74	+	80.53	1.07
Ok	34	NIR	12.28	3.20	42.52	35.88	1.47	.87	2.71	1.01	78.40	1.19
Ga	33	NIR	13.85	3.30	44.94	35.17	.96	.20	1.58	+	80.11	1.28
Ga	34	NIR	13.38	3.19	44.11	34.81	1.13	.47	2.91	+	78.92	1.27
Ok	35	IRR	12.39	2.52	41.91	39.46	1.05	.70	1.91	+	81.37	1.06
Ok	36	IRR	11.57	2.76	40.17	38.73	1.43	1.04	3.02	1.11	78.90	1.04
Ga	35	IRR	13.04	3.03	44.59	35.61	1.13	.50	2.10	+	80.20	1.25
Ga	36	IRR	12.36	3.20	43.10	35.50	2.08	1.68	1.92	+	78.60	1.21

TABLE XV

STABILITY OF SOLVENT EXTRACTED OILS BASED ON THE  
OXYGEN UPTAKE METHOD OF OLCOTT AND EINSET (47)

Serial No.	Strain	Georgia		Oklahoma	
		NIR	IRR	NIR	IRR
days					
1	Argentine	16.5		10.5	
2	Argentine	17.5		11.0	
3	Argentine		17.0		10.0
4	Argentine		16.0		10.0
5	Ga-C-1-27	16.0		12.0	
6	Ga-C-1-27	16.0		11.0	
7	Ga-C-1-27		19.0		9.5
8	Ga-C-1-27		16.5		9.0
9	Spantex	17.5		10.5	
10	Spantex	14.5		13.0	
11	Spantex		17.5		9.0
12	Spantex		19.0		10.0
13	Starr	19.0		10.5	
14	Starr	21.5		11.0	
15	Starr		21.0		10.0
16	Starr		20.0		9.5
17	Ga-C-32S	17.0		13.5	
18	Ga-C-32S	18.0		12.0	
19	Ga-C-32S		15.0		9.0
20	Ga-C-32S		15.0		10.0
21	PI 268684	15.0		13.0	
22	PI 268684	16.5		10.0	
23	PI 268684		13.5		12.5
24	PI 268684		16.5		8.5
25	Okla P-112	14.5		9.0	
26	Okla P-112	16.0		13.0	
27	Okla P-112		15.5		10.5
28	Okla P-112		14.5		9.0
29	Dixie Spanish	15.0		11.0	
30	Dixie Spanish	16.5		14.0	
31	Dixie Spanish		15.5		10.5
32	Dixie Spanish		14.5		10.5
33	PI 268771 B	14.0		11.0	
34	PI 268771 B	16.0		10.5	
35	PI 268771 B		15.0		10.0
36	PI 268771 B		14.0		9.0
Average		16.5	16.4	11.5	9.8

TABLE XVI

STABILITY OF HYDRAULIC PRESSED OILS BASED ON THE  
OXYGEN UPTAKE METHOD OF OLCOTT AND EINSET (47)

Serial No.	Strain	Georgia		Oklahoma	
		NIR	IRR	NIR	IRR
days					
1	Argentine	8.0		7.5	
2	Argentine	9.0		8.5	
3	Argentine		9.5		7.0
4	Argentine		8.5		7.0
5	Ga-C-1-27	9.0		8.5	
6	Ga-C-1-27	8.0		8.0	
7	Ga-C-1-27		9.0		8.5
8	Ga-C-1-27		9.0		8.0
9	Spantex	7.0		9.0	
10	Spantex	9.0		8.5	
11	Spantex		8.5		9.0
12	Spantex		9.0		7.0
13	Starr	9.0		9.0	
14	Starr	9.0		9.0	
15	Starr		9.5		8.0
16	Starr		9.0		8.0
17	Ga-C-32S	8.5		9.0	
18	Ga-C-32S	9.0		7.5	
19	Ga-C-32S		7.5		8.5
20	Ga-C-32S		6.5		8.5
21	PI 268684	7.0		10.0	
22	PI 268684	10.0		9.0	
23	PI 268684		7.5		8.0
24	PI 268684		8.0		8.5
25	Okla P-112	6.5		9.0	
26	Okla P-112	7.5		9.0	
27	Okla P-112		7.5		8.5
28	Okla P-112		7.5		8.0
29	Dixie Spanish	7.0		8.5	
30	Dixie Spanish	7.5		7.5	
31	Dixie Spanish		8.5		8.0
32	Dixie Spanish		8.5		7.5
33	PI 268771 B	8.0		8.0	
34	PI 268661 B	8.0		8.5	
35	PI 268771 B		9.0		7.0
36	PI 268771 B		9.0		8.5
Average		8.2	8.4	8.6	8.0



SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON THE POOLED DATA OF  
FATTY ACID COMPOSITION AND STABILITY OF PEANUT  
OILS FROM THE 1968 NATIONAL VARIETY TEST

	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:0	18:3+ 20:1	22:0	O+L	O/L	KTS	KTH
Ga vs Ok (S)	**	**	**	**	NS	**	NS	*	**	**	NS
NIR vs IRR (L)	**	NS	**	**	NS	**	NS	*	**	*	NS
Variety (E)	**	**	**	**	NS	NS	NS	**	**	*	NS
S x L	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
S x E	*	**	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	**	**	**
L x E	NS	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	*	NS	NS
S x L x E	NS	NS	*	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	**	NS	NS
Grand Mean	12.65	2.76	42.92	37.52	1.13	0.71	1.96	80.45	1.15	1.35	.83
C.V. (a)%	1.5	10.1	0.8	1.3	13.4	16.9	13.0	0.8	1.8	9.7	11.3
C.V. (b)%	2.2	6.2	1.3	1.7	15.1	30.2	13.3	0.7	2.6	9.4	7.6

NS Not significant

\* 5% level

\*\* 1% level



TABLE XIX

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON THE O/L RATIOS OF  
IRRIGATED VERSUS NONIRRIGATED IN STATE

	Oklahoma	Georgia
IRR vs NIR (L)	**	*
Variety (E)	**	**
L x E	NS	**

NS Not significant

\* 5% level

\*\* 1% level

Figure 4. Gas Liquid Chromatographic Tracing of Fatty Acid  
Esters From a Typical Peanut Oil.

Conditions were as follows:

Column - 6' x  $\frac{1}{4}$ " u-shaped glass

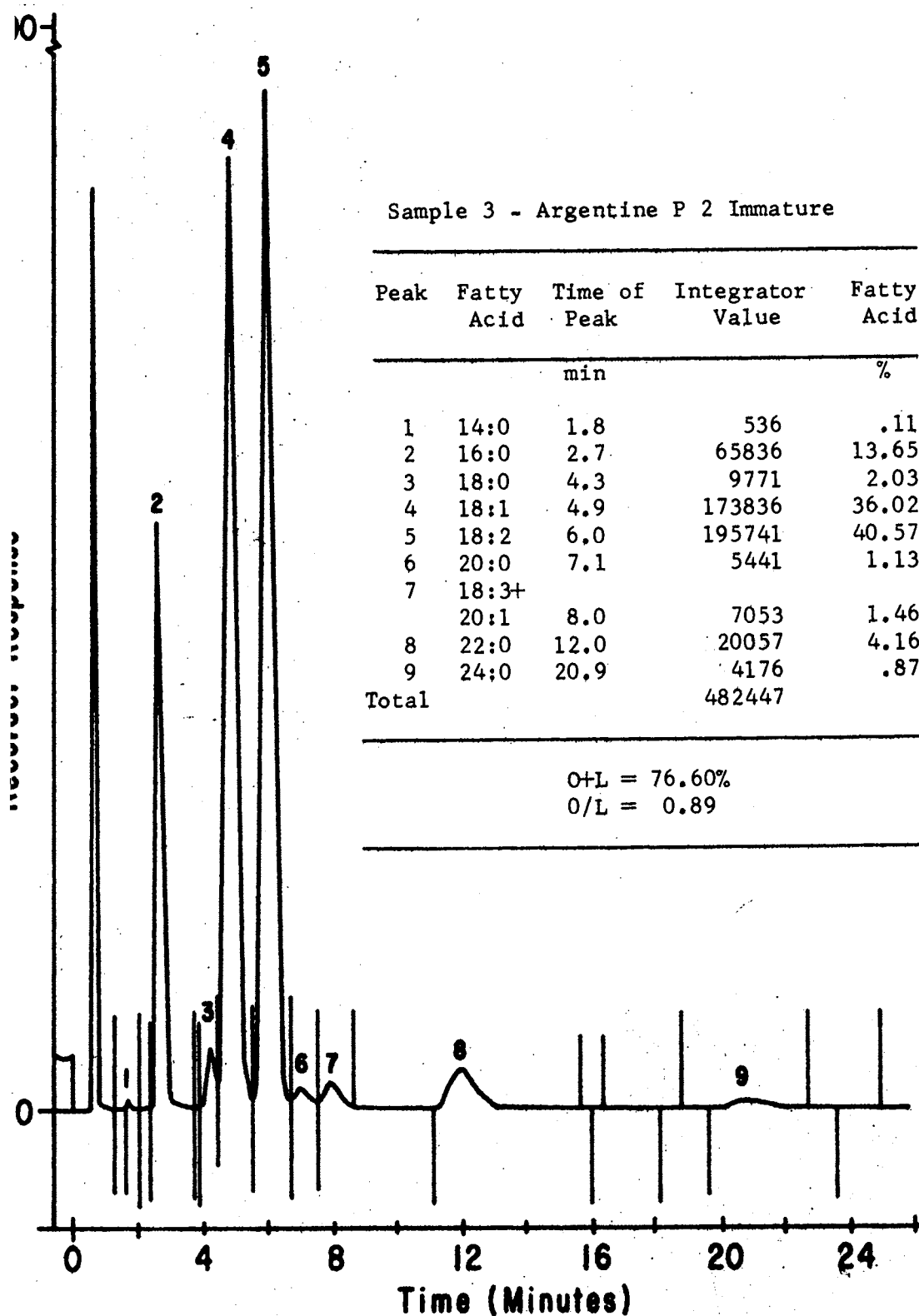
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Column Temperature - 180° C

Carrier Gas - Nitrogen

Flow Rate - 60 ml/min

Detector - Flame Ionization



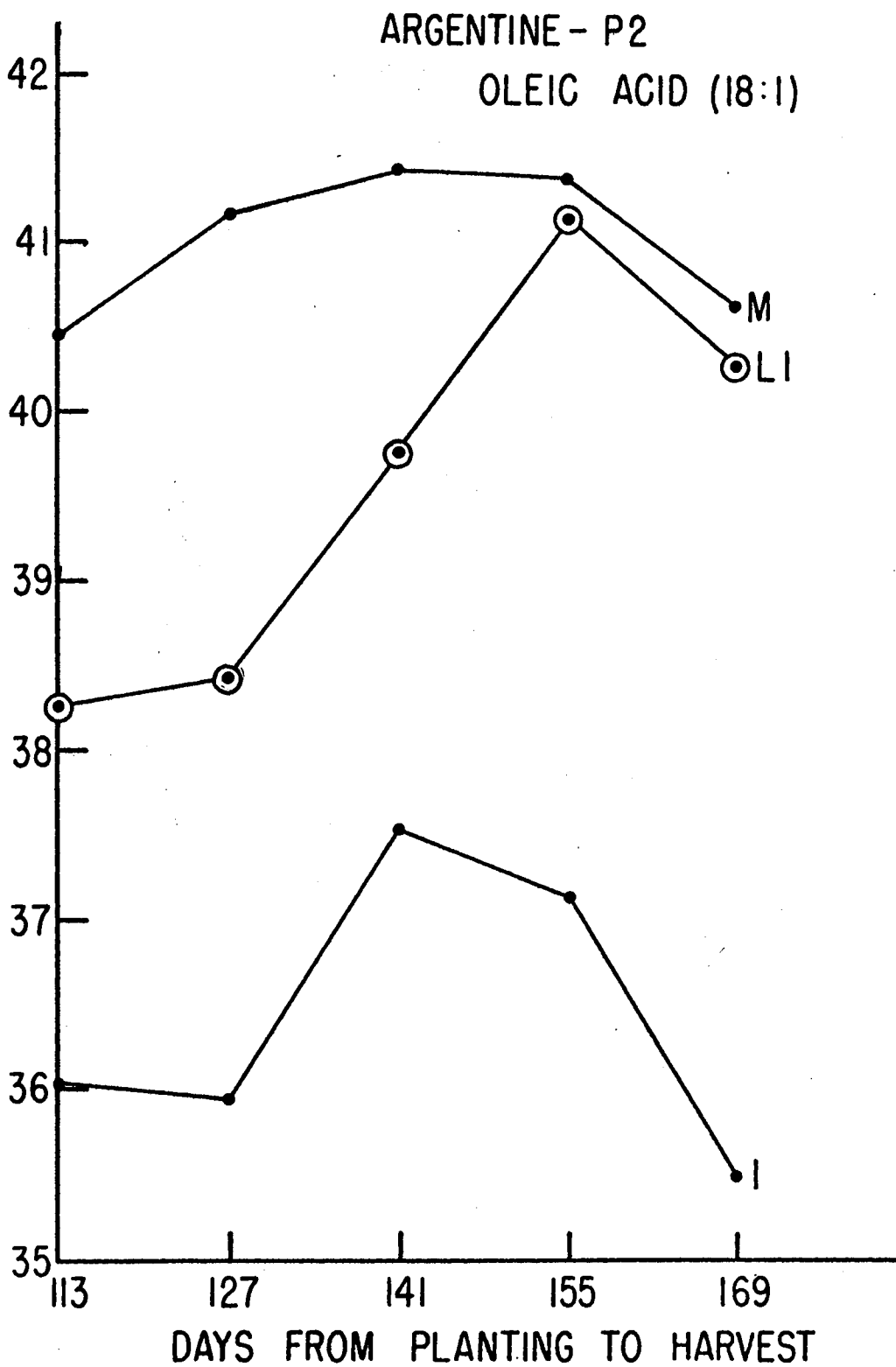


Figure 5. The Effect of Maturity and Harvest Date on Oleic Acid Composition in the Argentine Variety.

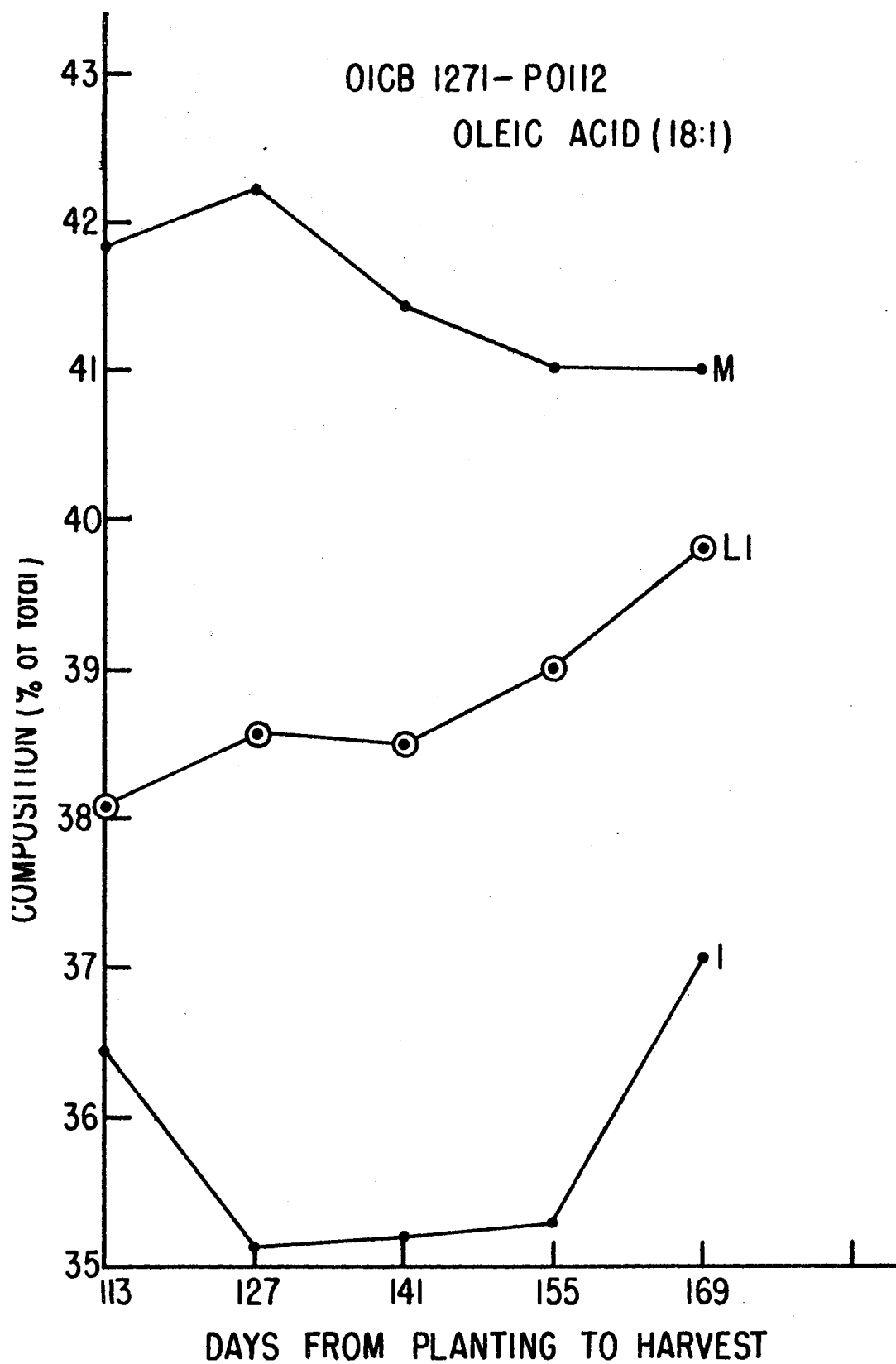


Figure 6. The Effect of Maturity and Harvest Date on Oleic Acid Composition in the Spanhoma Variety.

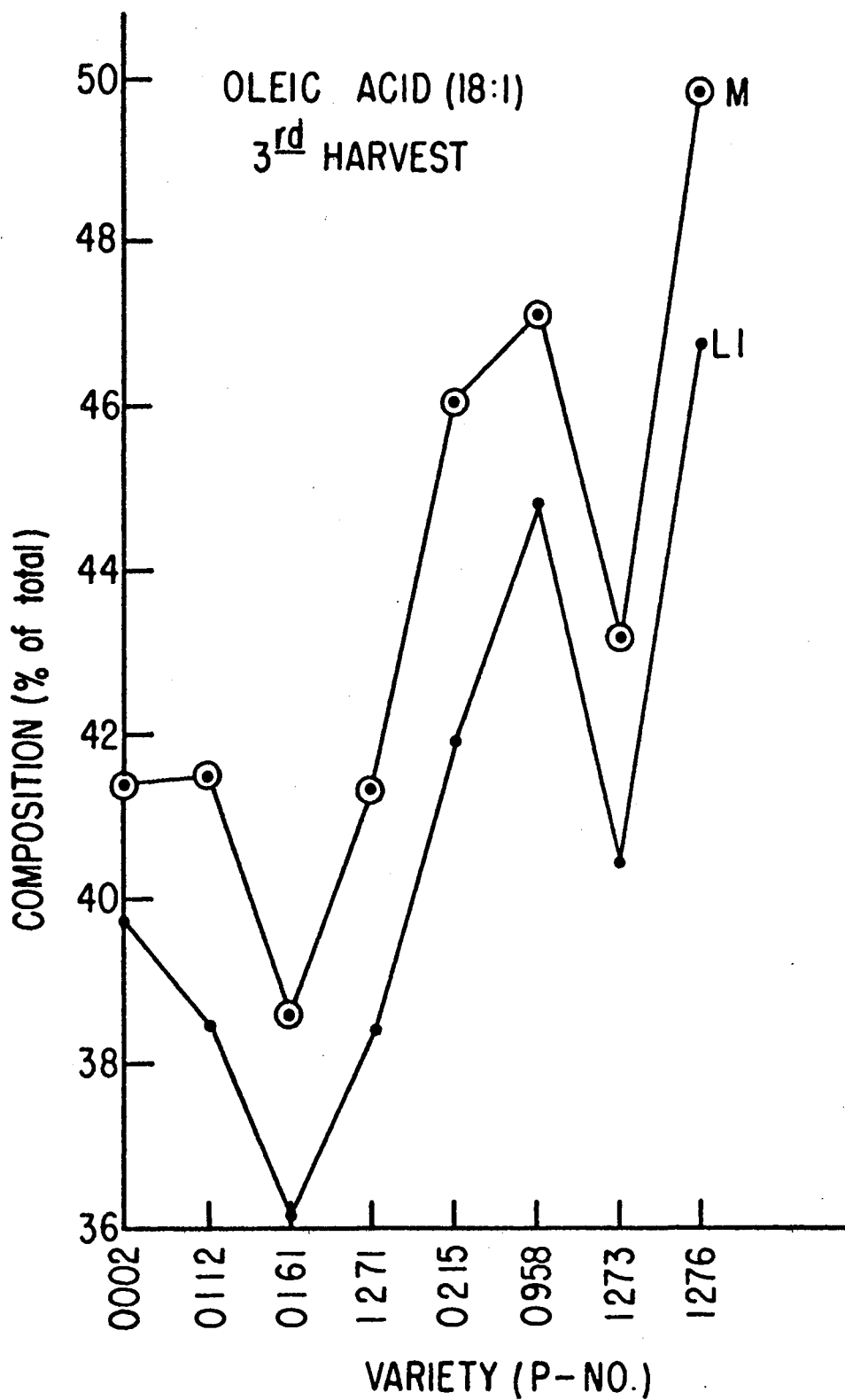


Figure 7. Variety Effect on Oleic Acid Composition.



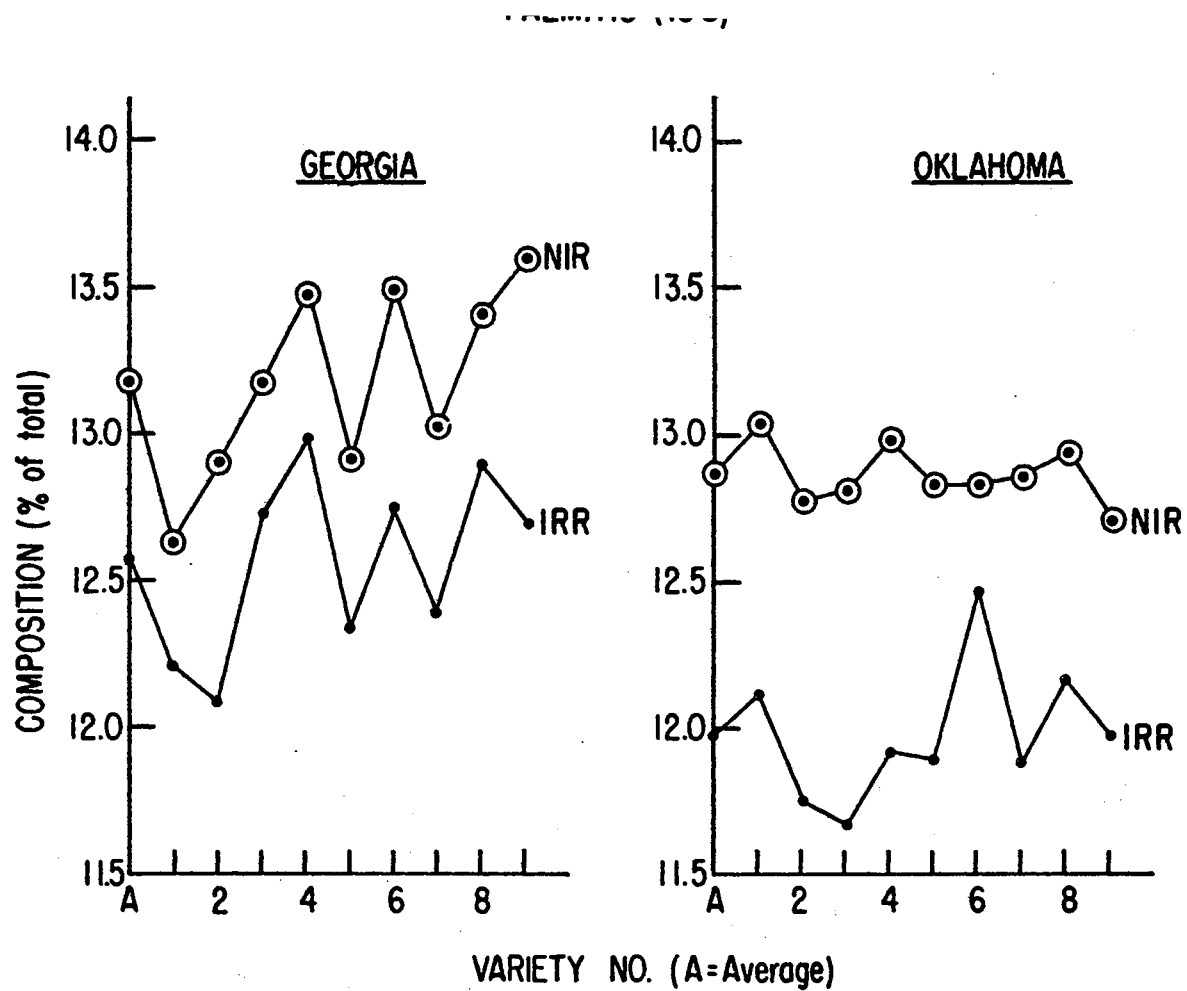


Figure 8. The Effect of State, Irrigation and Variety on Palmitic Acid Composition.

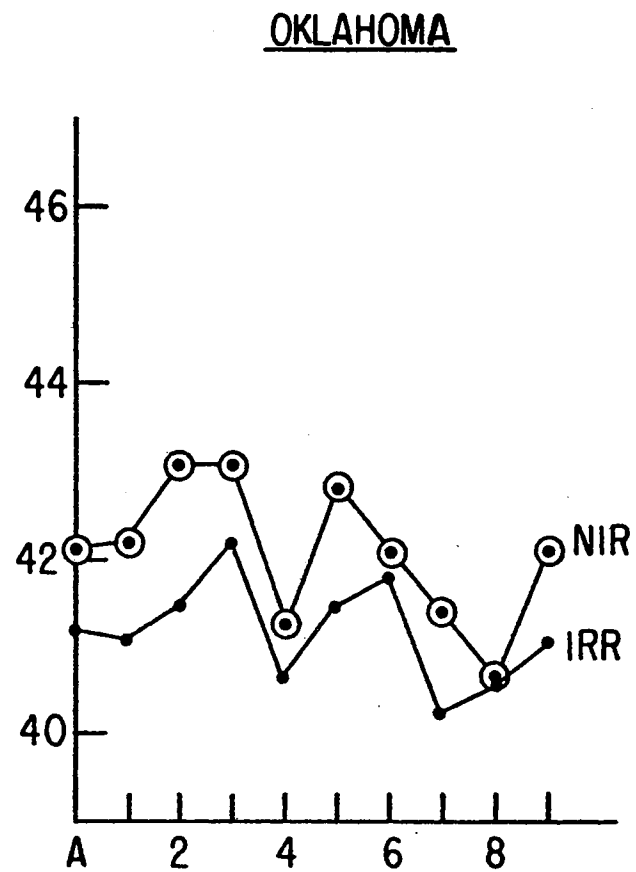
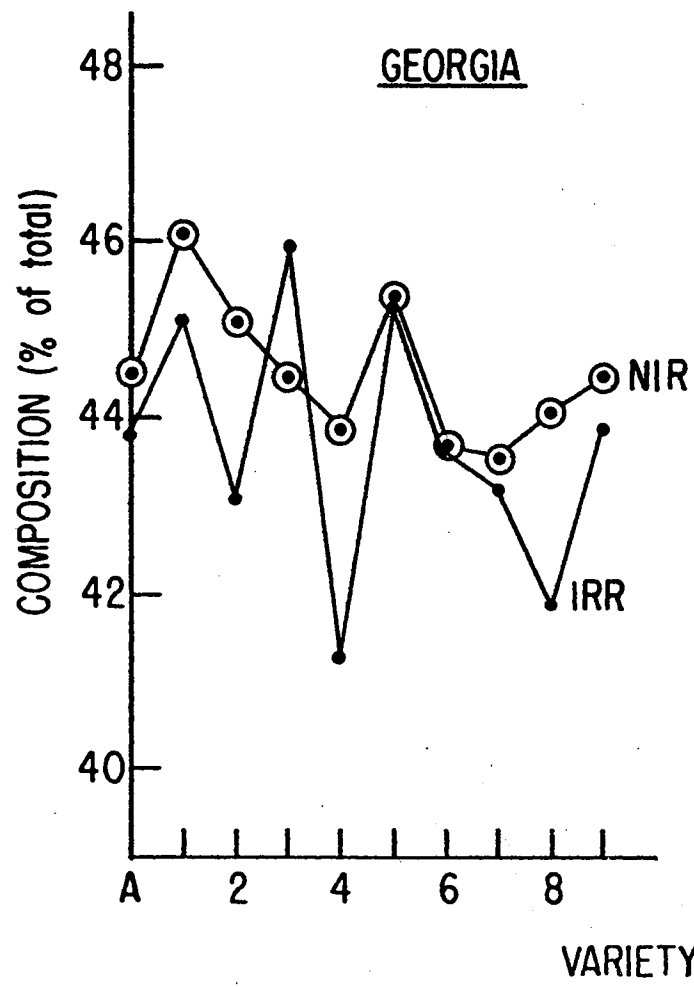


Figure 9. The Effect of State, Irrigation and Variety on Oleic Acid Composition

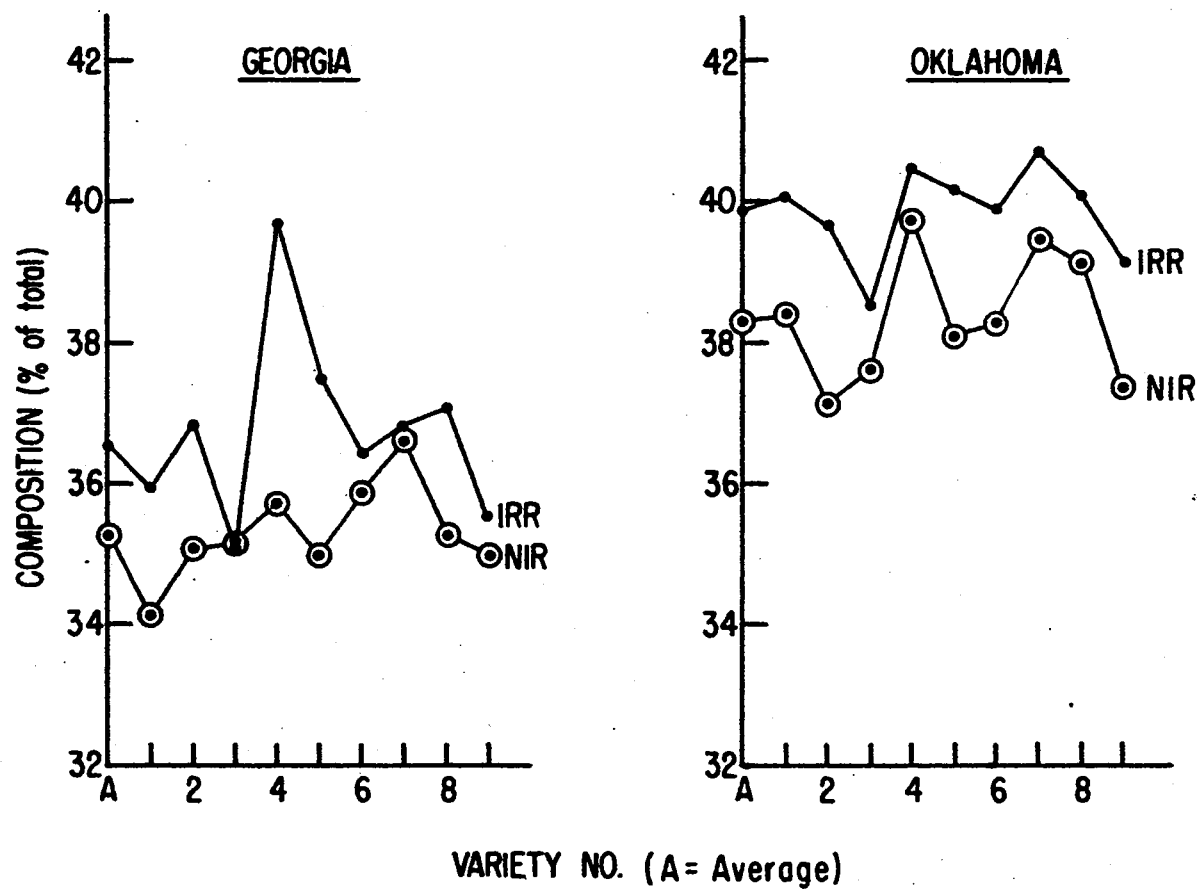
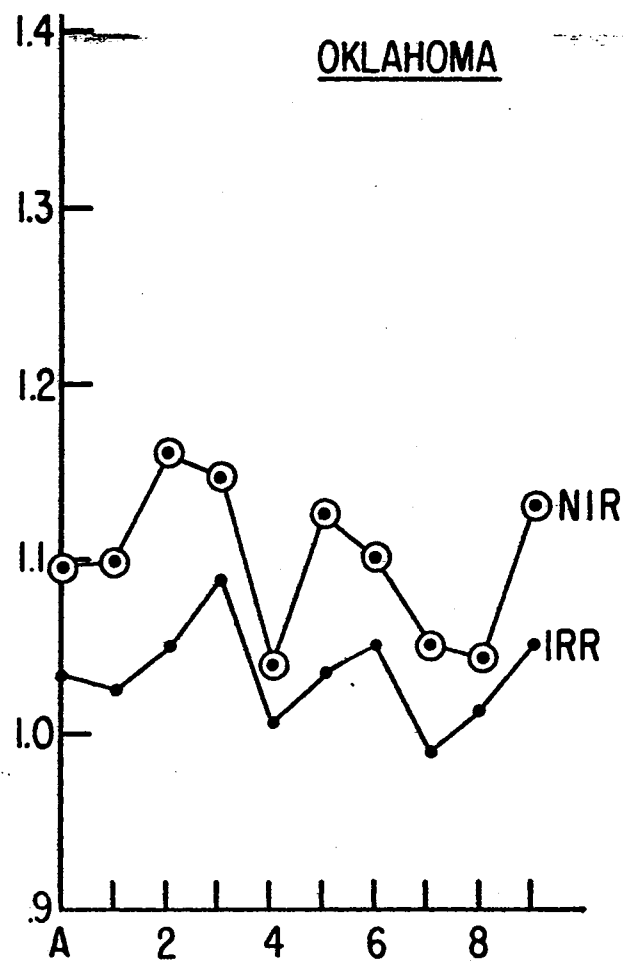
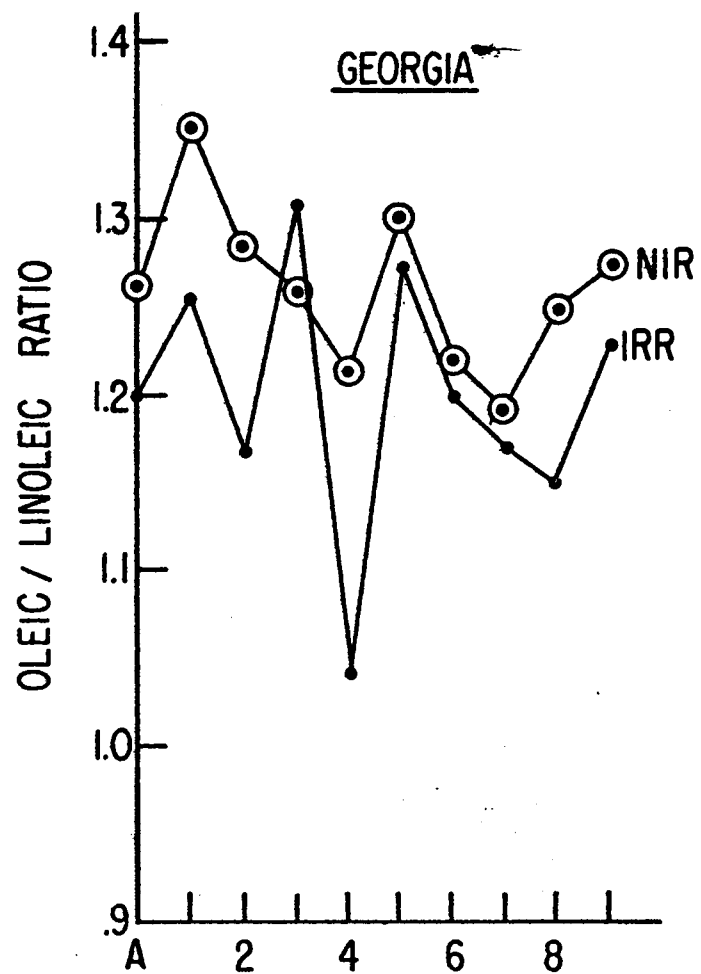


Figure 10. The Effect of State, Irrigation and Variety on Linoleic Acid Composition



VARIETY NO. (A=Average)

Figure 11. The Effect of State, Irrigation and Variety on the O/L Ratio.

## CHAPTER V

### ORGANOLEPTIC EVALUATION RELATED TO FATTY ACIDS

#### AS INFLUENCED BY MATURITY, VARIETY

#### AND TIME OF HARVEST

#### Introduction

Most of the biochemical data have been obtained but correlation of this data with organoleptic evaluation by a consumer type panel is a relatively recent development (32, 45). The major goal of this work is to attempt to measure some of the chemical components that may be related to results from a consumer type panel which had been used very successfully at Oklahoma State University for several years.

#### Procedures

Pang (32) has an excellent study that is related to this research and described in detail an organoleptic method in use for evaluating peanuts at Oklahoma State University. Kirby, Choate and Collins (53) give a brief description of the "Organoleptic Test" developed by Block, et al. (54) and it is quoted:

Peanut samples are selected for certain experiments to determine the flavor of the roasted peanuts and/or peanut butter.

The raw shelled peanuts are placed in the modified rotisserie oven and roasted to a "golden brown" cotyledon color. After the peanuts are removed from the oven they are cooled with a fan. Twenty kernels for each of four treatments and a coded standard are exposed to each of five

panel members, who rate them for flavor, roast and preference. (CLER SCORE).

To make peanut butter the roasted peanuts are split and degermed with the splitter and the testa and germ (hearts) are separated with a hand sieve and fan. The roasted cotyledons are weighed, 0.5 per cent salt added and ground into peanut butter using the Quaker City Laboratory Mill.

Each of five panel members compare the five fresh peanut butter samples including a coded standard with a known standard with respect to flavor, odor, roast, texture and preference.

The samples used in this study are the ones grown at Perkins, Oklahoma in 1967 and were studied in Chapter IV for the fatty acid composition and in Chapter VIII for free amino acid and peptide composition affected by maturity and harvesting date.

### Results and Discussion

A partial record of the more important organoleptic values are reported in Tables XX-XXVII. In many instances the sample was too small to evaluate for both peanut butter and roasted peanuts. The information obtained on peanut butter was more variable than the results reported by Pang (32). However, this study had only one replication because of small samples. Pang worked with peanut butter quality while in this study both peanut butter and the CLER scores on roasted peanuts were examined.

Figure 12 shows a rather consistent increase in the CLER scores from 74 to 86 on mature roasted peanuts with increasing harvest dates for the Argentine variety. The low intermediate Argentine peanuts were more variable, possibly for two reasons. One, because of the inherent difficulty in visually classifying peanuts intermediate in maturity, it is normally easier to select peanuts that are definitely mature or immature. Secondly, the major variation in this instance is the low

ER score for the low intermediate for the 141 day harvest. As pointed out elsewhere, these peanuts were dried at an excessively high temperature, so the low CLER scores for the 141 day harvest points to the competency of the taste panel. CLER scores for the standard showed some variation as indicated by the values of 84 and 90. Though the data are not statistically analyzed, the differences are believed to be significant.

Figure 13 is a plot of the mature peanuts for each variety from a mean of harvest dates. Also plotted is the mean CLER scores of the standard (from irrigated plots of Spanhoma, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma) used in organoleptic tests for each variety. The varieties were evaluated by the taste panel over a three-week period and in the order of left to right. As the test progressed, there was a reduction in CLER scores for the standard. The reduction in CLER scores for the standard is probably a result of using a Spanish type peanut as the standard to compare with the four non-Spanish types during the last half of the testing period. The non-Spanish types had larger kernels and would introduce some bias against the smaller Spanish standard.

Probably a more meaningful plot is the separation of the peanuts into Spanish type (P-2, P-112, P-161 and P-1271) and non-Spanish type (P-215, P-958, P-1273 and P-1276). The means of each maturity group for each harvest in the Spanish type and non-Spanish type are plotted in Figure 14. The mature and low intermediate Spanish type consistently scored higher for all harvest dates except for the 141 day harvest which was cured at too high temperature as previously discussed. If we were to ignore the 141 day harvest of Spanish type (see dashed line), the mean CLER score of these four varieties varied only from

0 to 80.5 for the harvest season. Immature peanuts when available scored lower than either the mature or low intermediate peanuts. The mature and low intermediate non-Spanish type, which are not agronomically adapted to Oklahoma, scored lower than the Spanish type at the beginning of the season. On the last harvest date, there was no appreciable difference in the mean CLER score on the mature and low intermediate peanuts of the Spanish and non-Spanish types. The non-Spanish type required a longer growing season which accounted for the decrease in the CLER score late in the harvest season. These results point to the importance of having larger samples and additional replications for statistical analyses of the organoleptic data.

The variations observed make it difficult to obtain meaningful correlations with fatty acid composition or other chemical components such as free amino acids, peptide and protein. More work needs to be done in the area of relating the chemical components with the consumer preference data.

The panel reported low values for the samples of four varieties harvested at 141 days. A later examination of the curing temperature records revealed that the curing temperature reached 110° F which was sufficient to cause off-flavor in peanuts (56). It is significant that no difference in curing temperature was observed by the taste panel. It is also significant that some differences in the fatty acid composition and free amino acid composition were noted for the 141 day harvest using chemical methods.

It should be noted that reliable chemical techniques for the evaluation of maturity, harvest date and variety have been developed for this study. From a long-range point of view, the objective analyses



emical) may be more useful than subjective analysis (taste panel); ever, organoleptic values and chemical values must be correlated ore the latter can be used routinely.

#### Summary

Since this study contained only one replication, it was necessary pool the Spanish type varieties and then the non-Spanish type ieties to utilize the information available. A rather consistent rease in the CLER scores (from 74 to 86) on mature roasted peanuts h increasing harvest dates for the Argentine variety were observed. mean CLER score for the Spanish type mature and low intermediate nuts was high throughout the harvest season except for one harvest ch scored low. An examination of the curing temperatures records ealed that the temperature was sufficiently high to cause off- vor in this sample of peanuts. It is significant that this differ- e in curing temperature was observed by the taste panel and also had effect on the fatty acid composition and free amino acid composition. mean CLER score of mature and low intermediate non-Spanish type nuts increased as the harvesting season progressed. Their CLER res reached the same level as the Spanish type (169 days) by the of the growing season (176 days).

TABLE XX

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: ARGENTINE - Okla. P-No. 0002, Entry No. 01									
chem. P.B. . No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast Rank	Pref. Rank
1	2353	113	Mature	28.28	84.82	4.0	--	---	---
2	2354	113	Low Int.	17.55	77.58	4.2	74	1.2	3.6
3	2355	113	Immature	13.11	51.66	7.0	68	1.4	4.0
4	2356	127	Mature	28.38	86.28	4.0	74	1.2	2.8
5	2357	127	Low Int.	22.33	81.70	2.0	76	1.3	4.0
6	2358	127	Immature	18.79	79.86	4.2	72	1.3	4.2
7	2359	141	Mature	32.85	86.28	4.2	78	1.2	4.6
8	2360	141	Low Int.	27.22	83.54	6.8	62	1.4	6.6
9	----	141	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
10	2361	155	Mature	33.62	88.57	4.6	82	1.2	3.4
11	2362	155	Low Int.	27.65	86.14	3.6	82	1.2	3.8
12	----	155	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
13	2363	169	Mature	32.40	87.58	4.8	86	1.1	2.0
14	2364	169	Low Int.	30.70	84.16	3.4	74	1.3	5.4
15	----	169	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
12	2352 Spanhoma Std.			36.44	86.82	1.3	84	1.2	2.4
	Ft. Cobb (One standard						90	1.2	2.2
	used 2 times for pea-					Total	174	2.4	4.6
	nut butter.)					Mean	87	1.2	2.3

TABLE XXI

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: OICB1271 - Okla. P-No. 0112, Entry No. 02									
Chem. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast Pref.	Rank
16	2365	113	Mature	33.12	85.16	4.6	76	1.2	3.8
17	2366	113	Low Int.	21.96	81.98	5.2	86	1.2	2.4
18	2367	113	Immature	16.58	82.43	5.4	61	1.6	6.4
19	2368	127	Mature	34.37	87.60	2.4	73	1.4	4.7
20	2369	127	Low Int.	25.97	84.18	3.0	86	1.2	3.0
21	2370	127	Immature	17.12	78.38	5.4	78	1.4	4.7
22	2372	141	Mature	31.60	87.46	5.6	65	1.4	5.4
23	2373	141	Low Int.	28.24	86.62	6.8	40	1.4	7.0
24	----	141	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
25	2374	155	Mature	33.62	88.94	3.2	82	1.3	3.4
26	2375	155	Low Int.	28.22	85.05	3.4	86	1.2	2.4
27	----	155	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
28	2376	169	Mature	34.00	86.62	3.4	72	1.4	4.4
29	2377	169	Low Int.	30.76	86.80	4.0	83	1.2	2.6
30	----	169	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
--	2371	Spanhoma Std.		35.91	86.80	1.8	81	1.4	3.0
		Ft. Cobb (One standard					88	1.2	2.2
		used 2 times)				Total	169	2.6	5.2
						Mean	82	1.3	2.6

TABLE XXII

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968.

Strain: VALENCIA - Okla. P-No. P-0161, Entry No. 05									
Chem. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast	Pref. Rank
31	----	113	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
32	----	113	Low Int.	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
33	2378	113	Immature	16.38	86.24	5.0	66	1.4	4.0
34	2379	127	Mature	39.77	88.32	1.8	90	1.2	2.0
35	2380	127	Low Int.	31.56	83.88	3.0	80	1.2	2.9
36	2381	127	Immature	24.44	82.52	4.0	75	1.3	3.6
37	2382	141	Mature	40.90	90.45	4.2	63	1.4	4.0
38	2383	141	Low Int.	32.80	86.81	4.6	55	1.4	5.0
39	2384	141	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
40	2385	155	Mature	44.36	-----	3.0	84	1.3	2.4
41	----	155	Low Int.	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
42	----	155	Immature	-----	80.03	---	--	---	---
43	2386	169	Mature	48.57	82.90	2.2	81	1.2	2.4
44	----	169	Low Int.	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
45	----	169	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
112	2384 Spanhoma Std.			34.67	90.00	1.1	83	1.2	2.5
	Ft. Cobb (One standard						90	1.2	1.2
	used 2 times)					Total	173	2.4	3.7
						Mean	86	1.2	1.8

TABLE XXIII

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: DIXIE SPANISH - Okla. P-No. P-1271, Entry No. 06									
Chem. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Pref. Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast	Pref. Rank
46	----	113	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
47	2388	113	Low Int.	21.70	90.50	2.2	--	---	---
48	2389	113	Immature	15.29	79.44	5.2	79	1.4	3.0
49	2390	127	Mature	31.77	87.80	3.2	74	1.3	3.1
50	2391	127	Low Int.	25.97	85.58	2.4	74	1.3	3.3
51	2392	127	Immature	19.45	86.42	5.6	71	1.4	3.8
52	2393	141	Mature	33.87	86.54	2.8	55	1.4	5.0
53	2394	141	Low Int.	26.49	82.88	6.6	38	1.6	6.0
54	----	141	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
55	2395	155	Mature	35.40	86.32	2.8	74	1.3	4.2
56	2396	155	Low Int.	31.96	85.04	2.8	74	1.3	3.4
57	----	155	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
58	2397	169	Mature	36.03	85.68	3.6	82	1.2	3.6
59	2398	169	Low Int.	33.81	81.86	3.8	74	1.5	4.2
60	----	169	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
0112	2387	Spanhoma Std.		37.33	91.25	2.4	85	1.2	1.2
		Ft. Cobb (One standard					90	1.2	1.6
		used 2 times)				Total	175	2.4	2.8
						Mean	88	1.2	1.4

TABLE XXIV

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: EARLY RUNNER - Okla. P-No. P-0215, Entry No. 03									
Chem. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast Pref.	Rank
61	----	120	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
62	2399	120	Low Int.	30.46	82.90	3.8	--	---	---
63	2400	120	Immature	20.39	90.21	7.0	40	1.6	5.8
64	----	134	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
65	2401	134	Low Int.	38.04	82.86	4.4	72	1.4	2.9
66	2402	134	Immature	26.90	84.36	6.0	56	1.6	5.0
67	2403	148	Mature	43.23	87.00	3.0	78	1.3	1.9
68	2404	148	Low Int.	24.04	87.92	2.8	64	1.4	3.2
69	----	148	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
70	2405	162	Mature	48.81	79.63	2.8	64	1.4	3.8
71	2406	162	Low Int.	41.16	86.26	5.0	62	1.5	4.8
72	----	162	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
73	2407	176	Mature	48.17	87.64	2.6	78	1.3	2.6
74	2408	176	Low Int.	45.94	83.20	3.6	76	1.4	2.8
75	----	176	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
0112	2416	Spanhoma Std.		33.51	86.66	1.1	76	1.4	2.2
		Ft. Cobb (One standard					88	1.2	1.0
		used 2 times)				Total	164	2.6	3.2
						Mean	82	1.3	1.6

TABLE XXV

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: NC5 - Okla. P-No. P-0958, Entry No. 04

Chem. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Peanut Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast Pref. Rank	
76	----	120	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
77	2409	120	Low Int.	40.88	85.16	2.0	peanut	butter	only
78	2410	120	Immature	34.06	78.86	5.0	60	1.6	3.6
79	----	134	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
80	2411	134	Low Int.	51.43	81.78	3.4	72	1.4	2.2
81	2412	134	Immature	44.72	67.30	3.6	64	1.5	3.2
82	2413	148	Mature	64.64	84.16	2.0	60	1.6	3.8
83	2414	148	Low Int.	53.28	89.24	3.2	72	1.6	2.2
84	2415	148	Immature	40.44	84.40	3.8	65	1.7	3.0
85	2418	162	Mature	63.86	87.46	2.4	74	1.5	3.8
86	2419	162	Low Int.	56.94	81.44	5.0	63	1.6	4.8
87	----	162	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
88	2420	176	Mature	58.79	78.80	4.0	88	1.2	2.0
89	2421	176	Low Int.	56.10	86.24	2.4	84	1.4	2.4
90	----	176	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
0112	2417	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		36.66	90.00	1.0	84	1.4	1.0
0112	2417	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		-----	-----	1.0	86	1.3	1.0
0112	2438	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		35.02	88.00	1.8	82	1.4	2.0
	Total			71.68	178.00	3.8	192	4.1	4.0
	Mean			23.89	89.00	1.3	84	1.4	1.4

TABLE XXVI

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: GA. 61-42 - Okla. P-No. P-1273, Entry No. 07									
Exp. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Butter %	Pref. Rank of P.B.	ROASTED PEANUTS		
							CLER Score	Roast	Pref. Rank
91	----	120	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
92	2422	120	Low Int.	26.35	88.92	3.0	58	1.8	5.6
93	2423	120	Immature	21.22	88.58	7.8	60	1.4	6.2
94	2424	134	Mature	38.00	96.03	3.6	peanut butter only		
95	2425	134	Low Int.	33.01	81.06	3.8	74	1.4	2.8
96	2426	134	Immature	27.35	63.82	6.0	62	1.6	5.8
97	2427	148	Mature	38.27	81.96	2.6	72	1.4	4.2
98	2428	148	Low Int.	36.12	89.98	4.6	82	1.2	1.6
99	----	148	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
100	2429	162	Mature	46.63	83.33	2.8	80	1.2	2.4
101	2430	162	Low Int.	44.00	86.62	3.2	58	1.5	4.6
102	----	162	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
103	2431	176	Mature	46.14	84.08	2.6	84	1.1	1.8
104	2432	176	Low Int.	38.28	88.50	3.8	73	1.2	3.0
105	----	176	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
1112	2438	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		35.02	88.00	2.6	82	1.3	1.8
1112	2446	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		34.69	88.06	2.6	76	1.4	3.2
	Total			69.71	176.06	5.2	158	2.7	5.0
	Mean			34.86	88.03	2.6	79	1.4	2.5



TABLE XXVII

PEANUT BUTTER AND CLER SCORE ON PEANUTS GROWN  
AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA, 1968

Strain: VA. BUNCH '67 - Okla. P-No. P-1276, Entry No. 08

Biochem. Lab. No.	P.B. No.	Days From Planting	Maturity	wt/100 seeds	Peanut Pref.		ROASTED PEANUTS		
					Butter %	Rank of P.B.	CLER Score	Roast Pref. Rank	
106	----	120	Mature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
107	2433	120	Low Int.	42.24	92.10	4.0	84	1.3	1.6
108	2434	120	Immature	32.46	75.94	5.6	73	1.4	3.6
109	2435	134	Mature	60.62	87.56	1.8	peanut butter only		
110	2436	134	Low Int.	48.53	85.82	3.8	60	1.5	3.4
111	2437	134	Immature	39.15	77.12	4.2	44	1.6	5.0
112	2439	148	Mature	61.42	80.95	2.0	peanut butter only		
113	2440	148	Low Int.	51.51	88.14	2.6	66	1.5	2.6
114	2441	148	Immature	34.18	66.22	4.0	74	1.4	2.2
115	2442	162	Mature	63.32	84.56	4.8	84	1.3	2.3
116	2443	162	Low Int.	47.21	87.85	3.6	78	1.2	2.6
117	----	162	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
118	2444	176	Mature	69.46	85.44	3.2	78	1.4	3.0
119	2445	176	Low Int.	57.90	87.26	2.0	83	1.3	2.3
120	----	176	Immature	-----	-----	---	--	---	---
-0112	2446	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		34.69	88.06	1.6	82	1.2	1.4
-0112	2447	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		33.88	86.66	1.4	84	1.2	1.2
-0112	2447	Spanhoma Std. Ft. Cobb		33.88	-----	1.4	74	1.4	4.8
	Total			102.45	164.72	4.4	240	3.8	7.4
	Mean			34.15	82.36	1.5	80	1.3	2.5

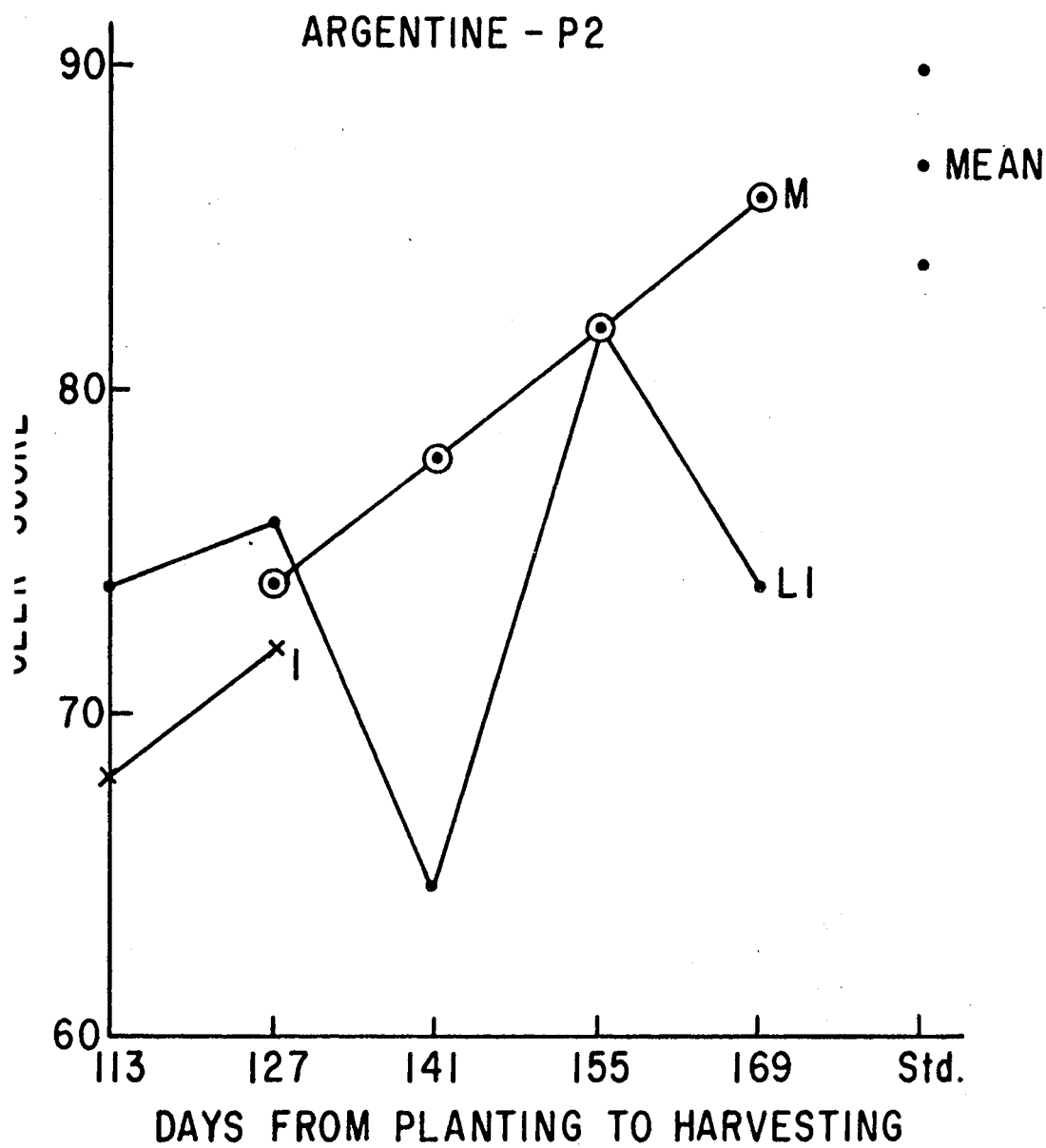


Figure 12. The Effect of Maturity and Harvest Date on CLER Score for the Peanut Variety Argentine P-2.

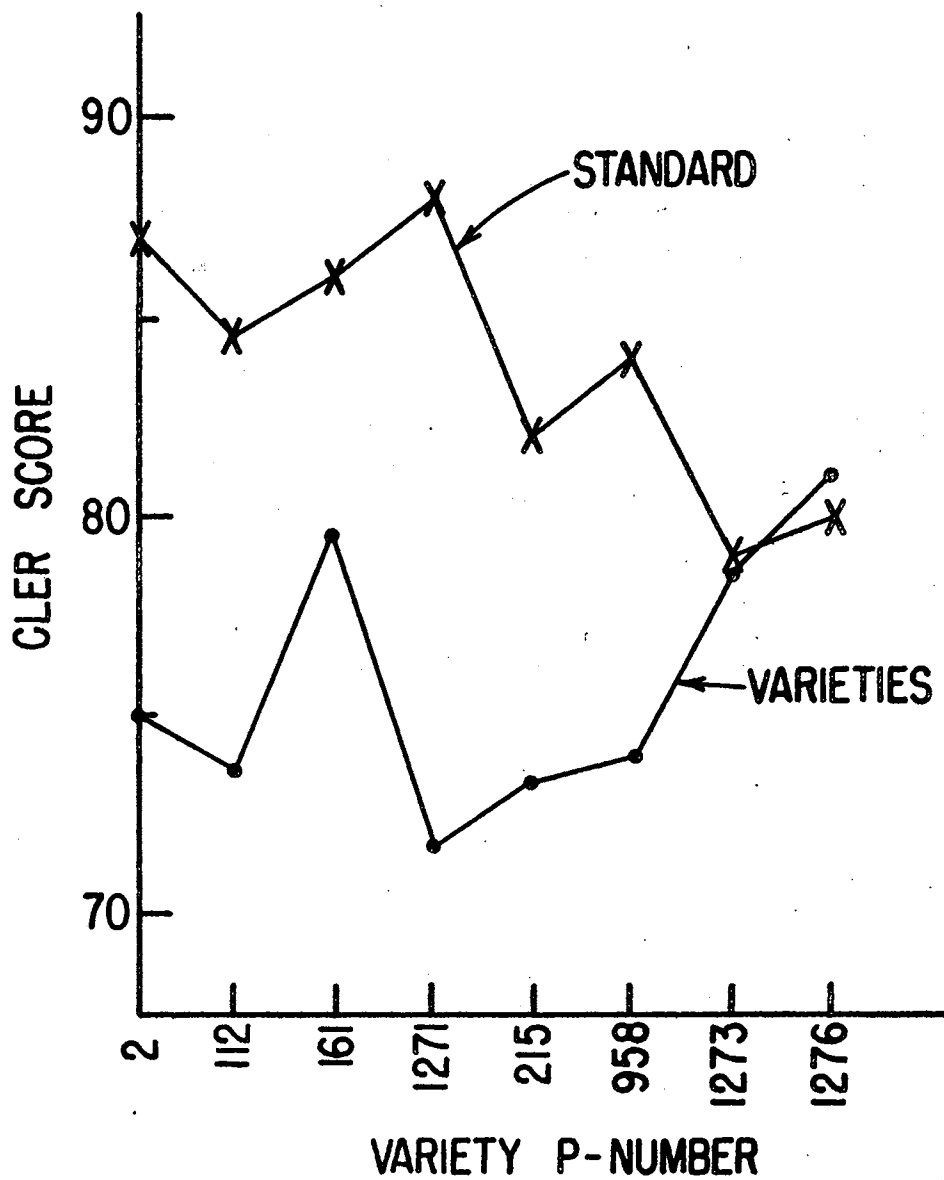


Figure 13. A Comparison of the Mean CLER Score for the Mature Peanuts of each Variety and its Standard.

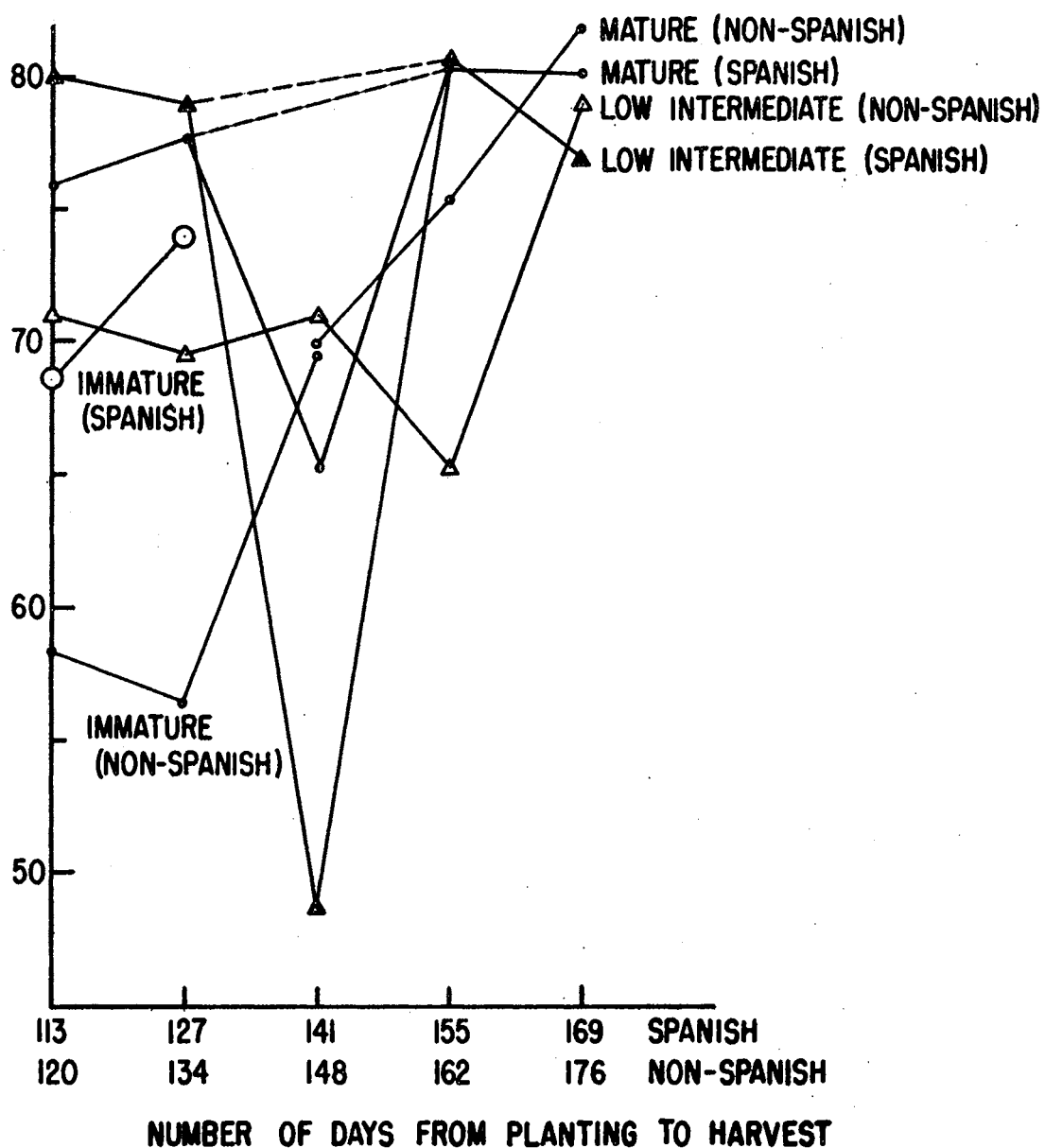


Figure 14. The Effect of Maturity and Harvest Date on the Mean CLER Score for the Spanish type and Non-Spanish type Peanuts.

## CHAPTER VI

### AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUT FLOUR AS RELATED TO VARIETY

#### Introduction

There is a growing demand for a balanced dietary source of protein to supply the needs of the world population. Only recently with the automation of ion-exchange chromatography using the Spackman, Stein and Moore (16) technique, has it been possible to obtain accurate values for the amino acid composition of food products. In a summary article in 1953, Hoffpauir (9) reported the amino acid composition of peanuts. Since then several other publications (58, 59, 61) have reported the total amino acid composition of peanuts which are not in agreement. Some of these papers (60, 61) report several varieties and do not show large varietal differences, although the latter paper (61) stated that small but significant differences of nitrogen, serine, glutamic acid, proline, alanine, leucine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, lysine, methionine and cystine content were found. The differences in nitrogen for nine varieties varied only from 10.69 percent to 10.81 percent. Results of Young and Holley (31) showed considerable variation in the percentage of nitrogen among peanut varieties. To the knowledge of this author, there has been no study on the effect of hydrolysis time for peanut protein as has been studied by Tkachuk and Irvine (62) on wheat.

The first goal of this study was to develop improved methods that permit uniform and precise determinations of total amino acids to be made in peanuts and peanut products. The second and major goal was to examine various varieties of peanuts for their amino acid patterns in peanut flour. Sixteen varieties with a wide variation in protein content were used for this phase of study.

### Materials

Amino acid analyses were made using the ion-exchange column chromatography technique of Spackman, et al. (16) on a Beckman Model 120-C Amino Acid Analyzer using the P-28 resin for acidic and neutral amino acids and the P-35 resin for basic amino acid (as recommended in the Beckman Procedure manual, 63).

Hydrolyzate tubes used in this study were constructed from a 1/8 inch bore Teflon stopcock (Figure 15).

### Reagents

Reagent grade chemicals were used.

For buffers used in ion-exchange chromatography on the analyzer, Beckman Procedure Manual of instructions was followed (63).

## Procedure

### Preparation of peanut meal sample

Peanut samples were selected from samples grown at Tifton, Georgia 965. These were hand shelled and selected for sound mature kernels (as described in Chapter III, page 14). The peanut meal was prepared according to the standard method (64).

Nitrogen was determined by the Macro-Kjeldahl method (64) and reported on an oven-dry basis. Nitrogen may be converted to protein using the conversion factor of 5.5 (64, 66).

#### Hydrolysis of Peanut Meal with HCl

Direct hydrolysis of samples was carried out with 6 N HCl to obtain hydrolysates suitable for analysis. Tryptophan was not determined as it was destroyed by acid hydrolysis.

Approximately twenty mg of fat-free peanut meal was accurately weighed on a micro analytical balance into the hydrolyzate tubes described above. Two ml. of 6 N HCl was added and the tube cooled to 0° C and evacuated with a water aspirator. The stopcock was closed and the samples were placed in a 110° C oven for the prescribed length of time. The tube was removed and the hydrolyzed sample transferred to a water moistened filter paper (Whatman #1) in a funnel and filtered to remove the insoluble humin (humin must be removed for it binds irreversibly with the ion-exchange resin). The samples were evaporated to dryness on a rotary evaporator. The sample was dissolved in 10 ml of pH 2.2 citrate buffer (prepared according to the Beckman instruction manual, (63) and stored at -20° C until analyzed. Each column required 0.5 ml of buffered sample for determination of the amino acids.

#### Ammonium Acid Standards

A series of standards from Spinco Division, Beckman Instruments, were analyzed to obtain a measure of precision of the instrument methodology (included variation due to application of sample to

umn). The major limiting factors as reported in the Beckman instruction manual are ninhydrin and the technique and skill of the operator. Recoveries of the amino acids were in the range of 0.25 - 3.0  $\mu$ m (100  $\pm$  three percent) under normal operating conditions (63). Each time samples were analyzed, standards were run to insure precision and accuracy.

### Results and Discussion

Peanut meal samples were analyzed to reveal details of amino acid recoveries as a function of hydrolysis time and to determine how best to analyze for variety variation in amino acid composition.

Preliminary studies using 10 to 15 mg samples did not give satisfactory results and thus were increased to 20 mg which were utilized in this study.

Table XXVIII records the data of various hydrolysis times. The 5 hour hydrolysis time was sufficient for methionine only. Within the 12-30 hour period, there were only small differences. It was observed in the preliminary studies that time periods of longer than 15 hours hydrolysis decreased the amount of many of the amino acids; a finding in agreement with a published study on wheat (62). Thus the decision was made to hydrolyze the peanut meal for 15 hours. Standards of amino acids during this study gave a recovery of 100  $\pm$  62 percent which is better than the normal expected recovery of 100  $\pm$  three percent (63). In this hydrolyzate study and later the variety study, there was considerable variation in the ammonia analyses. A recent paper by Thachuk and Irvine (62) pointed out that filter paper must be washed to remove ammonia, thus, now explaining our problem with reproducibility in the ammonia de-



mination. Since ammonia was variable, it was not included in calculating the total recovery of the amino acids. Five of the time study samples (12, 18 and 30 hours) were analyzed at the same time and the 15. hour sample at another time. The five samples averaged a total of 423  $\mu\text{m}/\text{mg}$  of peanut meal with a  $\pm 2.75$  percent variation. The two hour samples had a  $\pm 1.78$  percent variation. The average variation for all seven samples was  $\pm 2.47$  percent. Since the standard was  $\pm 62$  percent the precision of the hydrolyzate method was  $\pm 0.85$  percent.

Table XXIX shows nitrogen content of peanuts and of peanut meal the 16 varieties used. These varieties were selected because of their wide range of protein content which had been noted in earlier studies (31, 35).

The amino acid composition was determined as previously described. Results are recorded in Table XXX. Duplicate analyses were made on five varieties, with the duplicates being weighed, hydrolyzed, analyzed and calculated at different times using coded sample numbers. This will give another estimate of analytical variation which will be used when comparing variety differences. At the time these samples were analyzed on the amino acid analyzer, the aspartic content was subject to considerable variation on the column used; however, no explanation can be offered at this time. Thus aspartic acid and ammonia values are not included in the following discussion. The average variation between duplicate analyses for the five varieties was  $\pm 1.63$  percent. This compares very favorably with the  $\pm 1.62$  percent value determined for the standards.

Lysine is often considered to be deficient in peanut protein (50, 67) and has been plotted in Figure 16 to illustrate the large

riety differences. The differences between certain varieties were large enough to be of significance to the plant breeder wanting to increase the lysine content of peanuts. Methionine content another amino acid considered to be deficient (60, 67) has been plotted in the same figure for a comparison. Methionine content of meal ranges from .040  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$  for variety 25 to a low of 0.19  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$  for variety 61, a 2-fold variation.

Figure 17 shows a plot of two other amino acids sometimes referred to as being deficient (24, 60) in peanuts. The variability of both isoleucine and threonine were clearly demonstrated.

Chopra and Sidhu (61) indicated in their study that the nine varieties they examined would probably not permit development of a variety of superior protein quality. This study for the first time has clearly shown that the variation was present in peanuts for the development of superior protein quality. This study was on sixteen varieties. There are more than 3,000 accessions of cultivated varieties in the plant introduction station and more than 20,000 different breeding lines of cultivated peanuts available in this country (86). With these materials available it is possible that there already exists a peanut line that is of superior protein quality.

#### Summary

A hydrolyzate procedure with a precision and accuracy on duplicate samples of  $\pm 1.62$  percent was described. The procedure was used to examine 16 varieties of peanuts that had a range of protein content from 24-30 percent in the kernels. Variation of approximately two-fold for the limiting essential amino acids (lysine, methionine, iso-

ucine and threonine) were found which had not previously been reported. These variations will permit the development of improved quality of pea-  
t protein.

TABLE XXVIII

## AMINO ACID RECOVERIES FROM DIXIE SPANISH PEANUT MEAL

Amino Acid	Hydrolysis Time (hrs)							
	6.5	12	12	15	15	18	18	30
	$\mu\text{m}/\text{mg}$							
lysine	.086	.109	.105	.122	.120	.114	.106	.104
histidine	.049	.066	.062	.070	.072	.068	.062	.061
asparagine	.660	.672	.635	.596	.642	.658	.592	.594
arginine	.242	.306	.298	.346	.352	.327	.296	.295
aspartic Acid	.428	.462	.440	.454	.484	.477	.448	.432
serine	.065	.086	.088	.112	.112	.096	.092	.094
threonine	.234	.266	.268	.258	.280	.285	.266	.252
glutamic Acid	.577	.677	.677	.802	.740	.726	.682	.664
proline	.154	.184	.184	.190	.206	.200	.179	.182
glycine	.394	.390	.399	.380	.408	.410	.389	.375
alanine	.192	.207	.211	.212	.230	.228	.211	.205
half Cystine	.035	.046	.050	.056	.060	.053	.044	.049
valine	.058	.081	.048	.158	.142	.104	.084	.109
methionine	.032	.030	.031	.050	.048	.024	.032	.013
isoleucine	.038	.055	.055	.110	.092	.067	.057	.069
leucine	.166	.204	.204	.234	.242	.227	.206	.213
tyrosine	.076	.089	.089	.104	.098	.100	.088	.085
phenylalanine	.112	.135	.136	.158	.162	.154	.137	.139

TABLE XXIX

NITROGEN CONTENT OF PEANUTS AND PEANUT MEAL  
USED IN THE TOTAL AMINO ACID STUDY

Ident. No.	Variety or Strain	gmN/100 gm	
		Peanut meal	Kernels
1	Dixie Spanish	8.95	4.80
23	Tenn. Red	9.07	4.88
25	Ga. 61-42	9.63	4.91
27	Nambyquaras	7.74	4.56
28	Va. B 67	8.85	4.61
33	Argentine	8.99	4.84
41	Jenkins Jumbo	9.80	5.46
45	Early Runner	9.25	4.59
50	Conagina Macrocarpa	8.54	4.69
52	Fla. Jumbo	10.09	5.38
61	McEachem Jumbo	9.54	5.50
70	Bynum Runner	9.32	5.46
75	NC-5	8.45	4.38
84	Tara Pota	8.71	4.40
85	F 334A-B-14	8.67	4.34
86	Ga 186-28	8.75	4.49

# AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF THE KERNELS OF 16 VARIETIES OF PEANUT MEAL

Amino Acid	Sample Number									
	1	1	23	23	25	25	27	27	28	28
	µm/mg									
Aspartic Acid*	.576	.486	.417	.443	.498	.473	.305	.538	.393	.389
Threonine	.102	.107	.103	.100	.109	.113	.081	.084	.090	.082
Serine	.272	.241	.248	.248	.281	.253	.181	.197	.188	.211
Glutamic Acid	.621	.631	.639	.645	.730	.711	.459	.502	.553	.614
Proline	.192	.187	.177	.188	.218	.196	.149	.154	.158	.170
Glycine	.406	.375	.386	.402	.452	.424	.335	.438	.391	.404
Alanine	.226	.188	.193	.198	.234	.199	.155	.169	.177	.179
Half Cystine	.043	.050	.056	.051	.077	.016	.039	.010	.054	.038
Valine	.111	.126	.121	.118	.139	.143	.102	.093	.112	.078
Methionine	.034	.035	.034	.040	.043	.037	.020	.028	.021	.034
Isoleucine	.073	.084	.077	.078	.072	.102	.073	.062	.078	.051
Leucine	.217	.212	.218	.226	.254	.248	.172	.175	.205	.179
Tyrosine	.093	.091	.092	.102	.100	.105	.075	.080	.085	.082
Phenylalanine	.140	.132	.130	.146	.150	.151	.109	.110	.130	.120
Lysine	.089	.091	----	.147	.098	.101	.096	.072	.086	.081
Histidine	.058	.058	----	.093	.068	.062	.057	.051	.058	.048
Ammonia*	.580	.358	----	.509	.379	.375	.328	.321	.348	.394
Arginine	.277	.269	----	.436	.285	.298	.244	.226	.257	.220
Total*	2.954	2.877	3.150	3.218	3.310	3.159	2.347	2.451	2.643	2.591
	µm/mg Nitrogen									
Average	.330	.321	.347	.354	.344	.328	.303	.317	.299	.293

\*Aspartic acid and ammonia have not been included because of analytical variation.

Amino Acid	Sample Number										
	33	41	45	50	52	61	70	75	84	85	86
	$\mu\text{m}/\text{mg}$										
Aspartic Acid*	.411	.457	.441	.259	.400	.381	.372	.339	.325	.319	.280
Threonine	.088	.096	.093	.066	.085	.077	.079	.070	.067	.062	.059
Serine	.242	.244	.231	.205	.194	.194	.179	.165	.170	.175	.146
Glutamic Acid	.590	.239	.614	.594	.503	.563	.536	.149	.469	.453	.442
Proline	.177	.195	.181	.168	.179	.193	.175	.162	.159	.165	.160
Glycine	.395	.357	.410	.379	.311	.323	.275	.315	.289	.294	.261
Alanine	.207	.192	.183	.177	.171	.164	.154	.139	.136	.130	.111
Half Cystine	.045	.046	.043	.036	.038	.038	.044	.028	.041	.028	.029
Valine	.113	.148	.116	.133	.122	.128	.104	.080	.077	.062	.063
Methionine	.032	.036	.028	.024	.021	.019	.029	.027	.027	.021	.023
Isoleucine	.061	.088	.079	.099	.080	.087	.073	.056	.044	.038	.041
Leucine	.195	.235	.208	.202	.200	.196	.182	.158	.145	.141	.135
Tyrosine	.091	.100	.087	.076	.083	.076	.077	.064	.063	.062	.057
Phenylalanine	.131	.144	.129	.122	.120	.122	.113	.114	.114	.084	.081
Lysine	.115	.092	.082	.091	.131	.088	.099	.087	.085	.066	.070
Histidine	.074	.063	.059	.056	.088	.063	.067	.055	.055	.038	.041
Ammonia*	.676	.434	.317	.473	.501	.378	.429	.297	.405	.241	.240
Arginine	.326	.291	.257	.254	.424	.272	.294	.229	.252	.180	.182
Total*	2.882	2.566	2.800	2.682	2.750	2.603	2.480	1.898	2.193	1.999	1.901
	$\mu\text{m}/\text{mg}$ Nitrogen										
Average	.320	.262	.303	.314	.272	.273	.266	.225	.252	.231	.217

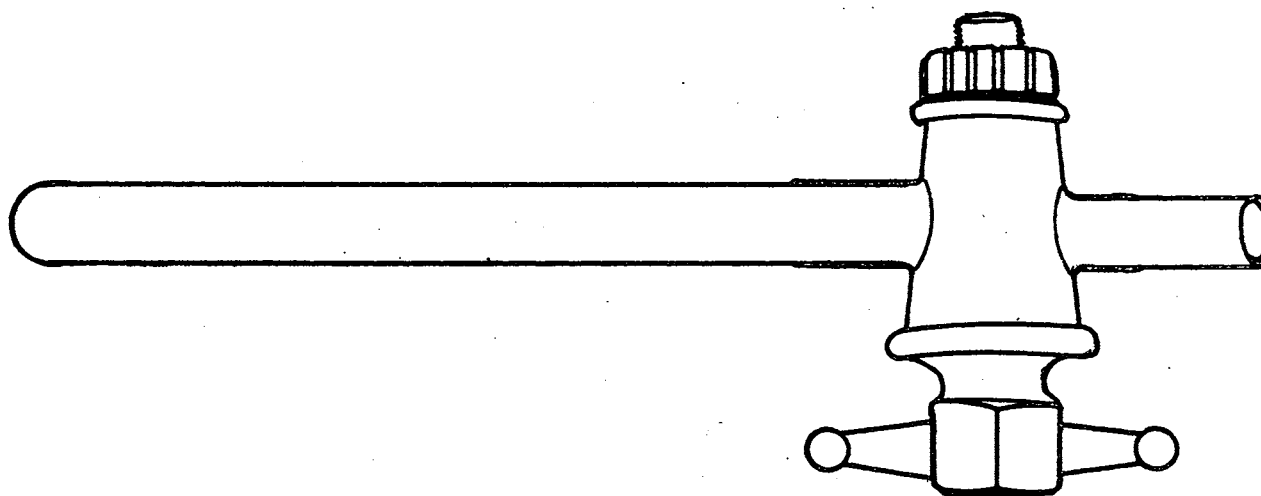


Figure 15. A Drawing of a Protein Hydrolyzate Tube (Drawn to Scale).



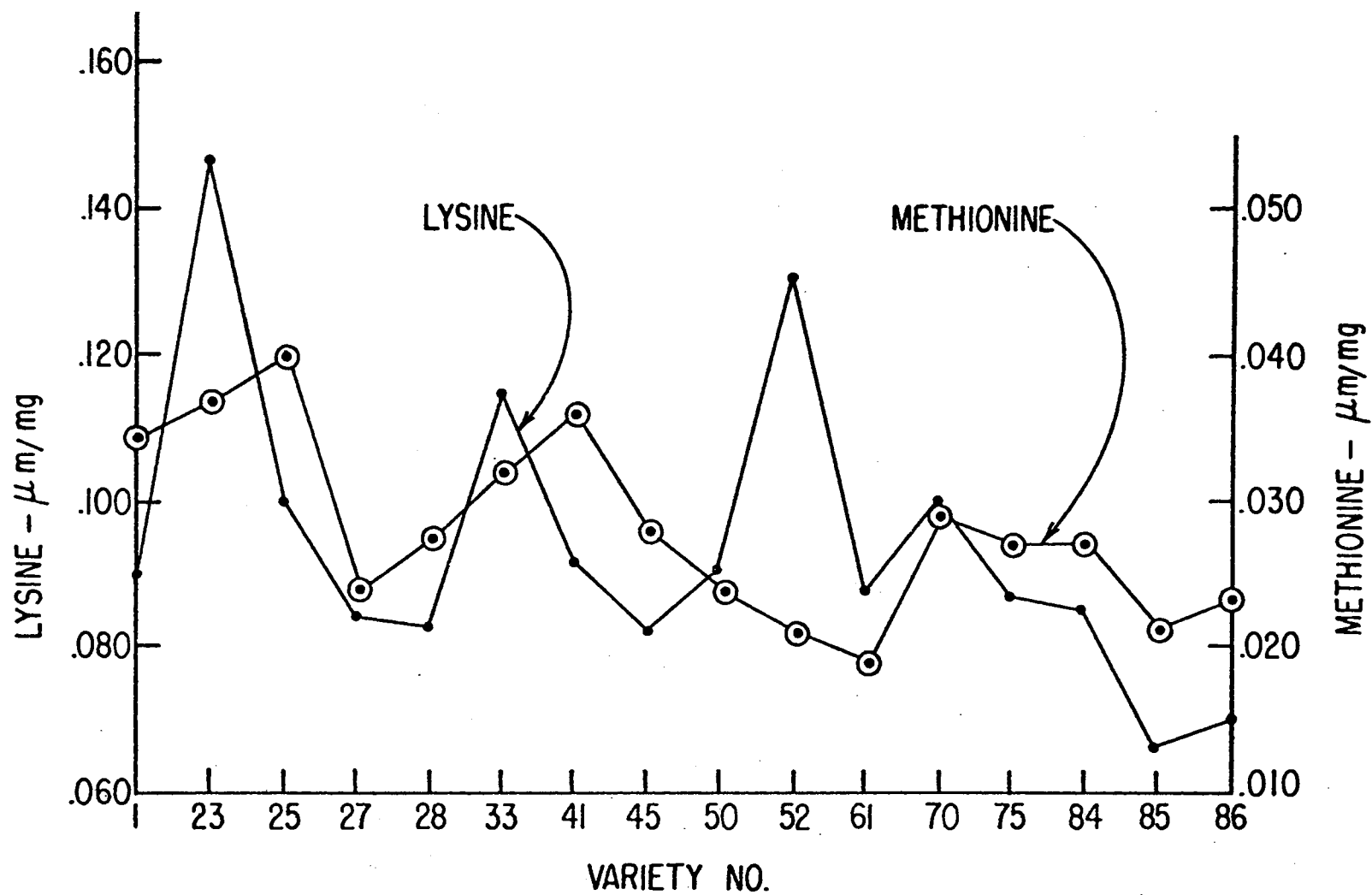


Figure 16. Lysine and Methionine Content of Different Varieties of Peanuts.

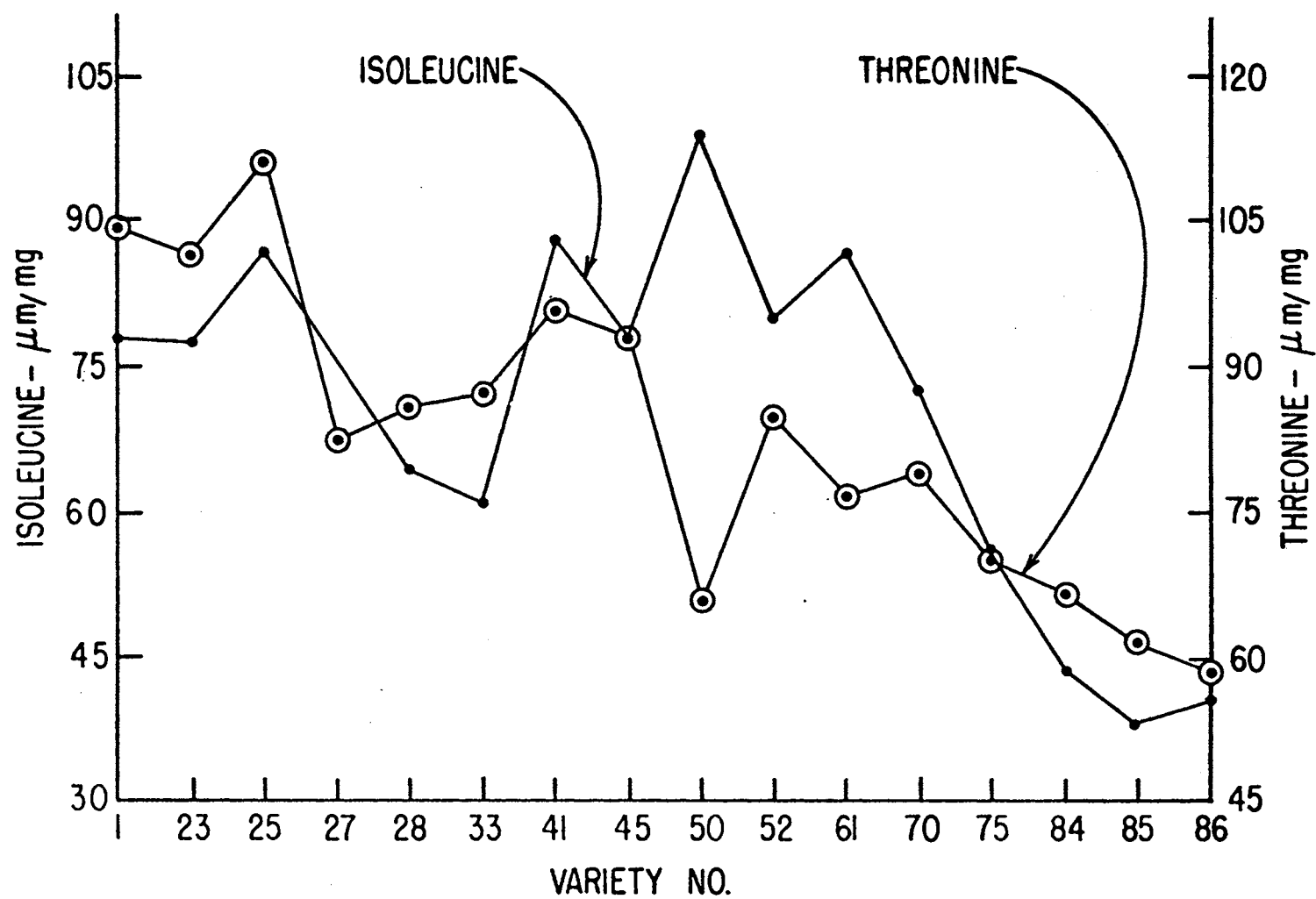


Figure 17. Isoleucine and Threonine Content of Different Varieties of Peanuts.

## CHAPTER VII

### ARGININE (NON-PROTEIN) ANALYSIS BY SAKAGUCHI REACTION AND ION EXCHANGE CHROMATOGRAPHY AS A MEASURE OF MATURITY

#### Introduction

Because peanuts are indeterminate in their growth habit (69), peanuts harvested at a given time always possess a certain number of mature fruits. At the present time, the many methods (70, 71, 30, 72, 74) used to determine the degree of immaturity are subjective for the most part and are based upon such factors as size, color of the testa, degree of darkening of the inside of the pod and seed characteristics. The need for an objective, quantitative procedure which is precise and accurate has been apparent to growers, manufacturers and scientists for some time (30).

A chemical method based on the analysis of carotenoid pigments has met with some success in determining the degree of immaturity in peanuts (30). The data showed that the extract of immature peanuts absorbed light to a greater extent at 435nm than mature peanuts but some overlap occurred and no quantitative interpretations could be made. Nery et al. (71) used a pigmentation (absorbance at 455nm) method to differentiate maturity of farmers stock peanuts and found it to be the most effective of the methods used. However, the high concentration of pigments were associated with immaturity only when the fruit was cured rapidly and not when they were cured by the traditional stockpile

thod. Thus, the presence of high absorption values was a positive qualitative check for immaturity but low absorption was not necessarily conclusive. Use of this procedure as a quantitative measure of degree of immaturity appeared to be invalid.

This paper describes a new technique, a reasonably accurate, precise, objective measure of immaturity applicable to the major peanut types based on arginine content. The means by which the procedure was developed are briefly summarized.

### Procedures

#### Preparation of Peanut Samples

Fifty-gram samples of wet or of dry-cured peanuts were homogenized in a Waring blender at high speed in 500 ml of 3N  $\text{HClO}_4$  for 9 minutes. The flask was immersed in an ice-water bath to keep the extraction mixture cold. The suspension was filtered on a fast flowing fluted filter paper and the first 50 ml of filtrate was collected. After adjusting the pH of the filtrate to 8.0 with 2 N KOH, the precipitate was removed by centrifugation. The supernatant was transferred to a 250 ml volumetric flask and diluted to volume with deionized, distilled water. Samples taken from this flask were diluted five-fold before the Sakaguchi determination for arginine was made on 1 ml aliquots.

For recovery studies the procedure was exactly the same as for routine analyses except the filtration was completed and the filtrate washed (washings added to filtrate) before a representative sample was taken. Also, the centrifugate was washed and the washings combined with the supernatant to insure quantitative transfer.

### Arginine Determination

The procedure for arginine determination was exactly that of Izumi (8, 75). However, a number of precautions need to be enumerated here because of the nature of samples analyzed in these studies: (1) KOH could be protected by a soda lime tube since the base was not sufficiently strong if considerable  $\text{CO}_2$  was absorbed; (2) protection of the acetic anhydride from water vapors was critical because the amount used in the procedure was critical (150  $\mu\text{liters}$ ). If the acetic anhydride were slightly deteriorated, there was insufficient anhydride to complete the reaction presumably because of the presence of considerable amounts of amino acids other than arginine in the sample. If a slight excess of acetic anhydride was used the amount of KOH was not sufficient; (3) Strength and amounts of KBr added were critical and considerable precaution should be taken in storing the KBr ( $4^\circ\text{C}$  and in the dark). The best policy was to make a new KBr stock solution every week.

Standard curves were established with at least ten serial dilutions containing from 0 to 30  $\mu\text{g}$  of arginine. Curves were consistently linear over the entire range and were similar to those shown in Figure 1. The developed color for standards and samples were stable for an hour.

### Results and Discussion

Since 1965, numerous free amino acid analyses have been performed on Spanish peanuts segregated into mature and immature classes by subjective means. Clearly, immature peanuts contained much higher levels of free arginine than mature peanuts (Table XXXIII). Those which were

clearly mature or immature showed intermediate levels of arginine. The apparent decrease of arginine during maturation was confirmed by a study in plants that were harvested periodically starting 30 days after flowering had commenced. Peanuts were dried at 90° F in a forced air oven, were shelled and classed into two groups, mature and immature, using a combination of the subjective criteria eluded to earlier (32). Those peanuts which were difficult to classify in one of these two classes were placed in an intermediate maturity class. Arginine content of peanuts from each maturity class and harvest date were determined using the Beckman Model 120C amino acid analyzer and the results from the intermediate group are shown in Figure 1.

The data plotted in Figure 1 showed that arginine decreased asymptotically to a very low level with age within the intermediate maturity class. The other maturity classes exhibited similar results except the absolute values were lower for mature peanuts and considerably higher and more variable for immature peanuts; mean values of 62 and 21.3  $\mu$ moles/gm fat-free meal were found for mature and immature peanuts respectively. These results were verified in 1967 grown peanuts (Table XXXIII).

Clearly, arginine content would be a sensitive, rapid means of determining the amount of immaturity in any particular sample of peanuts; a sufficient simple and sensitive quantitative means of determining arginine content would be found and if suitable calibration curves for all types of peanuts could be constructed.

The search for a simple, wet chemical procedure for determining arginine was quickly reduced to a recent modification of the Sakaguchi reaction (68) which embodies other modifications (75). The procedure

mised to be applicable to product control type laboratories because the simple equipment necessary and the lack of need for highly trained personnel. A review of the literature revealed that it was a highly sensitive and accurate procedure for arginine in which interference from other amino acids present in large amounts was not great. To determine whether or not the procedure would measure free arginine in the protein free extracts of peanuts was tested by performing recoveries on samples to which arginine had been added to the cold perchloric acid used in extraction.

Results from a number of recovery studies in which the standard curve was prepared from aqueous solutions of arginine showed that the recoveries were consistently about 120 percent of the arginine added. Since the presence of other amino acids such as glutamic acid, aspartic acid, and phenylalanine result in 10 to 20 percent higher optical density readings (68) and since these amino acids are present in considerable amounts in perchlorate extracts of peanuts (21), the high readings must have been due to the presence of other amino acids. That this was the case was shown by the data plotted in Figure 18. When a standard arginine curve was prepared using the perchlorate extract of the control sample (no added arginine) as diluent rather than water, the standard curve (curve a) exhibited a slightly lower slope than the curve constructed from standards diluted with water (curve b) and recovery values on two separate recovery studies were near 100 percent (Table XXXI) within experimental sampling error when they were read from curve A. Thus, free amino acids other than arginine present in perchlorate extracts are measured by this procedure to the extent of about 20 percent of the arginine present. This fact would not

tract from the quantitative usefulness of this procedure as long as the amount of color measured by the procedure were a function of the degree of immaturity present in the peanuts.

Calibration curves (Figure 19) for four major peanut types were constructed from wet and cured peanuts segregated by subjective means into four maturity classifications; mature, high intermediate, low intermediate and immature. Peanuts from each group were analyzed by the procedure described and samples containing from 0 to 100 percent maturity were formulated from the four groups as follows: The ginning values for immature peanuts were taken to represent 100 percent immaturity while that of the mature peanuts was arbitrarily assigned zero percent immaturity. Ninety and 80 percent immature samples were formulated from calculated amounts of each of the immature and low intermediate group. Seventy, 60 and 50 percent immature samples were formulated by combining calculated amounts of each of the high intermediate and mature groups. In order to have sufficient peanuts to supply 50 gram samples of all calibration samples this procedure was necessary since most of the peanuts fell into the two more mature segregation categories (high intermediate and mature). Also, the procedure should have produced calibration samples fairly indicative of the actual immaturity category since the lower immaturity calibration samples were made up of peanuts from the two segregations containing the lower immaturity (mature and high intermediate) while the higher immaturity calibration samples were made up of peanuts from the two higher immaturity segregations (low intermediate and immature).

The calibration samples were analyzed according to the outlined procedure and the resulting calibration curves for both raw and cured



anuts of the four major types are plotted in Figure 19. Thus, the degree of immaturity of any sample of raw peanuts may be estimated by performing the Sakaguchi analyses as described herein and reading the percentage immaturity from the corresponding calibration curve. Even though mature peanuts grown in this area have been remarkably consistent from year to year in free amino acid content, one should probably establish calibration curves from peanuts grown in the area of concern if the procedure is to be used routinely.

In practice, the important part of the calibration curves was that presenting less than 50 percent immaturity since peanuts harvested under normal conditions with a reasonable growing season would not assess immaturity higher than 50 percent. Also, the analyst should be minded that this procedure measures mean percentage immaturity since some seeds would be very close to mature while others would be very immature. Even though 100 percent immaturity and zero percent immaturity have been defined for the purpose of plotting the calibration curves, it was doubtful that the physiologically immature state can be chemically defined. This was because the various states of development from nearly embryonic to highly differentiated tissue were present in this category. However, chemical definition of the mature state seemed much more certain since all peanuts in this category had reached or very nearly the same physiological state. Thus, the less meaningful part of the calibration curves (above 50 percent immaturity) would probably be of little value in actual practice.

The precision and accuracy of the procedure was established with an elaborate experiment (Figure 20) which was designed to allow differentiation of sampling error from inherent error arising from mani-

ulations involved in the Sakaguchi procedure. Figure 20 contains a flow diagram of the sampling procedure starting with replicate 100 gm samples of the same variety of Spanish peanuts. The results of Sakaguchi analyses of the resulting samples are shown in Table XXXII.

A brief inspection of the means and average error values allowed conclusions to be drawn concerning sources of error. Average error not greater than  $\pm 0.3$  between duplicate samples showed that the precision of manipulations involved in the Sakaguchi procedure was excellent ( $\pm$  two to three percent). This was indicated by submean I since subsamples labeled one or two or a or b were all simply duplicates of the same subsample (see Figure 20).

Errors that were present due to manipulation during preparation of the samples was apparent from examining values for submean II. Mean values for subsample  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  were considerably different whereas those for  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  were very close. Thus considerable errors in accuracy were apparent in subsampling within the A series even though the precision of the Sakaguchi procedure for arginine was excellent.

Apparently, from the comparison of the values for submean III, considerable error in accuracy was incurred between replicate samples A and B since the mean value for sample A was  $2.32 \mu\text{gm/gm}$  peanuts lower than that for sample B. The amount of error involved was indicated by the average error of 1.21 for the mean value of 13.67 for the replicates. After this precision study was completed, replicate sampling error was reduced considerably by blending the sample for a longer period of time. This change was incorporated in the procedure described herein.

Thus, precision and accuracy of the Sakaguchi procedure under

ase conditions was well within the sampling error for 100-gram samples. This error amounted to  $\pm$  nine percent in this study. As a consequence of these results, differences between routine samples of less than 10 percent were not considered significant. Repetition of this procedure for 50-gram samples revealed sampling error (8.7 percent) is about the same as that for 100-gram samples.

Repeated analyses of several peanut samples revealed that excellent precision was obtained using the routine procedure even though no attempt was made for quantitative transfer at the filtration and centrifugation steps. This protocol was necessary to shorten the time for preparation of samples. The described technique was equally applicable both wet and dried peanuts.

The objective of this phase of research was to test its applicability under field conditions.

Peanuts of four varieties were grown at Perkins in 1967 and then harvested at weekly intervals. Care was taken to harvest all of the peanuts including those that came off the vine while removing the peanuts from the soil. Freshly dug samples were shelled and segregated into four stages of maturity using a visible method based on pericarp, seed coat color and thickness, and lastly, seed size. Each group was weighed and analyzed for arginine (Sakaguchi reaction) and moisture.

Table XXXIV gives the amount in percent of peanuts that are within each maturity group and is also an excellent guide for maturity and probable harvest dates. This was possible because the pods in the soil were recovered.

Results of the arginine analysis are shown in Table XXXIII and significant differences in each group were observed. Note that the

ture and high intermediate maturity groups usually gave about the same values for arginine. This was the reason for combining the mature and high intermediate for the other studies in this dissertation in which the peanuts were divided into maturity groups.

The low intermediate group contains about 50 percent more arginine than the mature and high intermediate groups. Most of these peanut kernels were of the size that they would be processed into peanut butter or used in other peanut products. Pang (32) in his presentation, almost always rated the peanut butter made with this group of peanuts inferior to those made with mature peanuts. Examining Table XXXIV, Argentine peanuts contained about 10 percent of the low intermediate group if harvested at about 140-150 days. The immature, usually quite small, peanuts were extremely high in arginine and Pang (32) scored these even lower than the low intermediate group. Certainly this supports the possible relation of high arginine and poor flavor of peanut products. Even if a relationship does not exist, the Sakaguchi method for arginine could still be used to predict degree of immaturity, and therefore, measure the poor flavor that is correlated with immaturity.

Analyzing the data in both Tables XXXIII and XXXIV, it was concluded that it would have been best to harvest the Argentine peanuts at 158-172 days to have the highest quality peanuts. Later, organoleptic data on peanuts from the same location and same variety verified his postulate. If the farmer had dug at the time recommended of 140 days, he would have harvested a less desirable product.

#### Summary

For establishing the degree of immaturity in freshly harvested or

ed peanuts, arginine was determined using a modified Sakaguchi  
hod. Precision and accuracy of the method is reported. Calibra-  
n curves to predict the degree of immaturity in peanuts were formu-  
ed. Lastly, the modified Sakaguchi method for arginine was tested  
er field conditions and found to be an accurate measure of immatur-

TABLE XXXI  
 ACCURACY OF MODIFIED SAKAGUCHI METHOD USED  
 TO ANALYZE FREE ARGININE

Added	Recovered		Recovered	
	I	II	I	II
$\mu\text{g}$	$\mu\text{g}$	$\mu\text{g}$	%	%
5.0	5.0	5.0	100	100
10.0	10.3	9.3	103	93
15.0	16.2	15.3	108	102
20.0	21.0	19.9	105	99

TABLE XXXII

PRECISION AND ACCURACY STUDY FOR SUBSAMPLES OF REPLICATE  
SAMPLES (A AND B) OF PEANUTS

Arginine Values (mg/gm nuts) for Duplicate Subsamples		Submeans and Average Error			Grand Mean
		I	II	III	
a <sub>1,1</sub>	12.9	13.0			
a <sub>1,2</sub>	13.1	$\pm 0.1$	13.10		
b <sub>1,1</sub>	13.5	13.2	$\pm 0.22$		
b <sub>1,2</sub>	12.9	$\pm 0.3$			
				12.57	
				$\pm 0.53$	
a <sub>2,1</sub>	11.6	11.9			
a <sub>2,2</sub>	12.2	$\pm 0.3$	12.05		
b <sub>2,1</sub>	12.0	12.2	$\pm 0.25$		
b <sub>2,2</sub>	12.4	$\pm 0.2$			
					13.67
					$\pm 1.21$
a <sub>1,1</sub>	15.2	15.2			
a <sub>1,2</sub>	15.2	$\pm 0.0$	14.90		
b <sub>1,1</sub>	14.8	14.6	$\pm 0.30$		
b <sub>1,2</sub>	14.4	$\pm 0.2$			
				14.89	
				$\pm 0.30$	
a <sub>2,1</sub>	14.8	15.1			
a <sub>2,2</sub>	15.4	$\pm 0.3$	14.88		
b <sub>2,1</sub>	14.8	14.7	$\pm 0.27$		
b <sub>2,2</sub>	14.5	$\pm 0.2$			

TABLE XXXIII

THE ARGININE IN EACH MATURITY GROUP OF SEVERAL VARIETIES  
OF UNCURED PEANUTS GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA IN 1967  
AS MEASURED BY THE MODIFIED SAKAGUCHI REACTION

Variety	Maturity Group	Days from Planting to Harvest							Average
		123	130	137	144	151	158	172	
		μg/ml							
Silencia (P-161)	Mature	6.4	5.5	7.9	8.6	11.8	10.2	9.2	8.5
	High Int.	8.6	7.1	11.0	8.6	9.4	9.9	9.8	9.2
	Low Int.	11.4	22.6	22.7	13.5	12.9	----	10.9	15.6
	Immature	23.2	----	----	----	----	----	----	23.2
Argentine	Mature	7.6	7.2	7.6	9.3	10.5	9.3	8.2	8.5
	High Int.	7.7	7.6	7.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.1	9.3
	Low Int.	13.9	14.3	15.5	14.0	13.4	----	----	14.2
	Immature	29.3	27.5	23.2	----	----	----	----	26.7
Early Runner	Mature	----	----	7.4	10.2	10.1	10.9	10.4	9.8
	High Int.	12.2	7.4	11.5	9.8	10.7	11.9	10.9	11.0
	Low Int.	19.6	16.4	19.8	14.0	17.1	16.7	14.9	16.9
	Immature	25.3	23.7	25.0	24.6	---	---	---	24.6
C-2 (P-36)	Mature	----	10.5	12.8	10.4	10.6	11.5	10.9	11.1
	High Int.	14.1	8.6	9.9	9.7	10.7	11.0	11.2	10.7
	Low Int.	16.7	15.3	18.1	15.9	16.3	19.8	19.2	17.3
	Immature	23.9	25.0	24.9	----	----	----	----	24.6



TABLE XXXIV

THE AMOUNT OF SHELLLED PEANUTS IN EACH MATURITY GROUP  
OF SEVERAL VARIETIES OF FRESHLY HARVESTED PEANUTS  
GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA IN 1967

Variety	Maturity Group	Days from Planting to Harvest						
		123	130	137	144	151	158	172
		%						
Lencia (P-161)	Mature	26	47	48	62	65	74	73
	High Int.	45	33	29	20	14	18	13
	Low Int.	19	16	20	17	18	8	8
	Immature	10	5	3	2	2	1	1
Argentine	Mature	42	58	67	77	78	81	82
	High Int.	32	24	19	9	11	13	11
	Low Int.	21	14	9	14	10	5	2
	Immature	4	4	5	1	1	1	0
Early Runner	Mature	--	5	11	8	34	40	49
	High Int.	52	53	53	49	38	34	27
	Low Int.	32	32	28	33	23	21	18
	Immature	16	11	8	9	5	5	4
B-2 (P-36)	Mature	2	9	4	16	56	50	62
	High Int.	55	45	65	50	25	26	16
	Low Int.	29	36	22	26	15	20	12
	Immature	14	11	9	8	4	5	2

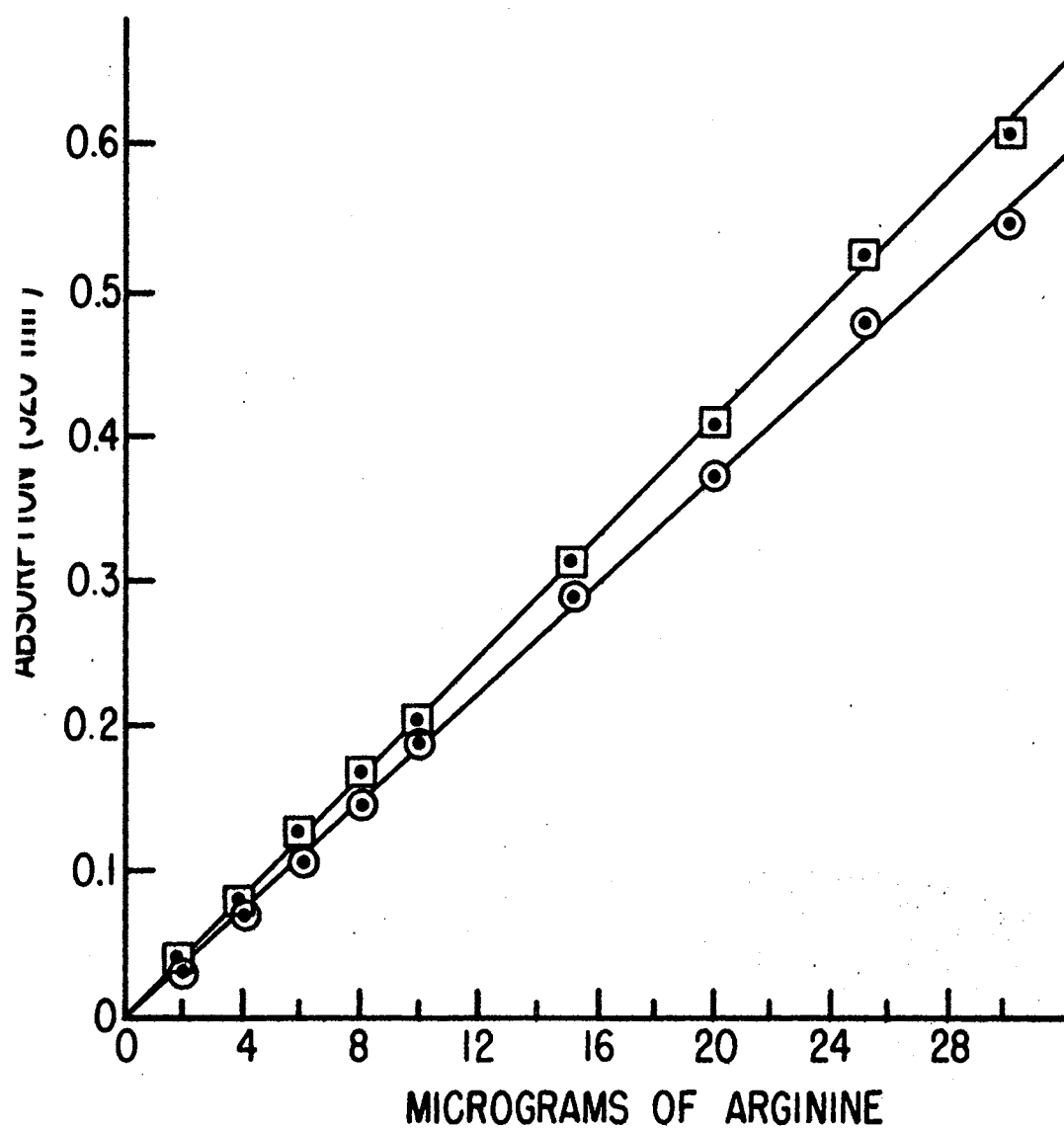


Figure 18. Standard Curve for the Assay of Free Arginine Using Water (○) as Diluent and with Control Peanut Extract (◻) as Diluent.

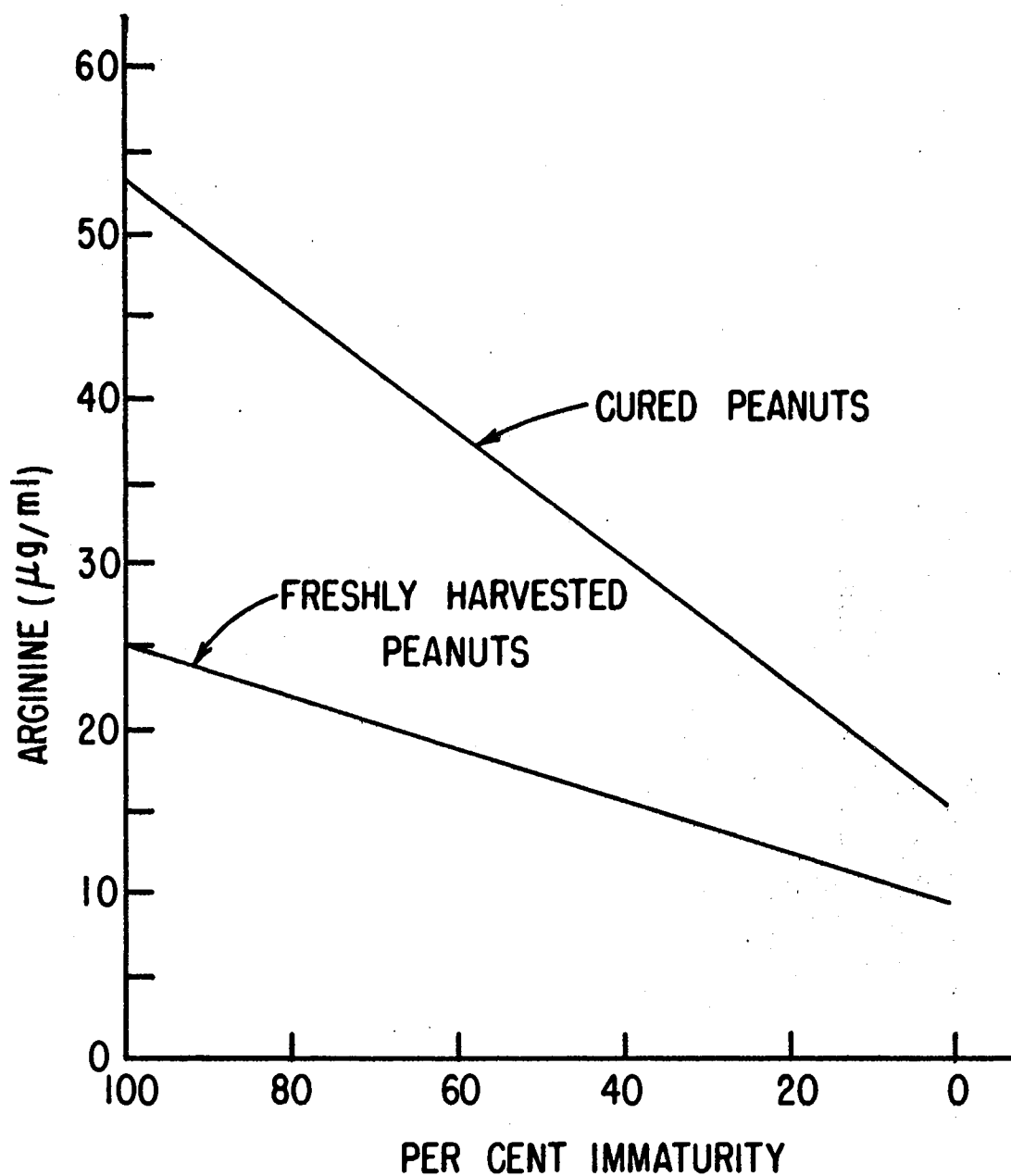


Figure 19. Calibration Curves for Arginine in Relation to the Degree of Immaturity.

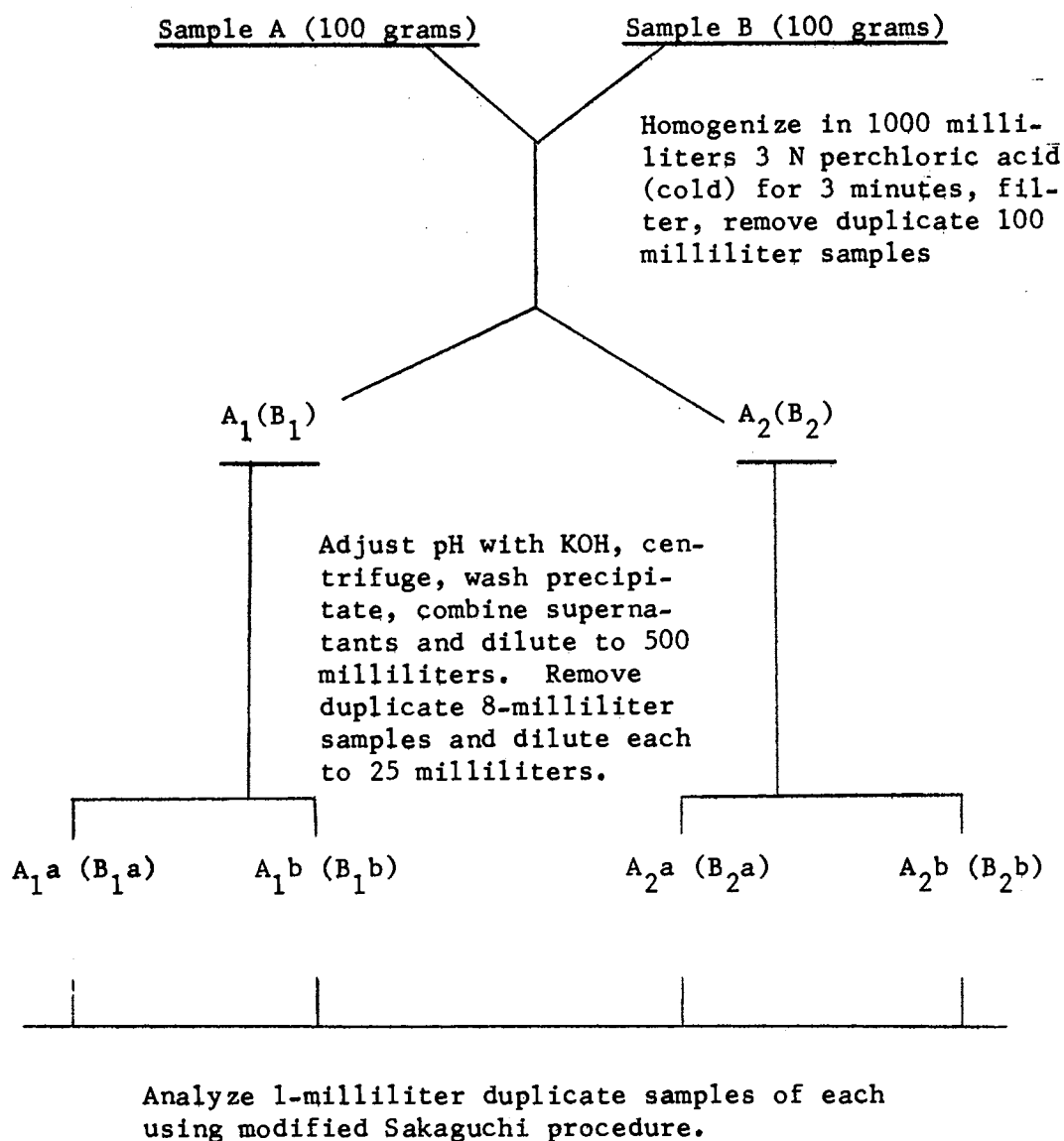


Figure 20. Flow Diagram of Precision and Accuracy Experiment  
Used in Arginine Assay System

## CHAPTER VIII

### FREE AMINO ACID, PEPTIDE AND PROTEIN COMPOSITION AS INFLUENCED BY VARIETY, MATURITY IRRIGATION AND PLANTING LOCATION

#### Introduction

Recently published work (21, 2, 76) proposes that the roasted-nutty flavor of roasted peanuts results largely from the reactions of glucose and fructose, liberated from sucrose, with free amino acids. The "majority" of these amino acids are believed to be released from a large peptide during roasting.

In this portion of the study, an effort was made to statistically measure some of the genetic and environmental effects on the free amino acid concentration of raw peanuts. Such information might provide a better understanding of the conditions necessary to produce and maintain a peanut capable of producing a good roasted flavor.

Before undertaking the analysis, several extraction methods were evaluated. These were compared with the method used by Newell (21) and Mason et al. (1, 2). Their methods required considerable technique and skill to obtain reproducible results. Based upon this author's experience with the extraction of peanut flavor precursors with methyl alcohol (76), a method using chloroform, methanol and water (MCW) to extract the free amino acids was developed which was milder than the perchloric acid extraction. The development of an improved method was

ught to be desirable.

With the MCW method, samples from the National variety test (see Chapter IV, page 29) were extracted by the detailed method listed under procedures and were analyzed on the amino acid analyzer using a modified ion-exchange procedure of Beckman Instruments.

The peanuts used in this series of studies were the same as those used for the fatty acid research in Chapter IV.

### Apparatus and Reagents

The apparatus and reagents were the same as reported in Chapter VI, page 84 except that after the development of the methodology Aminex A-5 sin had been added to the long column (containing PA-28) for the samples analyzed in Table XL. The data in Tables XXXV-XXXIX were obtained from the PA-28 column.

### Procedures

Table XXXV gives a very brief description of the various methods used and Table XXXVI lists the micromoles of each amino acid recovered from an equivalent amount of a standard peanut sample of Argentine Variety 0002, 1967, Ft. Cobb).

### Extraction Procedure for Free Amino Acids and Peptide

A 10 gm  $\pm$  1 mg peanut sample (known moisture content) was thoroughly ground (about 20-30 seconds) in a 250 ml stainless steel container using the Serval Omni-Mixer with the Powerstat setting of 80 V. Diethyl ether, 100 ml, was added with mixing and filtered with suction using a coarse sintered glass disk. The residue was washed twice,

ng a wash bottle, with diethyl ether. The ether was evaporated on a rotary evaporator and a small bottle of peanut oil was saved for fatty acid analysis. The residue was extracted (same container and same water-bath settings throughout) by blending three minutes with 150 ml methanol, chloroform and water mixture (60:25:15) (MCW) and filtered, using the same filter and washed once with a small amount of MCW. The residue was extracted again with 100 ml MCW, and blended one minute, then filtered, washed twice with MCW and then the residue was discarded.

The filtrate was evaporated to near dryness on a rotary evaporator at 45° C and diluted to 25 ml volume (for results recorded in Table XL) centrifuged and saved a portion of the clear liquid (between the fatty acid and residue) until ready for the chemical analysis. A portion of this sample was diluted with an equal volume of pH 2.2 citrate buffer and analyzed as described below. The samples, in which the data were recorded in Tables XXXVI-XXXIX, were taken after concentration to near dryness on the rotary evaporator and lyophilized to dryness. Then 20 ml of pH 2.2 citrate buffer was added, centrifuged, decanted and stored at -20° C until analyzed.

#### Imino Acid Analyzer Procedure

The standard Beckman physiological run for acidic amino acids and neutral amino acids was modified in order to speed up the analyses. The term "Hi-Temp" physiological was used because the analyses was performed at 56° C throughout without a temperature change. Buffer A is at pH 3.250 and must be very accurately measured and the timer setting to start B buffer (pH 4.26) must be adjusted accordingly. These steps are necessary to separate the peptide from the other amino acids. The buffer change occurs at about 120-125 minutes with a total

taking approximately 260 minutes (4.5 hours for the standard physiological run). The analysis of the basic amino acids on the short PA-35 umn was found to be adequate. A pH 5.28 buffer was used and required roximately one hour (one hour vs the recommended physiological run 6.25 hours). This shortening of the time on the analyzer saved about : hours on each sample with only a slight loss of information on the e amino acid content of peanuts.

#### Nitrogen Determination

The standard AOAC macro Kjeldahl method was used (64).

#### Moisture Determination

The samples were dried in a static drying oven at 110° C for five  
hrs.

### Results and Discussion

Recent published research (77) shows a methanol, chloroform and water mixture (MCW) to be an excellent solvent for extracting the free amino acids of plant material. Methanol had been found to be excellent for the extraction of the flavor precursors of peanuts. A simpler and simpler extraction method than used by Mason et al. (1, 2) and Newell (21) was desired. Thus several methods were evaluated. The methods are recorded in Table XXXV, with the free amino acid composition recorded in Table XXXVI. The standard consisted of Spanhoma peanuts (P-112 Ft. Cobb IRR) and was used for all of these tests. The perchloric acid extraction method of Newell (21) was used as a base for comparison (method one), since so much of the flavor precursor



earch was with this method. Methanol and 95 percent ethanol (methods , three, and four) were used as the extraction solvent but did not ract enough of the free amino acids. Repeated extractions probably ld have been better but were not repeated in this study. In method e, 70 percent aqueous methanol was used but the method was discarded ause of poor peptide extraction. The method using MCW (77) (method ) extracted about the same amount of free amino acids as the per- loric acid extraction and extracted nearly twice as much peptide. ce there existed considerable interest in the peptide as a major ecursor of roasted peanut flavor (21, 1, 2), this was considered the st method thus far. A more complete extraction was obtained by thod seven and supposedly gives a complete extraction of all free ino acids (78), but several time consuming steps employing additional tractions were necessary. Also there was not a significant increase the extraction of the peptide. With the information obtained with thod seven one may calculate an estimate of the total amino acid con- nt of peanuts when using method six. Several simplifications were ied in methods eight, nine and ten but the poorer extraction of par- ularly the peptide made them less desirable. Thus method six was lected for these groups of studies and was described fully under ocedures on page 116. Although not shown clearly in these results of mparing methods one and six, the comparison of results in Table XXVII with those published by Newell (21) showed that the MCW extrac- lon method extracted consistently twice as many micromoles of each amino acid except for methdonine.

In Tables XXXVII-XXXIX are recorded the results on peanuts grown t Perkins, Oklahoma in 1968. These are the same samples analyzed for

atty acid composition and oil stability described in Chapter IV and tested organoleptically (Chapter V). Only a portion of these peanut samples were analyzed because both of the limited availability of the amino acid analyzer and the approximately six hours required for each sample.

Table XXXVII shows the results of three maturity classes over the five harvest dates for the Argentine (P-2) variety. In all cases, except for aspartic acid and the peptide, the amount of an amino acid decreased with maturity for a given harvest date. Aspartic acid content early (113 days) in the season decreased with maturity ( $3.34 \mu\text{m/gm}$  down to  $0.69 \mu\text{m/gm}$ ) but the reversed trend was observed late (169 days) in the season (an increase from  $0.17$  to  $1.97 \mu\text{m/gm}$ ). The peptide content increased with maturity in each harvest date except in the 155 day harvest in which it was about the same in all three maturity groups.

In the accelerated method, the asparagine and glutamine peak occurred between threonine and serine giving one large peak which will be referred to as asparagine\* peak. Mason et al. (1, 2) and Newell (21) had listed typical flavor precursors as aspartic acid, asparagine (included glutamine), glutamic acid, phenylalanine and histidine. If the amino acids were ranked in descending order (data from Tables XXVII-XXXIX), glutamic acid followed by asparagine\* was always the highest in mature and low intermediate groups (except P-161 at 141 days). The peptide and phenylalanine were usually in the top six. Aspartic acid occurred in the top six rank fairly often. Of the immature peanuts studied, there was more arginine present (from  $18-38 \mu\text{m/gm}$  in peanuts) than any other amino acid which continues to support the theory that the presence of arginine is an indication of immaturity.

The importance of the peptide will be discussed in Chapter IX.

Proline was found in higher concentrations in the immature peanuts, as previously reported. Considerable more variation existed in proline content when compared with arginine. Further studies need to be done on the proline variation within mature and immature peanuts and its relation to immaturity.

An examination of the alanine values in Tables XXXVII-XXXIX shows that the alanine content of the 141 day harvest was two to three fold higher than the alanine content on the other harvest days. These peanut samples were cured at a higher temperature (110° F instead of 90° F) due to temperature control failure and scored lower on the organoleptic test (see Chapter V, page 70). The possibility of a high alanine content because of the increased drying temperature is worthy of further research. If increased alanine content is related to high drying temperatures, this might be a valuable handle to help solve the basic problems of off-flavors in peanuts dried above 95° F (56).

Figures 21, 22 and 23 are ion-exchange column chromatograms of extracts of mature, low intermediate and immature peanuts. These Argentine peanut samples were harvested at 141 days after planting. Particular attention is directed toward the location of the peptide peak following valine and just before methionine essentially riding the buffer change (from pH 3.250 to pH 4.25). The last peak on each chromatogram was arginine and it showed that the arginine peak increased in size with immaturity, even though less sample (0.1 ml as compared to 0.3 ml for the mature samples) was used.

Examination of these chromatograms show several unidentified peaks. In 1952, Done and Fowden (79) first reported the presence of

thyleneglutamine (MG) and  $\gamma$ -methyleneglutamic acid (MGA) in germinating peanut seedlings. Conkerton and Neucere (80) reported the use of exchange chromatography to identify MG and MGA in ethanol extracts of 0-20 germinating peanut seedlings. A reproduction of the area near the line of these three chromatograms is shown in Figure 24. The MG peak elutes just before proline and the MGA peak follows proline. These two peaks were identified by adding known amounts of MG and MGA to both a standard amino acid mixture and to an extract of peanuts. This precaution was taken to ensure that unknowns in the peanut extract would not have an effect on elution time of these two non-protein amino acids. Both MG and MGA increase with immaturity.

Fowden (81) reported that MG and MGA have not been isolated from mature peanut kernels. Although Conkerton and Neucere (80) reported the isolation of free amino acids from selected portions of dormant and germinating peanuts, they only reported the presence of MG and MGA in germinating peanut seedlings. Therefore, this appears to be the first report on the occurrence of MG and MGA from mature kernels. In Figure 24 the chromatogram was produced by the extract from slightly less than 0.2 gm of a mature peanut kernel. To the knowledge of this author this is the first published description of the effect of maturity on these two non-protein amino acids.

Table XL shows the free amino acid content of peanuts from the 8 National variety test. In Table XLI are recorded the dry matter content and percentage nitrogen. These data were statistically analyzed and the results recorded in Table XLII. Also recorded in Table XLII are the Coefficients of Variation (CV). These shelled peanuts from the 8 National variety test were stored at 34° F and 60 percent relative

idity. The nonirrigated samples from Oklahoma were grown in the same field as the 1968 Perkins, Oklahoma samples. They were stored until May, 1969 at which time they were extracted for the free amino acids. The storage system was similar to that used by some of the large commercial storage companies.

The most notable changes (apparently due to storage) were the complete loss of the asparagine and glutamine peak, a loss of most of the peptide (approximately a 75 percent reduction) and an increase in ammonia content (approximately a six-fold increase). Earlier work by Young and Holley (31) showed increasing amounts of ammonia in the nut volatiles of roasted peanuts after the peanuts were shelled and stored at 42° F but did not speculate on the source of the increased ammonia content. It appears that most of this ammonia, based on these results, probably came from the breakdown of asparagine and glutamine. Brown and Matlock (82) had examined the amino acid content of aleurone grains stored at 70° F. With zero-six months of storage, the asparagine and glutamine contents did not change significantly. The peanuts in this study, at the time of extraction were still viable and probably no catabolism of the asparagine and glutamine occurred. Prentice, et al. (83) and Burger, et al. (84) have shown the presence of peptide hydrolases from wheat and barley, respectively. Thus, similarly active enzymes were thought to be responsible for the disappearance of asparagine, glutamine and the peptide in peanuts.

These peanuts contain some degree of immaturity because they were machine shelled and graded. This probably accounts for about one-half of the coefficients of variation being above 10 percent (Table XLII). Also Aminex A-5 resin had been added to the PA-28 resin to maintain

length after cleaning. The resulting column did not give as good resolution on amino acid extracts of the peanuts as seen in the chromatograms (Figures 21-23) in which a pure PA-28 resin column was used. This supports the opinion of this author that two different ion-exchange resins should not be mixed.

The variance for the following were significantly different among the samples grown in Georgia and Oklahoma: dry matter, nitrogen, aspartic acid, proline, glycine, valine, isoleucine, peptide, ammonia, and histidine. The variance for the other free amino acids were not significantly different for the irrigated versus the nonirrigated tests in the two states: dry matter, nitrogen, aspartic acid, threonine, proline, glutamic acid, isoleucine, leucine, tyrosine, phenylalanine, peptide, ammonia and histidine. The variance for the other free amino acids did not differ significantly. The variance for the following were significantly different among the six entries in the four tests: dry matter, glutamic acid, leucine, tyrosine, phenylalanine, ammonia, histidine, arginine, tryptophan and total amino acids. The variances for the other free amino acids were not significantly different. The dry matter content, ammonia and histidine were the only items that had significant variance for state, irrigation and entry (variety).

As compared with the fatty acid analysis of variance (Chapter IV, page 55), there were no significant variances for LxE and SxLxE and there were only five significant variances for SxL and three for SxE interactions. For simplification of discussion, assume that glutamic acid was the most important amino acid flavor precursor. Variety was most important with the effect of irrigation also being important. Growth of peanuts in Georgia or Oklahoma had no significant effect on

a glutamic acid content of the varieties of peanuts tested. A similar amination could be made for each of the amino acids. A more meaningful analysis of these data would probably be performed on a combination of several of the amino acids, and our knowledge about such a combination has yet to be determined. It would appear that the most important factor was the disappearance of asparagine and glutamine followed by glutamic acid as far as good roasted flavor is concerned. The study of arginine in a model system as used by Newell (21) and Koehler (76) needs to be made to get a better understanding of the possible role of arginine in off-flavored immature peanuts.

Table XLI shows clearly the effect of irrigation on the protein content of peanut kernels (IRR 25.1 percent and NIR 28.2 percent). Protein is metabolized earlier in the season (38) with the fat being stored toward the end of the growing season (38, 66), thus it was not surprising that the peanuts grown with less stress (irrigated) contained less protein.

#### Summary

An improved method for the extraction of free amino acid and the peptide with a methanol, chloroform and water mixture was described.

The effect of variety, maturity and harvest date on amino acid and peptide content was studied. Glutamic acid and asparagine (includes glutamine, threonine and serine) were present in highest concentration in the mature and low intermediate peanuts. Arginine was the highest in immature peanuts. Two non-protein amino acids,  $\gamma$ -methylene glutamine (MG) and  $\gamma$ -methylene glutamic acid (MGA) were identified in mature peanut kernels and found to increase with immaturity.

Asparagine, glutamine and most of the peptide disappeared in shelled peanuts stored six months at 34° F and 60 percent relative humidity.

The effect of state, irrigation versus nonirrigation and variety on free amino acid contents under the above storage conditions was evaluated statistically. The analyses of variance were summarized in tabular form to show the responses.



TABLE XXXV  
EXTRACTION METHODS FOR FREE  
AMINO ACIDS AND PEPTIDE

Method	Description
1	Perchloric acid method of Newell (21).
2	10 gm of peanuts extracted with 100 ml of 95% ethanol, filtered, evaporated to dryness, 10 ml of 2.2 citrate buffer added, and filtered for analysis.
3	10 gm of peanuts extracted with 100 ml of 95% ethanol, filter, evaporated to dryness, extracted with ether, and 5 ml of 2.2 citrate buffer added.
4	Same as #2 except methanol is used in the extraction.
5	Same as #2 except using 70% aqueous methanol.
6	10 gm of peanuts extracted with 100 ml of hexane, extracted 3 min. with 100 ml of MCW in Serval Omini-Mixer, filtered, repeated, conc. and lyophilized to dryness, 20 ml of 2.2 buffer added, filtered and analyzed.
7	Same as #6 except after the MCW extraction, two extractions for 3 min. with 100 ml of 80% aq-ethanol were added.
8	Same as #6 except used 250 ml of MCW (one extraction).
9	10 gm ether extracted and extracted once with MCW.
10	Same as #9 except no ether extraction.

TABLE XXXVI  
RECOVERY OF AMINO ACIDS AND PEPTIDE FROM PEANUTS  
BY VARIOUS EXTRACTION PROCEDURES

mino Acid	Procedure									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$\mu\text{m/gm}$										
p	.317	.058	.059	.206	.326	.346	.570		.400	.365
r	.084	.019	.014	.017	.109	.198	.248		trace	nil
r	.228	.044	.053	.073	.169	.198	.278		.158	.165
n	.474	.106	.104	.147	.448	.542	.490		.238	.255
o	.324	.104	.028	.084	.400	.494	.358		.302	.083
u	1.521	.331	.284	.073	1.735	1.336	2.582	1.980	2.335	1.770
y	.101	.015	.009	.063	.090	.146	.288		.115	.135
a	.243	.069	.041	.099	.310	.264	.598		.300	.287
l	.114	.029	.008	.023	.155	.162	.264		.110	.087
s	nil	slight trace	nil	nil	.010	nil	nil		trace	nil
t		slight trace	nil	trace		.022	.052		.025	trace
e	.047	.009	.016	.009	.064	.090	.136	.057	.055	.055
u	.045	.008	.015	.006	.048	.090	.172		.048	.040
e	.436	.031	.016	.039	.344	.494	.620	.394	.435	.367
r	.062	.006	.004	.007	.037	.044	.076		.043	.032
ik-1	.024	.049	.779	.028	.011	.146	.176			
ik-1a					.025	.024	.054			
ik-2	.028	.076	.066	.235	.296	.072	.074			
ik-3	.078	.015	trace	trace	.031	.032	.038			
ik-2a						.118	.124			
ptide	.238	.086	.056	.151	.111	.424	.432	.307	.365	.350

TABLE XXXVII

THE EFFECT OF MATURITY AND HARVEST DATE ON THE  
FREE AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUTS  
GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA IN 1968

Strain: Argentine-Okla. P-No. 0002, Entry No. 61						
Amino Acid	Maturity	Harvest Date + No. of Days				
		9/10	9/24	10/8	10/22	11/5
		113	127	141	155	169
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μg/gm						
Aspartic acid	Mature	.69	.90	1.16	1.19	1.97
	Low Int.	2.18	1.63	.83	1.16	1.63
	Immature	3.34	3.97	1.32	.11	.17
Paragine*	Mature	3.34	2.62	2.74	2.23	2.81
	Low Int.	6.51	5.54	6.34	3.68	4.41
	Immature	19.72	16.55	19.59	27.07	21.42
Glycine	Mature	1.11	2.15	1.31	.89	.90
	Low Int.	4.32	2.57	1.28	.95	1.23
	Immature	20.83	5.79	4.29	14.56	15.15
Glutamic acid	Mature	4.95	6.45	7.33	6.81	7.02
	Low Int.	7.82	8.14	9.53	6.48	8.44
	Immature	11.52	10.73	13.47	14.56	16.86
Proline	Mature	.38	.32	.45	.17	.18
	Low Int.	.67	.56	1.13	.29	.32
	Immature	1.24	.91	2.56	1.02	1.71
Alanine	Mature	1.14	1.02	1.43	.54	.68
	Low Int.	2.55	2.22	6.23	.78	.97
	Immature	5.07	3.59	10.92	4.07	7.14
Valine	Mature	.55	.42	1.43	.28	.39
	Low Int.	.81	.67	1.44	.36	.44
	Immature	1.94	.78	2.33	1.69	1.46
Methionine	Mature	.03	.03	.05	.01	.06
	Low Int.	.06	.08	.07	.07	.06
	Immature	.10	.13	.17	.14	.12
Isoleucine	Mature	.17	.18	.36	.23	.17
	Low Int.	.26	.22	.66	.17	.16
	Immature	.70	.24	1.05	.68	.43
Threonine	Mature	.15	.13	.24	.12	.13
	Low Int.	.23	.21	.50	.17	.14
	Immature	.51	.25	.72	.53	.39
Serine	Mature	.08	.08	.17	.11	.10
	Low Int.	.10	.09	.48	.11	.10
	Immature	.24	.14	.70	.35	.25

TABLE XXXVII (continued)

ino Acid	Maturity	Harvest Date + No. of Days				
		9/10	9/24	10/8	10/22	11/5
		113	127	141	155	169
		μg/gm				
nylalanine	Mature	.51	1.07	1.43	1.43	1.32
	Low Int.	.35	.40	2.44	1.37	1.55
	Immature	1.30	.41	3.53	3.42	1.37
tide	Mature	.63	1.63	2.40	1.79	1.47
	Low Int.	.30	.68	1.03	1.37	1.03
	Immature	.34	.66	.94	1.64	.34
onia	Mature	.43	.33	.40	.28	.43
	Low Int.	.95	.77	1.23	.49	1.20
	Immature	2.91	2.08	2.42	2.45	3.11
ine	Mature	.08	.09	.10	.08	.09
	Low Int.	.33	.30	.49	.16	.18
	Immature	1.84	1.48	2.14	2.50	3.20
tidine	Mature	.17	.19	.28	.19	.20
	Low Int.	.53	.43	1.05	.35	.36
	Immature	1.99	1.14	2.12	3.54	3.34
inine	Mature	.60	.69	.54	.43	.52
	Low Int.	3.62	2.90	3.00	1.10	1.27
	Immature	25.52	17.93	21.44	33.28	38.31
ptophan	Mature	.05	.06	.14	.09	.07
	Low Int.	.07	.07	.37	.30	.15
	Immature	.35	.08	.54	.61	.30

\* A combination of asparagine, glutamine, threonine and serine

TABLE XXXVIII

THE EFFECT OF MATURITY AND HARVEST DATE ON THE  
FREE AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUTS  
GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA IN 1968

Strain: OICB1271 (Spanhoma)-Okla. P-No. 0112, Entry No. 2						
Amino Acid	Maturity	Harvest Date & No. of Days				
		9/10	9/24	10/8	10/22	11/5
		113	127	141	155	169
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<div>μm/gm</div>						
Aspartic Acid	Mature	.71	.80	.93	1.35	2.32
Asparagine*	Mature	2.71	2.14	2.97	2.26	2.64
Choline	Mature	.88	1.92	1.17	.77	.82
Glutamic Acid	Mature	6.25	6.55	6.84	6.35	7.69
Lysine	Mature	.37	.29	.76	.22	.18
Isoleucine	Mature	.91	.81	2.23	.76	.61
Alanine	Mature	.47	.41	.86	.33	.34
Methionine	Mature	.05	.07	.07	.07	.06
Threonine	Mature	.18	.19	.43	.16	.18
Valine	Mature	.14	.13	.38	.12	.13
Proline	Mature	.09	.08	.28	.07	.12
Phenylalanine	Mature	.94	1.02	1.14	.89	2.03
Peptide	Mature	1.66	1.96	1.72	1.68	2.06
Ammonia	Mature	.57	.29	.73	.40	.31
Cysteine	Mature	.05	.05	.14	.06	.09
Histidine	Mature	.13	.14	.03	.19	.22
Arginine	Mature	.22	.25	.78	.34	.57
Tryptophan	Mature	nil	.05	.10	.06	.10

\*This value includes asparagine, glutamine, threonine and serine.

TABLE XXXIX

THE EFFECT OF MATURITY AND HARVEST DATE ON THE  
FREE AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUTS  
GROWN AT PERKINS, OKLAHOMA IN 1968

Strain: Valencia-Okla. P-No. 0161, Entry No. 5						
Amino Acid	Maturity	Harvest Date & No. of Days				
		9/10	1/24	10/8	10/22	11/5
		113	127	141	155	169
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$\mu\text{g/gm}$						
aspartic Acid	Mature	.89	1.27	.52	.88	1.09
asparagine*	Mature	3.65	3.69	4.67	3.30	3.50
proline	Mature	.90	2.41	2.68	.94	1.66
glutamic	Mature	6.32	7.14	6.46	6.53	4.53
lysine	Mature	.43	.41	.86	.39	.63
alanine	Mature	1.27	1.69	5.25	1.23	2.60
valine	Mature	.74	.67	1.62	.54	.43
methionine	Mature	.10	.10	.17	.06	.01
isoleucine	Mature	.36	.27	.89	.28	.23
threonine	Mature	.25	.29	.82	.24	.18
tyrosine	Mature	.16	.14	.59	.13	.15
phenylalanine	Mature	1.60	.69	1.41	1.25	1.34
peptide	Mature	1.75	1.38	1.23	1.07	1.33
ammonia	Mature	.48	.44	.93	.47	.90
asparagine	Mature	.10	.12	.30	.13	.12
histidine	Mature	.24	.22	.41	.20	.19
arginine	Mature	.50	.60	1.36	.65	.69
tryptophan	Mature	.12	.09	.18	.20	.08

\* This value includes asparagine, glutamine, threonine and serine.

TABLE XL

THE EFFECT OF STATE, IRRIGATION AND VARIETY ON THE  
FREE AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF PEANUTS FROM  
THE 1968 NATIONAL VARIETY TEST

State	Ident. #	Treat- ment	Asp	Thr	Ser	Pro	Glu	Gly	Ala	Val
$\mu\text{m/gm}$										
Argentina (P-0002) (#2)										
Ok	1	NIR	0.40	.33	.40	1.09	5.00	.40	1.35	.65
Ok	2	NIR	1.75	.31	.36	0.80	5.70	.39	0.48	.57
La	1	NIR	1.67	.35	.32	0.97	6.70	.54	0.76	.57
La	2	NIR	1.52	.35	.31	0.53	6.35	.51	0.71	.64
Ok	3	IRR	2.28	.35	.51	0.56	5.00	.39	0.67	.52
Ok	4	IRR	0.45	.36	.58	0.80	5.12	.41	2.08	.54
La	3	IRR	0.36	.35	.31	0.44	4.75	.51	0.80	.65
La	4	IRR	0.66	.30	.65	0.39	6.55	.52	0.86	.98
Ga C-1-27 (P-1258) (#3)										
k	5	NIR	1.15	.33	.40	0.88	6.20	.42	0.77	.51
k	6	NIR	0.41	.34	.37	0.88	4.23	.39	1.11	.61
a	5	NIR	0.96	.26	.82	0.68	7.15	.46	0.66	.73
a	6	NIR	1.40	.33	.30	0.60	6.15	.54	0.87	.67
k	7	IRR	2.03	.35	.50	0.85	4.90	.38	0.63	.53
k	8	IRR	3.13	.37	.55	0.85	6.70	.36	0.88	.57
a	7	IRR	1.43	.37	.34	0.49	7.70	.59	0.86	.84
a	8	IRR	0.67	.32	.31	0.43	3.50	.43	0.60	.51
Spantex (P-0004) (#4)										
c	9	NIR	1.60	.32	.36	0.93	6.35	.40	0.55	.52
c	10	NIR	1.55	.33	.38	0.97	5.95	.39	0.64	.48
a	9	NIR	0.86	.35	.70	0.54	7.20	.51	0.88	.88
a	10	NIR	0.68	.31	.32	0.53	6.50	.54	1.27	.52
c	11	IRR	2.00	.33	.48	0.58	5.40	.39	0.74	.54
c	12	IRR	1.89	.34	.50	0.64	5.50	.39	0.64	.54
a	11	IRR	0.92	.35	.35	0.45	5.50	.50	0.74	.60
a	12	IRR	1.32	.37	.38	0.56	5.15	.56	1.14	.63
Starr (P-0006) (#6)										
	13	NIR	1.80	.36	.41	1.34	6.20	.41	0.65	.61
	14	NIR	1.40	.32	.38	0.88	5.83	.39	0.62	.52
	13	NIR	0.68	.30	.30	0.49	6.25	.50	0.97	.48
	14	NIR	1.25	.32	.32	0.50	6.63	.55	0.74	.52
	15	IRR	2.66	.40	.55	0.60	6.05	.41	0.76	.59
	16	IRR	2.33	.35	.54	0.58	5.83	.39	0.66	.57

Met	Ile	Leu	Tyr	Phe	Pep	NH <sub>3</sub>	Lys	His	Arg	Try	Total
$\mu\text{m/gm}$											
.24	.32	.38	.46	1.08	.58	1.80	.25	.31	0.45	.40	15.89
.24	.32	.37	.46	1.41	.38	1.31	.26	.31	0.50	.40	16.32
.24	.33	.38	.51	1.74	.18	1.27	.26	.31	0.47	.40	17.97
.24	.33	.38	.47	1.74	.19	1.27	.25	.32	0.48	.40	16.99
.24	.34	.39	.44	1.94	.20	2.32	.29	.34	0.62	.43	17.83
.24	.34	.39	.42	1.81	.39	2.76	.24	.34	0.50	.41	18.18
.23	.29	.39	.46	3.55	.19	1.80	.24	.34	0.38	.40	16.44
.19	.41	.34	.36	3.12	.19	0.48	.21	.35	0.41	.33	17.30
.24	.33	.38	.54	2.12	.28	1.63	.25	.32	0.52	.50	17.77
.24	.32	.38	.43	1.33	.47	2.04	.24	.32	0.48	.41	15.00
.19	.27	.30	.31	0.67	.18	0.54	.22	.30	0.47	.33	15.50
.23	.34	.38	.46	1.41	.18	1.18	.25	.31	0.47	.40	16.46
.23	.34	.39	.44	2.28	.25	2.15	.26	.34	0.52	.43	17.80
.24	.35	.40	.43	2.21	.27	2.17	.30	.37	0.73	.42	21.30
.23	.44	.41	.50	3.75	.18	1.18	.25	.31	0.47	.40	20.74
.23	.35	.37	.46	1.84	.17	1.42	.24	.37	0.50	.44	13.16
.24	.34	.38	.48	3.08	.35	1.52	.26	.32	0.51	.40	18.91
.24	.33	.39	.51	2.32	.26	1.72	.26	.32	0.57	.45	18.06
.19	.36	.36	.36	0.86	.18	0.63	.23	.33	0.50	.33	16.25
.24	.34	.39	.55	2.23	.20	1.55	.32	.43	0.80	.54	18.26
.23	.35	.40	.45	1.98	.19	1.48	.27	.33	0.54	.43	17.11
.23	.35	.40	.46	2.32	.20	1.93	.27	.33	0.54	.43	17.90
.23	.42	.41	.59	5.20	.18	1.44	.35	.47	0.83	.41	19.94
.23	.42	.43	.56	4.50	.17	1.73	.35	.50	0.92	.44	20.36
.23	.34	.39	.48	2.30	.18	1.80	.27	.33	0.60	.41	19.11
.23	.33	.37	.47	2.21	.30	1.55	.26	.31	0.52	.43	17.32
.24	.34	.38	.55	2.36	.19	1.32	.32	.42	0.78	.53	17.40
.24	.34	.39	.55	2.16	.19	1.30	.33	.43	0.78	.42	17.96
.23	.35	.40	.46	2.30	.17	2.96	.28	.34	0.66	.42	20.59
.23	.35	.39	.42	2.07	.23	2.00	.27	.33	0.52	.43	18.49



TABLE XL (continued)

ate	Ident. #	Treat- ment	Asp	Thr	Ser	Pro	Glu	Gly	Ala	Va
$\mu\text{m/gm}$										
a	15	IRR	0.72	.35	.34	0.44	7.55	.52	1.20	.6
a	16	IRR	1.00	.33	.34	0.47	4.95	.50	0.83	.7
Ga C-32-S (P-1259) (#5)										
c	17	NIR	1.28	.33	.43	0.88	10.70	.43	0.94	.5
c	18	NIR	1.75	.34	.44	1.40	8.90	.43	0.88	.5
a	17	NIR	0.38	.37	.39	0.64	8.23	.61	2.16	.6
a	18	NIR	0.83	.33	.35	0.56	7.40	.53	1.40	.4
c	19	IRR	3.00	.36	.60	0.66	7.45	.42	0.83	.6
c	20	IRR	2.00	.39	.71	0.77	9.80	.47	2.63	.6
a	19	IRR	0.66	.33	.35	0.41	4.85	.46	0.78	.5
a	20	IRR	0.95	.35	.37	0.47	7.85	.59	1.43	.6
PI 268684 (P-0385) (#1)										
c	21	NIR	1.86	.33	.45	1.24	8.90	.43	0.75	.5
c	22	NIR	1.55	.33	.41	0.88	10.40	.43	0.98	.4
a	21	NIR	0.67	.31	.34	0.55	10.20	.63	2.05	.5
a	22	NIR	1.46	.33	.32	0.47	7.35	.52	0.74	.4
c	23	IRR	3.14	.35	.58	0.72	7.45	.40	0.75	.5
c	24	IRR	3.30	.37	.65	0.68	7.70	.42	0.83	.5
c	23	IRR	1.64	.35	.35	0.49	6.10	.50	0.72	.5
c	24	IRR	0.43	.35	.33	0.47	7.15	.55	2.16	.5

Met	Ile	Leu	Tyr	Phe	Pep	NH <sub>3</sub>	Lys	His	Arg	Try	Total
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$\mu\text{m/gm}$											
.23	.43	.40	.57	5.80	.19	1.52	.33	.47	0.81	.45	22.94
.23	.40	.40	.44	2.63	.19	1.50	.24	.35	0.50	.43	16.49
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.24	.35	.38	.70	5.05	.27	2.95	.27	.33	0.60	.57	27.22
.24	.35	.39	.60	3.97	.24	2.32	.24	.34	0.59	.50	24.49
.24	.38	.43	.63	3.00	.21	2.35	.27	.33	0.51	.66	22.39
.24	.35	.39	.60	2.86	.21	2.64	.26	.33	0.54	.63	20.94
.24	.38	.43	.48	3.15	.20	4.00	.29	.37	0.66	.46	24.59
.24	.39	.44	.58	5.20	.29	7.20	.27	.39	1.05	.62	34.06
.23	.39	.39	.55	4.18	.19	1.70	.27	.36	0.48	.44	17.57
.24	.44	.43	.62	4.90	.22	1.90	.27	.38	0.52	.51	23.09
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.24	.34	.39	.66	3.26	.25	2.80	.27	.33	0.63	.50	24.13
.24	.34	.39	.65	6.20	.28	4.53	.49	.34	0.39	.54	29.85
.24	.35	.40	.69	4.52	.26	2.65	.28	.34	0.44	.77	26.21
.23	.32	.37	.53	2.70	.19	1.68	.26	.32	0.47	.40	19.12
.24	.35	.40	.44	3.00	.21	3.90	.28	.36	0.57	.44	24.15
.24	.36	.41	.47	3.30	.21	4.53	.31	.37	0.89	.45	26.07
.23	.40	.40	.51	3.81	.19	2.27	.27	.39	0.60	.42	20.22
.23	.41	.40	.56	4.83	.18	2.86	.26	.38	0.58	.48	23.20

TABLE XLI

NITROGEN AND DRY MATTER CONTENT OF SPANISH PEANUT VARIETIES  
OR STRAINS FROM THE NATIONAL VARIETY TEST, 1968

Variety or Strain	Georgia				Oklahoma			
	No.	DM	N(DB)		No.	DM	N(DB)	
			NIR	IRR			NIR	IRR
			%				%	
gentine	1	93.69	5.25		1	94.27	5.43	
	2	93.61	5.13		2	94.25	5.16	
	3	94.16		4.72	3	94.56		4.59
	4	93.98		4.55	4	95.27		4.43
C-1-27 ifspan)	5	94.02	5.13		5	94.23	5.29	
	6	93.77	5.08		6	94.09	5.40	
	7	94.24		4.39	7	94.43		4.32
	8	94.08		4.38	8	94.78		4.47
antex	9	93.49	5.03		9	94.24	5.01	
	10	93.94	5.00		10	94.01	5.25	
	11	93.79		4.58	11	94.74		4.54
	12	94.05		4.64	12	94.58		4.53
arr	13	94.46	5.07		13	94.53	5.08	
	14	93.70	5.21		14	94.36	5.13	
	15	94.01		4.81	15	94.46		4.68
	16	94.25		4.27	16	94.93		4.59
C-32S pancross)	17	93.14	5.13		17	94.17	5.08	
	18	93.81	5.05		18	94.04	5.06	
	19	94.07		4.59	19	94.03		4.68
	20	95.78		4.41	20	94.50		4.66
268684	21	95.37	4.97		21	93.84	5.50	
	22	95.37	4.99		22	93.74	5.16	
	23	95.47		4.63	23	94.23		4.58
	24	95.55		4.71	24	93.97		4.81
1a P-112 panhoma)	25	95.28	5.04		25	94.06	5.17	
	26	95.25	5.02		26	93.78	5.20	
	27	95.74		4.47	27	94.12		4.78
	28	95.55		4.48	28	94.26		4.46
xie Spanish	29	95.29	4.66		29	93.87	5.18	
	30	95.29	4.95		30	93.99	4.96	
	31	95.54		4.52	31	94.36		4.62
	32	94.66		4.42	32	94.25		4.46
268771 B.	33	94.21	5.18		33	93.88	5.09	
	34	94.06	5.08		34	93.88	5.07	
	35	94.73		4.71	35	94.40		4.56
	36	94.48		4.74	36	94.21		4.63

TABLE XLII

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE ON THE POOLED DATA OF FREE AMINO  
ACID COMPOSITION, DRY MATTER AND PROTEIN CONTENT OF  
PEANUTS FROM THE 1968 NATIONAL VARIETY TEST

	Ga vs Ok(S)	IRR vs NIR(L)	Variety (E)	SxL	SxE	LxE	SxLxE	CV (a)	CV (b)
								%	%
DM%	*	**	**	NS	**	NS	NS	0.25	0.32
Nitrogen	*	**	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	2.4	2.5
Asp	**	*	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	29.5	37.2
Thr	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	4.2	6.6
Ser	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	35.4	22.5
Pro	**	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	19.8	21.3
Glu	NS	*	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	16.1	18.2
Gly	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	3.9	9.6
Ala	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	62.3	47.4
Val	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	13.8	16.6
Met	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	5.3	4.3
Ile	**	**	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	5.5	8.8
Leu	NS	**	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	2.2	5.1
Tyr	NS	*	**	*	NS	NS	NS	8.5	11.8
Phe	NS	*	**	**	NS	NS	NS	24.9	31.1
Pep	**	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	23.0	24.4
NH <sub>3</sub>	**	*	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	27.3	31.5
Lys	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	12.9	14.6
His	**	**	**	NS	**	NS	NS	5.0	7.5
Arg	NS	NS	*	NS	**	NS	NS	20.2	19.2
Try	NS	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	9.5	17.2
Total	NS	NS	**	NS	NS	NS	NS	11.8	14.7

NS Not significant

\* 5% level

\*\* 1% level

Figure 21. Chromatogram of Free Amino Acids from Mature  
peanuts, Variety Argentine P-2.

Conditions were as follows:

Harvested - 10/8/68 - 141 days

Concentration of Sample - 10 gm peanuts/20 ml of pH 2.2

Tris Buffer

	Acidic & Neutral Amino Acids	Basic Amino Acids
Resin	PA-28	PA-35
Buffer Flow	50 ml/hr	68 ml/hr
Ninhydrin Flow	25 ml/hr	25 ml/hr
Sample Applied	0.3 ml	0.3 ml

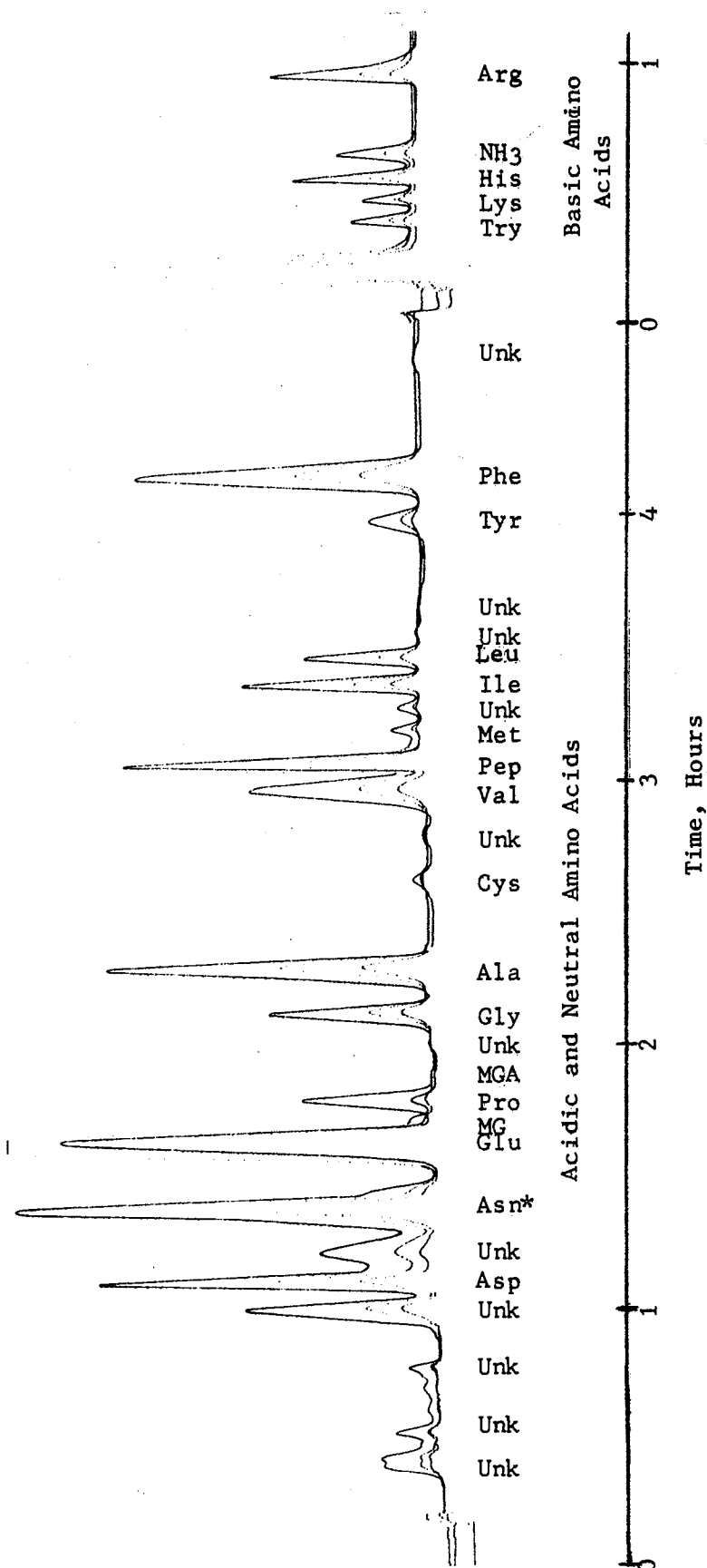


Figure 22. Chromatogram of Free Amino Acids from Low  
intermediate Peanuts, Variety Argentine P-2.

Conditions were as follows:

Harvested - 10/8/68 - 141 days

Concentration of Sample - 10 gm peanuts/20 ml of pH 2.2  
sulfate Buffer

	Acidic & Neutral Amino Acids	Basic Amino Acids
Resin	PA-28	PA-35
Buffer Flow	50 ml/hr	68 ml/hr
Ninhydrin Flow	25 ml/hr	25 ml/hr
Sample Applied	0.2 ml	0.3 ml

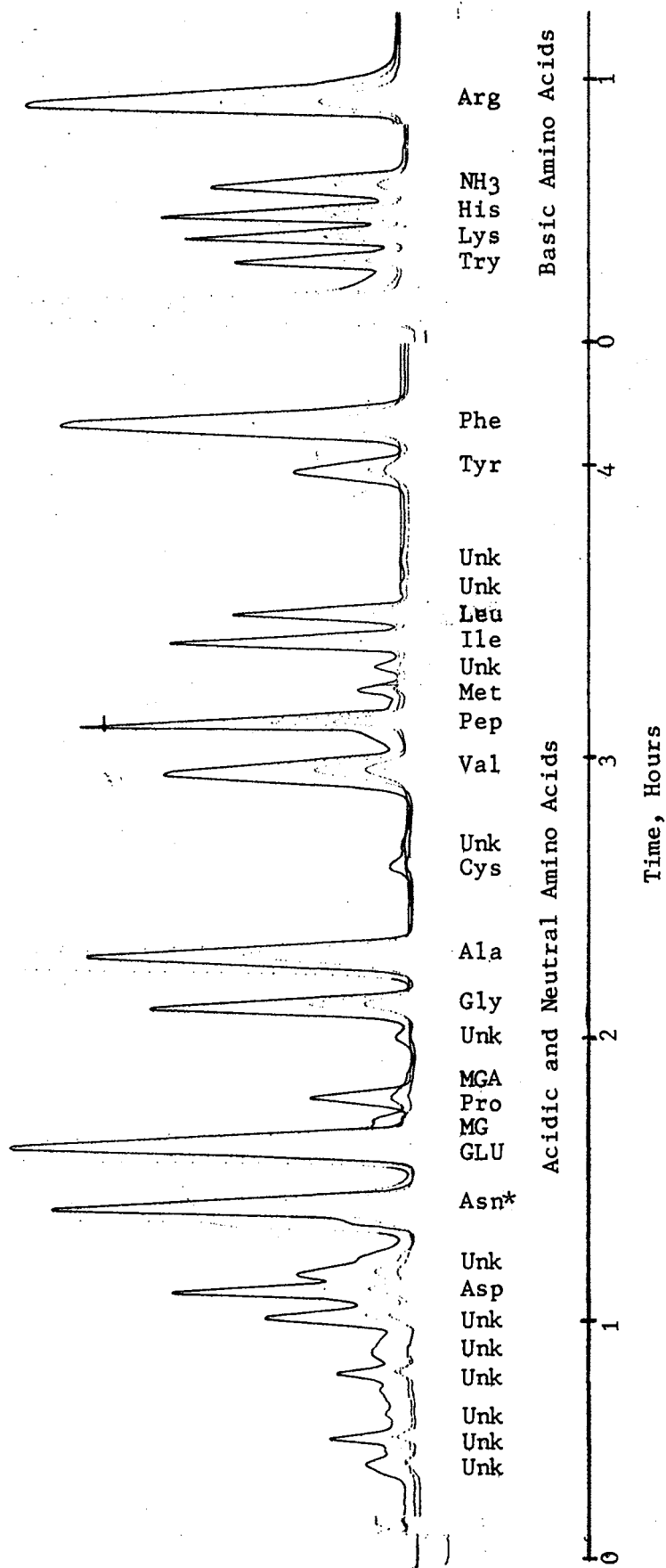




Figure 23. Chromatogram of Free Amino Acids from  
immature Peanuts, Variety Argentine P-2.

Conditions were as follows:

Harvested - 10/8/68 - 141 days

Concentration of Sample - 10 gm peanuts/20 ml of pH 2.2

citrate Buffer

	Acidic & Neutral Amino Acids	Basic Amino Acids
Resin	PA-28	PA-35
Buffer Flow	50 ml/hr	68 ml/hr
Ninhydrin Flow	25 ml/hr	25 ml/hr
Sample Applied	0.1 ml	0.1 ml

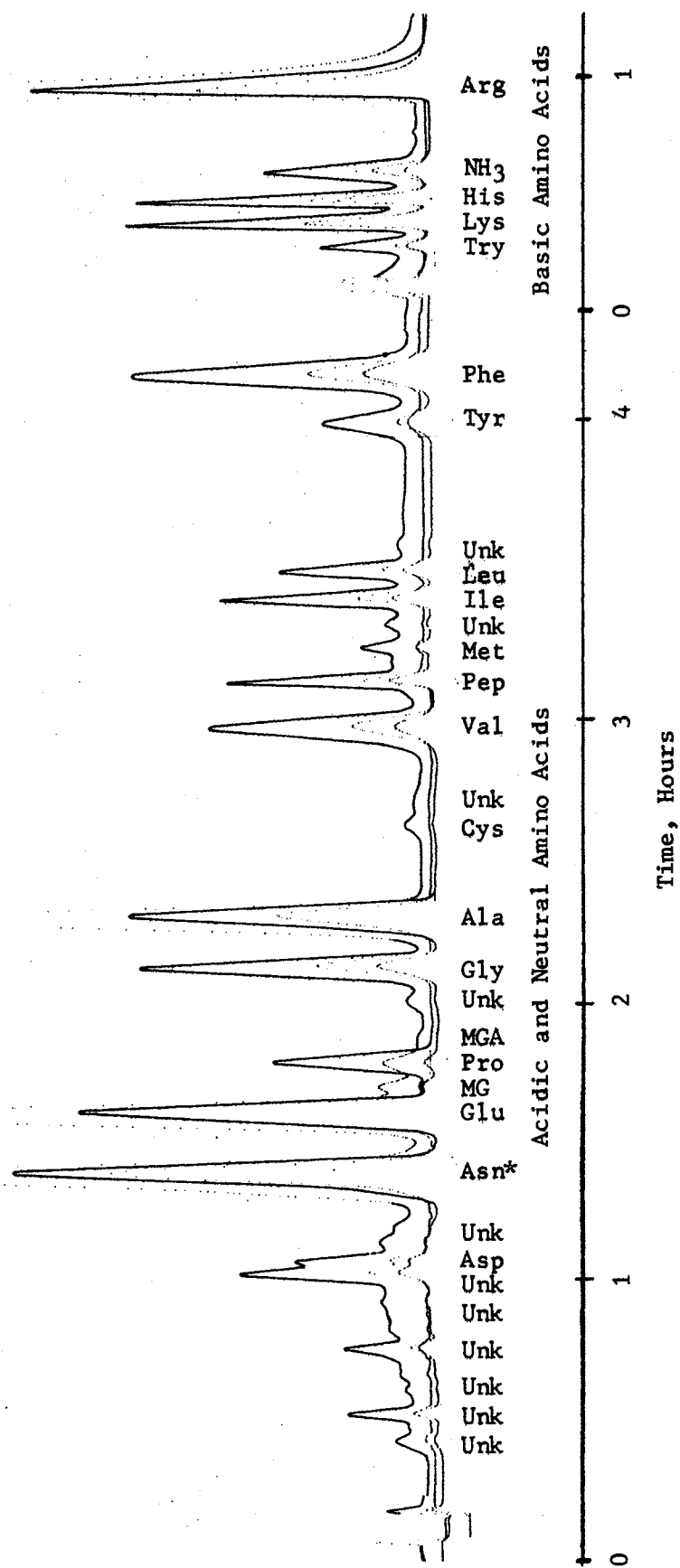
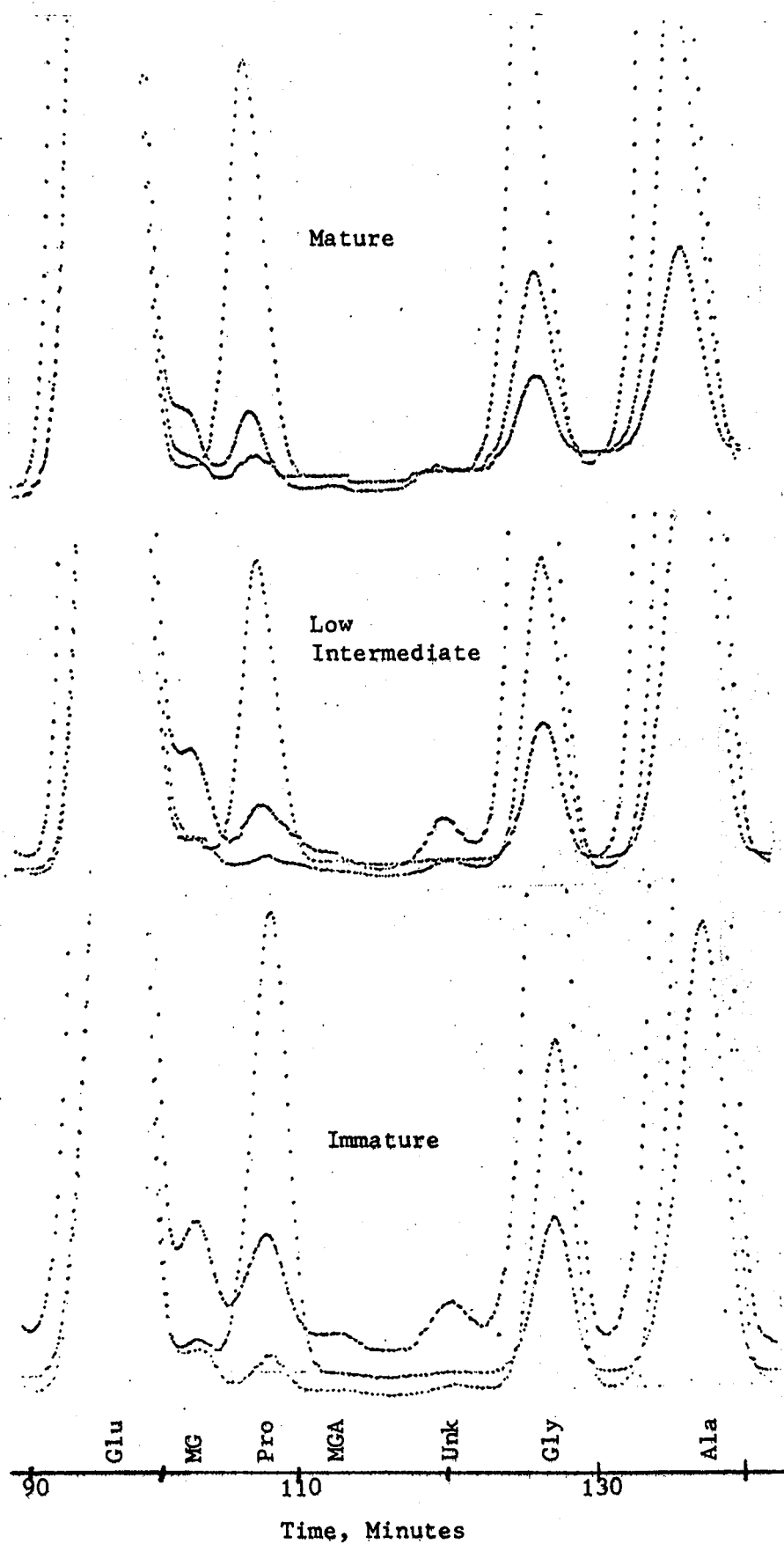


Figure 24. A Portion of the Chromatogram (Figures 21, and 23) near Proline to show the Retention Time of MG and , and to show the Effect on Maturity on MG and MGA.



## CHAPTER IX

### ISOLATION AND PARTIAL CHARACTERIZATION OF AN ACIDIC PEPTIDE

#### Introduction

An unidentified peak called an unknown amino acid was described by Newell (21) to be related to maturity and to produce atypical flavor in roasted peanuts. Later it was found not to be amino acid but was peptide or small protein and was considered to have typical flavor (1). As it eluted with the amino acids, it was suspected to be a peptide but was later found to contain approximately 80 amino acid units (2). Recently Mason, et al. (1, 2) proposed that the majority of the amino acids that react with the reducing sugars were released from a large peptide during roasting. The concentration of this peptide was shown to increase from two to four micromoles in fat-free peanut meal with increasing maturity (21, 1, 2) a fact also substantiated by this dissertation (Chapter VIII, page 129).

The peptide, which was probably a misnomer, described in this chapter is the same as the one labeled peptide 2 by Mason et al. (1, 2) Chapter II, page 8. The present study was a continuation of the above research initiated by Mason, et al. and was an attempt to obtain a sufficient quantity of highly purified peptide suitable for characterization and for testing its role as a flavor precursor in a model system (21, 76).

Attempts at purification and characterization are described. A new method, partially evaluated, is proposed for the isolation of the acidic peptide.

This study was conducted with a good flavored selection (P-74) which had been found to be high in peptide content.

### Apparatus and Reagents

#### Apparatus

Peptide analyses were made using the ion-exchange column chromatography technique of Spackman, et al. (16) on a Beckman Model 120-C Amino Acid Analyzer. A 54 cm column with a buffer flow rate of 50 ml/hour containing the PA-28 resin was used for the monitoring of the acidic peptides presence.

#### Reagents

Bio-Gel P-2 (BIO-RAD Laboratories).

Dowex AG 1-X2 (BIO-RAD Laboratories).

QAE Sephadex A-50 (Pharmacia Fine Chemicals, Inc.).

Reagent grade chemicals were used.

For buffers used in ion-exchange chromatography on the analyzer, the Beckman Procedure Manual of instructions was followed (63).

### Procedures

#### Purification of an Acidic Peptide as Reported by Mason et al. (2).

Raw peanuts were extracted by the methods of Newell et al. (85) and Newell (21). The extract was placed on a Dowex -1-acetate column

and the neutral and basic amino acids washed from the column with water. The peptide was eluted with 2 N acetic acid. The peptide was preparatively chromatographed and collected from the amino acid analyzer column.

#### Elution of the Peptide with Sodium Chloride

The above method of Mason et al. (2) was repeated using a 2.2 x 10 cm Dowex AG1-X2-acetate column except elution was with a one percent sodium chloride solution for 60 tubes followed by a two percent sodium chloride solution for the remainder of the elution steps. Approximately 15 ml per tube were collected and the 280 nm absorbance was measured on every second or third tube.

#### Elution of Peptide with an Acetic Acid-Ammonium Hydroxide Mixture

Using the same resin material (Dowex-1-acetate) as used by Mason, et al. (2), a 2.2 x 10 cm column was prepared. His procedure was followed except the peptide was eluted using a mixture of acetic acid and ammonium hydroxide consisting of 3 ml of glacial acetic acid and 5.1 ml of concentrated ammonium hydroxide diluted to a 500 ml volume with water. The peaks were detected using a combination of ultra violet absorbance at 280 nm, spotting on paper to detect (a weak rose colored spot) and checking the apparent peaks on the Beckman model 120-C amino acid analyzer. It should be pointed out that we had no positive method of assay for the peptide except with the amino acid analyzer.

#### Partial Desalting of the Peptide

The peptide solution obtained when the peptide was eluted with two percent sodium chloride solution, was passed through a 2.2 X 28 cm Bio Gel P-2 column and 10 ml fractions collected using a ISCO model UA-1 ultraviolet analyzer.

#### Extraction of Peptide From Raw Peanuts

Methanol was used to extract the peptide (as compared to perchloric acid or sodium chloride solution used in the above method) from fat-free peanut meal. The extract was evaporated to an oily residue and this crude preparation, which gave an excellent peanut aroma when heated in an oven, was used for further isolation and purification. With most of the tests described in the chapter, a crude preparation prepared as above was processed from 200 pounds of peanuts (P-74).

#### Detection of Peptide

At present the only positive method of identification of the peptide is by ion-exchange column chromatography. With flow rates of 8 ml/hour, the peptide was not detected, therefore flow rates of 50 ml/hour were used on a 54 cm PA-28 ion-exchange column. If the peptide was present in high enough concentration and relatively pure, it produced a faint rose colored spot when reacted with ninhydrin solution on paper. It was assumed to have a 280 nm absorption as it contained an aromatic amino acid although the pure peptide has not been obtained and tested for maximum absorbance.

#### Preparative chromatography on amino acid analyzer

The peptide had been isolated from 200 pounds of peanuts (P-74).



had been partially purified on a 2.2 x 10 cm Dowex AG1-X2 acetate column. This partially purified peptide when examined by ion-exchange column chromatography appeared relatively pure in small quantities, but is quite impure when larger amounts were examined using the amino acid analyzer. The peptide was prepared on the analyzer column by repeated runs on the 54 cm PA-28 ion-exchange column and collecting as it eluted from the column in pH 3.250 citrate buffer. The peptide preparation is rechromatographed to determine the purity of the peptide.

#### Hydrolysis of Peptide with 6 N HCL

The method (Chapter VI, page 85) previously described was used in this study.

### Results and Discussion

This discussion is essentially a progress report of efforts over nearly three years to isolate a larger quantity of purified peptide suitable for determining its amino acid sequence, molecular weight, biological role and suspected role as a flavor precursor. It is now thought that most of the problems of isolation were due to the highly acidic nature of the peptide (about one-third of the amino acid residues in the peptide were aspartic and glutamic acids) which caused it to attract and carry along the impurities. But first a naive approach to the problem follows.

The loss of peptide in solutions of trichloroacetic acid and acetic acid even when kept at  $-20^{\circ}$  C was a problem, whereas water or sodium chloride solutions seemed to have no effect on stability. Only recently as it realized that a rather pure peptide could be stored in pH 3.250

trate buffer at 4° C for as much as three months. The peptide appears to hydrolyze very easily, thus adding to the problems of isolation.

The following results are typical of those experienced with the attempts at isolation and purification of the acidic peptide. Mason, et al. (2) found the peptide difficult to elute with 2 N acetic acid. Because of difficulty with elution and stability of the peptide in acetic acid, a one percent sodium chloride solution (followed by a two percent sodium chloride solution) was used to elute the peptide. A tracing of the spectra is shown in Figure 25. There were four major peaks and several minor peaks present. Tubes 25 (which produced a good color with ninhydrin in a spot test), 45 (which produced a very good spot test) and 67 and 115 (which gave a faint spot test) were analyzed by ion-exchange chromatography.

Figure 26 shows the chromatogram produced when tube 25 was analyzed using the amino acid analyzer. At least four unknown substances were detected and aspartic acid, glutamic acid, proline, asparagine, glutamine, trace of peptide and possibly hydroxy-proline were detected. The presence of the neutral amino acids was not expected since the procedure using a thorough washing with water as described by Mason et al. (2) was followed.

The chromatogram obtained on tube 45 (Figure 27) shows four unidentified substances, glutamic acid and larger amounts of peptide. The analysis of tube 67 (Figure 28) revealed four unidentified substances, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, glycine and a good size peptide peak. Lastly, Figure 29 shows the chromatogram from the analysis of tube 115. Thus far, this tube showed the least amount of contamination of the peptide.

le peak. It contained aspartic acid, phenylalanine and two unidentified peaks. Because of the many impurities in the peptide solutions, none of these fractions were considered pure enough for a characterization of the peptide.

Attempts to desalt the above peptide fractions using a P-2 resin were not successful. On a P-2 resin the peptide appeared both before and after the salt peak. The first peak was the largest and contained only small amounts of free amino acids whereas the second peak had larger amounts of free amino acids.

When the peptide was eluted from the Dowex-1-acetate column (using the same resin as used by Mason, et al. (2) with the acetic acid-ammonium hydroxide mixture, nine peaks were observed by ultra violet absorbance. These peaks were examined using the amino acid analyzer. The results are somewhat similar to those obtained with the sodium chloride elution as discussed above. The first two peaks were, as expected, aspartic acid and glutamic acid. The peak containing the peptide also contained several amino acids. Before and after the peptide peak were several peaks that absorbed light at 280 nm but were not detected by the amino acid analyzer. This indicated that this preparation might not be pure and the impurities were not alpha amino acids.

Another anion exchange resin (QAE A-50) was utilized and was found to be satisfactory. This was due to the large volume changes of the resin that occurred with changes in ionic strength of the solutions.

Dialysis also was considered as a possible purification tool. Thus, dialysis, using a three-fourth inch tubing treated with EDTA and zinc and washed thoroughly, was attempted on another crude preparation. The peptide dialyzed through the membrane but some residual material

remained in the tubing. A Biomed Microconcentrator which should concentrate small peptides, was used. The peptide passed through the membrane along with the amino acids.

When analyzing for free amino acids and peptide (Chapter VIII), it is known that the pH of the first buffer ( $\text{pH } 3.250 \pm 0.005$ ) and time change to the second buffer was important to obtain a symmetrical peak that could be quantitatively measured (Chapter VIII, Figure 21). Using the peptide solution previously eluted from the Dowex AG 1X2-acetate column with sodium chloride, it was decided to use the amino acid analyzer system for the preparation of larger quantities of the peptide. The collected peptide fraction in pH 3.250 citrate buffer solution was checked for purity and the chromatogram is shown in Figure 30. Only three very small peaks were seen as compared with the large broad peptide peak which was estimated to be about 99 percent pure.

Hydrolysis of this purified peptide (for 10, 20 or 30 hours) gave small amounts of most all acidic and neutral amino acids (Figure 31). Phenylalanine and glutamic acid were the major amino acids present. Table XLIII shows a tabulation of this analysis and is compared with the published figures of Mason et al. (2).

An examination of the data of Mason, et al. (2) on the peptide isolated from a Dowex column revealed small peaks which had not been considered by those authors. The amount of peptide available for their analysis was small. Additional studies must be made before an accurate composition of the peptide can be reported.

Using the amount of peptide before acid hydrolysis as a base and the amount of amino acids present after hydrolysis, calcula-

ons<sup>1</sup> were made and showed that the peptide was 50 percent hydrolyzed through our analytical method when it passed through the coils of the amino acid analyzer. Therefore the values for the peptide concentration recorded in this dissertation should be only twice as large and not approximately 80 times as was assumed in all previous work. An accurate determination of Mason's data (2) is not possible.

It would appear that too much importance has been attached to the role of the peptide in roasted peanut flavor. Examination of the data in Chapter VIII indicated that the peptide was usually about third in rank of amount in raw peanuts (assuming that the peptide value should be twice as large) following glutamic acid and asparagine\*.

The final experiment employed the following method and is now recommended for extraction and purification of the peptide. The peanuts were extracted 48 hours with methanol by constant stirring of the mixture. The mixture was filtered. The filtrate was passed through a Rex AG1-X2-acetate column previously equilibrated with methanol. Purification was accomplished by increasing amounts of ammonium acetate. When the solution containing the peptide peak was evaporated to near dryness on a rotary evaporator at 40° C. The residue was lyophilized to remove the ammonium acetate. Further purification using the amino acid analyzer was the next step planned.

#### Summary

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<sup>1</sup>One ml of peptide solution (Figure 30) has a HW value of 27.7. 2 ml were taken and hydrolyzed and 0.5 ml of the 2.5 ml of pH 2.2 citrate buffer was analyzed and gave a 113.17 HW value for the amino acids (Figure 31). Thus  $10 \times 27.7 + 277$  and  $5 \times 113 + 565$  is  $277/565 = 49$  percent.

Various attempts to isolate and purify the acidic peptide found in peanuts from the contaminating amino acids and other ninhydrin positive substances were described.

Larger amounts of the peptide were prepared using the amino acid analyzer and one preparation appeared to be nearly pure (99 percent). The amino acid composition of the purified peptide was different from the published results.

Because the peptide was partially hydrolyzed in the reaction coils of the amino acid analyzer, the amount present in peanuts was not nearly as high as previously assumed. Although still important, the role of the peptide as a flavor precursor of roasted peanuts may have been overemphasized.

An improved method of isolation and purification of the peptide is proposed.

TABLE XLIII

COMPARISON OF THE AMINO ACID COMPOSITION<sup>a</sup> OF A PARTIALLY  
PURIFIED PEPTIDE WITH MASON'S (2) PEPTIDE 2

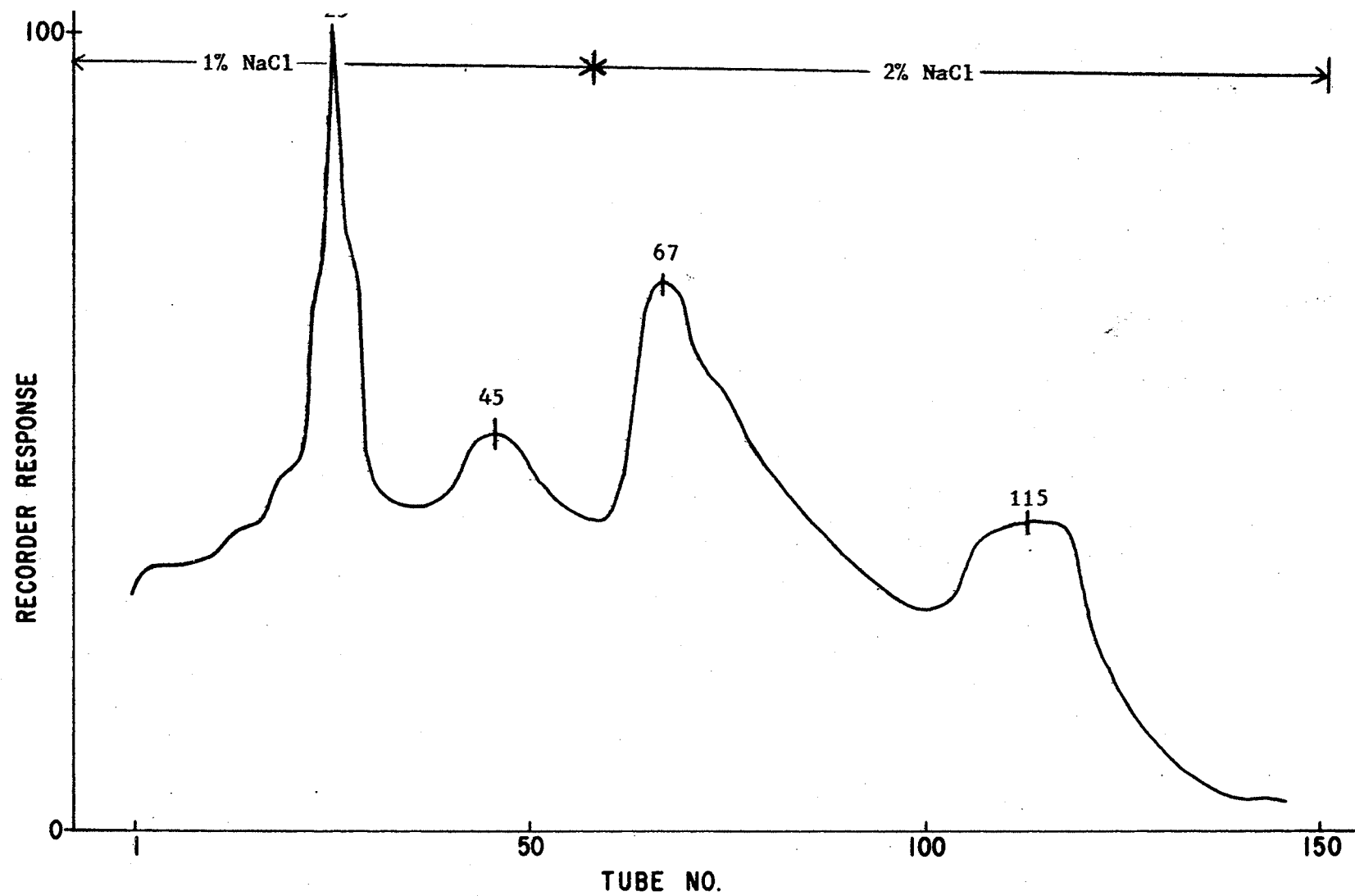
	Peptide;2	Partially Purified Peptide
Glutamic Acid (+ Gln)	25	50
Asparatic Acid (+ Asn)	4	1
Phenylalanine	17	58
Glycine	11	*
Serine	6	*
Alanine	3	1
Threonine	2	*
Leucine	2	*
Isoleucine	1	*
Valine	1	1
Tyrosone	1	1
Unknown		1
Hydroxy-Proline		1

<sup>a</sup> Number of residues

\* Detected but in very small amount

Figure 25. Elution Profile of the Peptide from a 2.2 x 10  
cm BioRad Dowex AG 1-X2 - Acetate Column.





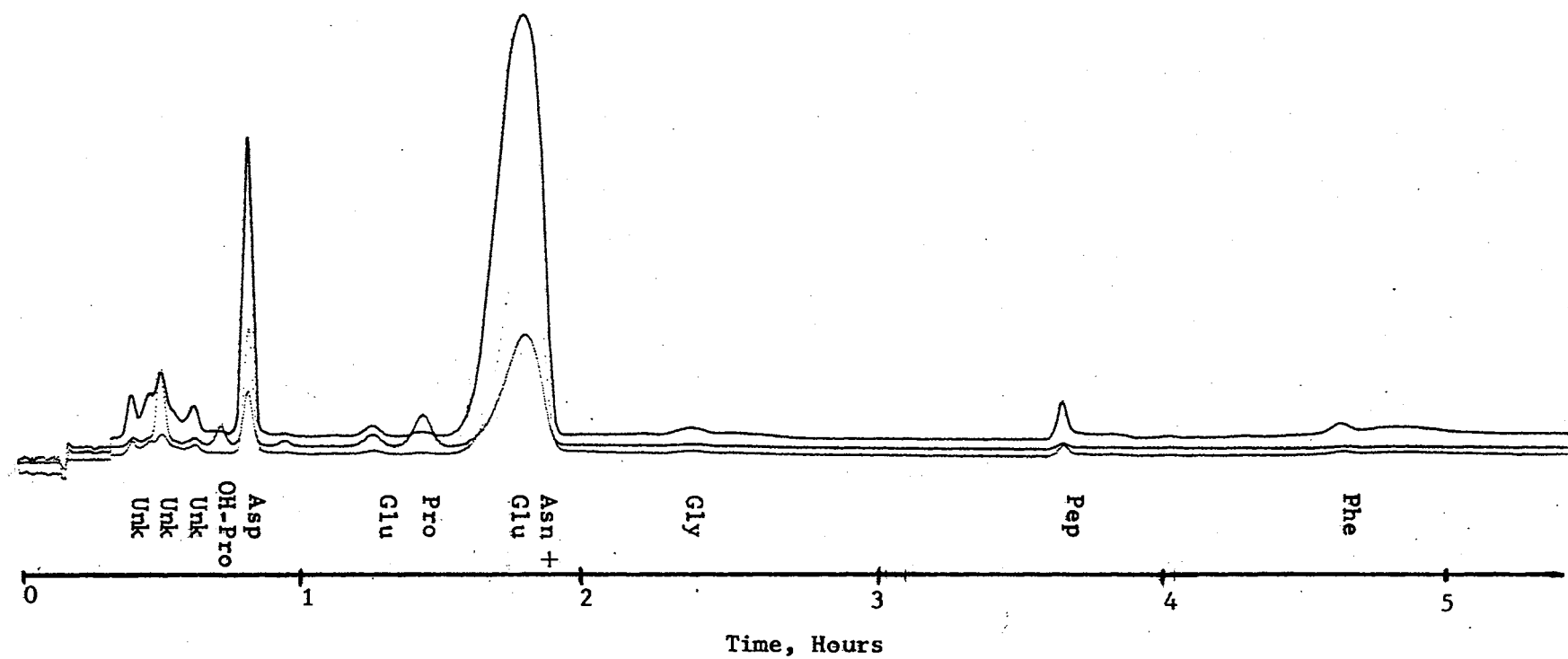


Figure 26. Chromatogram of Fraction No. 25 from the Dowex AG 1-X2 Acetate Column (see Figure 25).

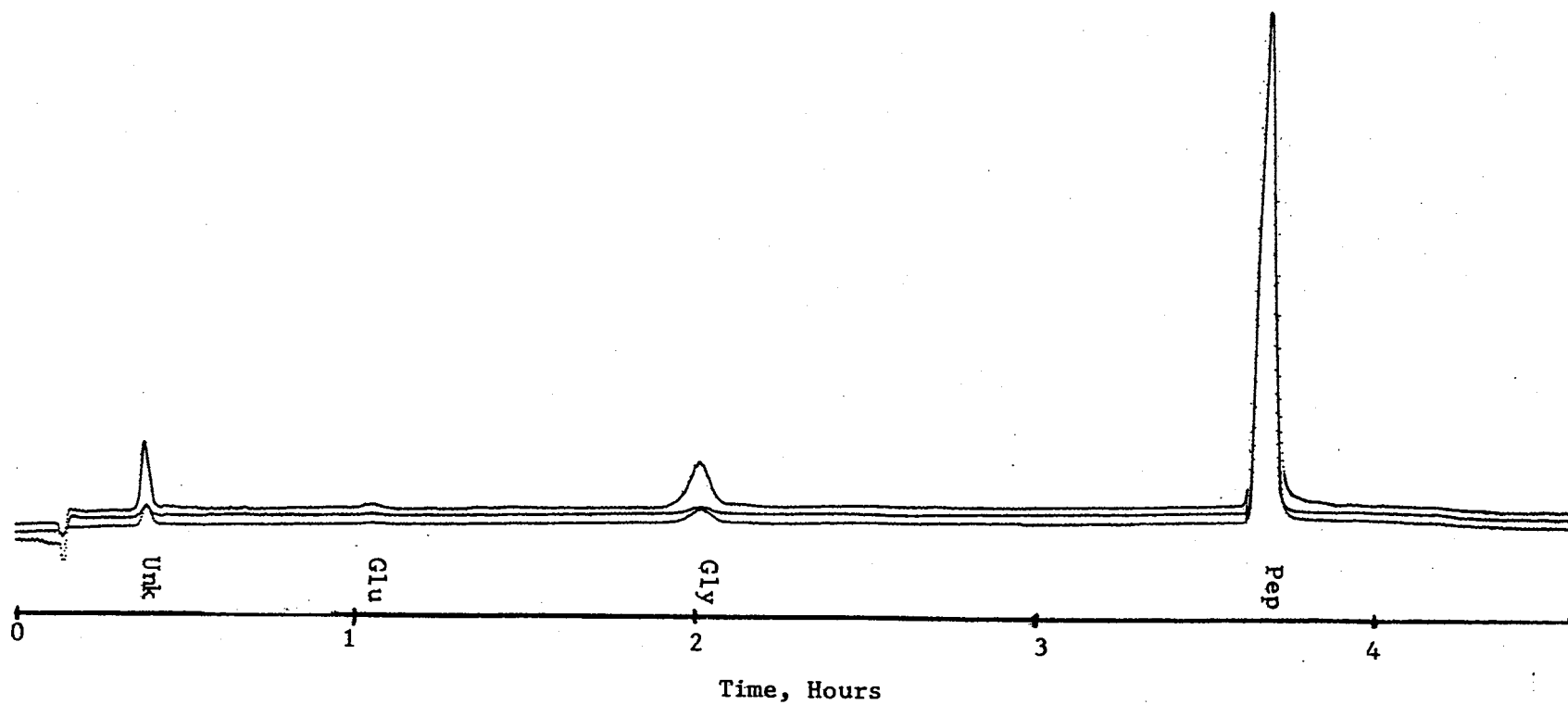


Figure 27. Chromatogram of Fraction No. 45 from the Dowex AG 1-X2 Acetate Column (see Figure 25).

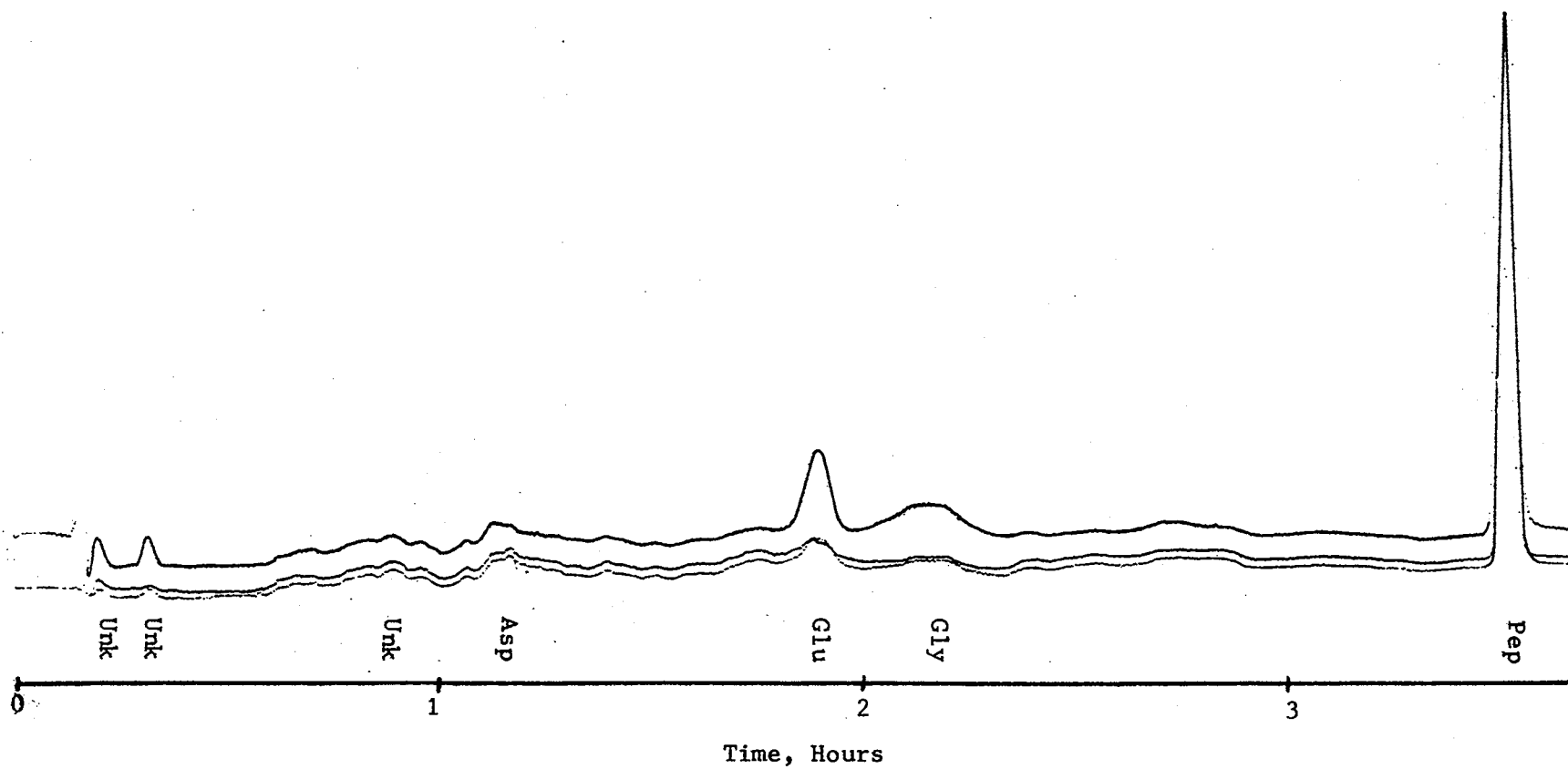


Figure 28. Chromatogram of Fraction No. 67 from the Dowex AG 1-X2 Acetate Column (see Figure 25).

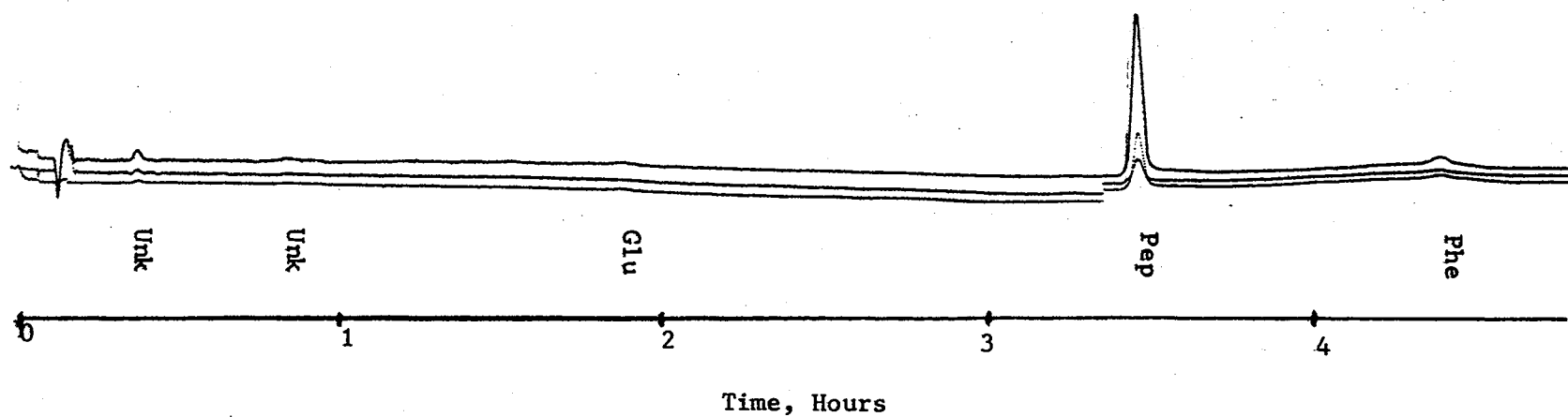


Figure 29. Chromatogram of Fraction No. 115 from the Dowex AG 1-X2 Acetate Column (see Figure 25).

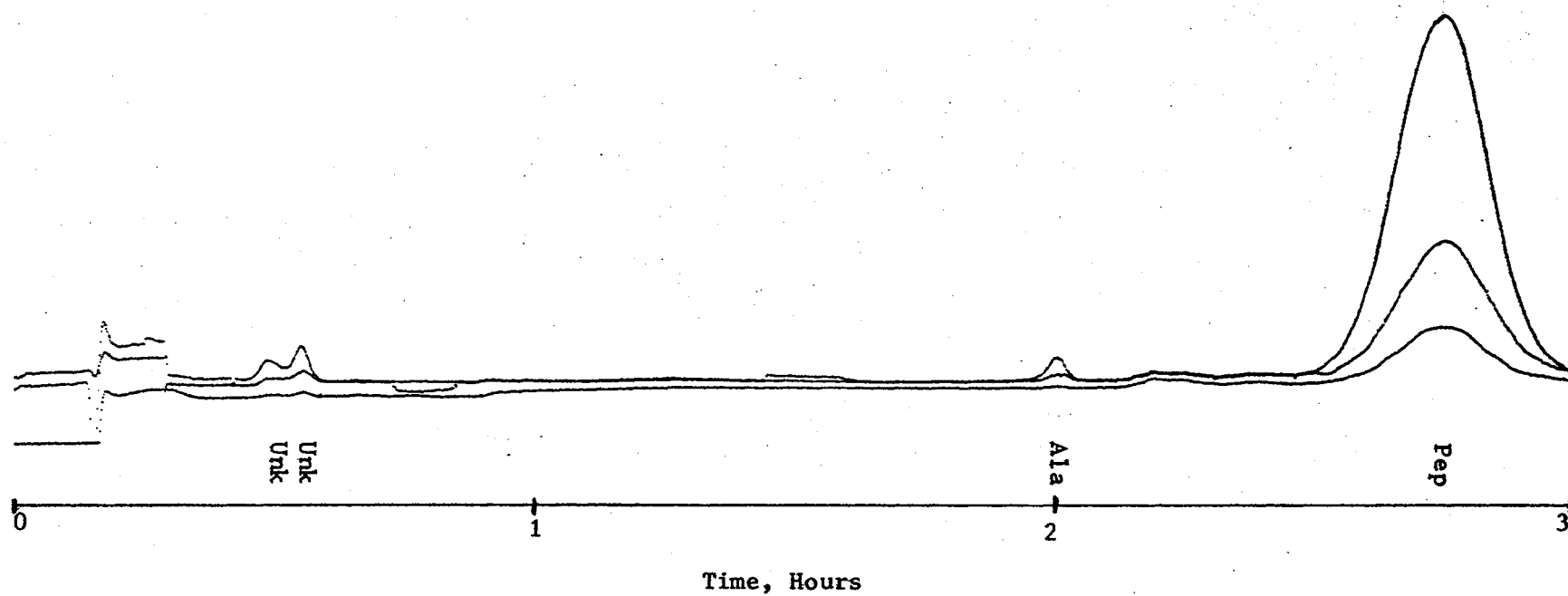


Figure 30. Chromatogram of the Partial Purified Peptide, after Preping on the Amino Acid Analyzer.

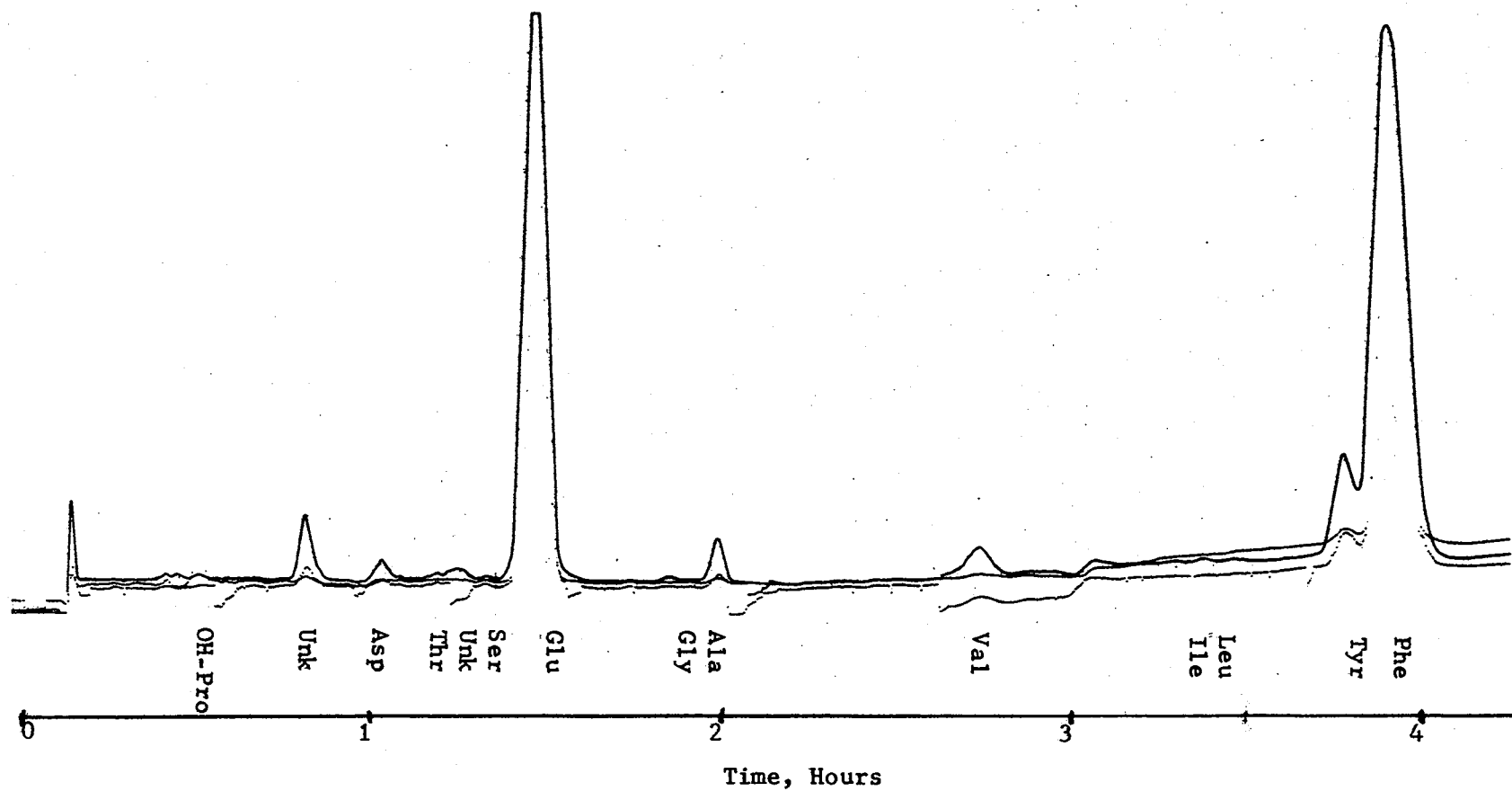


Figure 31. Chromatogram of the Hydrolyzate of the Partially Purified Peptide (see Figure 30).

## CHAPTER X

### Summary

A better knowledge and measurement of the contribution and effect of variety, maturity, irrigation and planting location on chemical constituents such as flavor precursors, fatty acids and amino acids were desired for the improvement of flavor and other quality factors of roasted peanuts and peanut products.

This dissertation was divided into three broad classifications and the following findings are reported.

#### A. Fatty Acids

A rapid biochemical microanalytical technique is described whereby a portion of a peanut kernel was analyzed for oleic acid/linoleic acid (methylester) ratio with the remainder of the kernel being planted to obtain genetic information. A description of the preparation of the methyl esters was reported. Analysis of the methyl esters by gas liquid chromatography required two to four minutes per sample depending upon the equipment. The analytical techniques were evaluated for precision using 100 peanut varieties. This methodology is now in use to aid the breeder in the rapid selection and screening of genetic material and to date approximately 2,200 selected peanuts have been analyzed. Factors which influence O/L ratios are reported. The described procedures should speed the development of new and improved peanut varieties and perhaps other oilseed crops. The composition of



atty acids were reported for eight varieties each harvested at two-week intervals and classified into three maturity groups. Mature peanuts usually contain relatively higher amounts of oleic (18:1) and stearic (18:0) acids and less linoleic acid (18:2) and other fatty acids when compared with immature peanuts. Behenic (22:0) and arachidic (20:0) acids which were recently implicated in heart disease were lower in the mature peanuts. Another study on nine varieties showed that maturity (Georgia vs Oklahoma), treatment (irrigation vs nonirrigation) and variety had a significant effect (per cent distribution) on all of the fatty acids with the exceptions of behenic and arachidic. Solvent extracted oils from Georgia had greater stability than those oils from Oklahoma while there were no differences for the hydraulic pressed oils. Possible correlation of fatty acid composition and organoleptic data were not possible because the size of samples were not sufficient to replicate the organoleptic tests.

#### B. Amino Acids

A protein hydrolyzate procedure with a precision and accuracy of  $\pm 2.74$  percent is described. The procedure is used to show large variations in the amino acid composition of 16 varieties of peanut meal, selected because of their relatively wide variation in protein content (24-30 percent). Variations of approximately two-fold for the limiting essential amino acids (lysine, methionine, isoleucine and threonine) were found which had not previously been reported.

An improved method for the extraction of free amino acids and the peptide from peanuts with a methanol, chloroform and water mixture was described. The effect of variety, maturity and harvest date on free amino acids and the peptide content was also determined. Gluta-

ic acid and asparagine (includes glutamine, threonine and serine) were present in highest concentration in the mature and low intermediate peanuts. Arginine was the highest in immature peanuts. Two nonprotein amino acids,  $\gamma$ -methylene glutamin (MG) and  $\gamma$ -methylene glutamic acid (MGA) were identified in mature peanut kernels and found to increase with immaturity. Asparagine, glutamine and most of the peptide disappeared in shelled peanuts stored six months at 34° F and 60 percent relative humidity. The effect of state, irrigation and variety on free amino acid content under the above storage conditions was evaluated statistically. The analyses of variance were made and the statistical significance was summarized in tabular form.

Arginine content was evaluated for measuring the degree of immaturity in freshly harvested or cured peanuts. Precision and accuracy of the modified Sakaguchi method was reported. Calibration curves to predict the degree of immaturity in peanuts were formulated. Lastly, the modified Sakaguchi method for arginine was tested under field conditions and found to be an accurate measure of immaturity.

#### C. Isolation and Partial Characterization of an Acidic Peptide

Various attempts to isolate and purify the acidic peptide from the contaminating amino acids and other ninhydrin positive substances are described. Larger amounts of the peptide were prepared using the amino acid analyzer and appeared to be quite pure (99 percent). The amino acid composition of the hydrolyzate of the purified peptide is different from the published results. Because the peptide was only partially hydrolyzed in the reaction coils of the amino acid analyzer, the amount present in peanuts was not nearly as high as previously assumed. Although still important, the role of the peptide in flavor

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