

CAREER**● Food Scientist****What would it be like to . . .**

- have a part in developing new foods?
- determine the safety of foods we eat?

Important and rewarding professions include those of food technologists and food scientists. Food science is the study of the chemistry, microbiology, and processing of foods. Food technicians are responsible for testing foods for their quality and acceptability in carefully controlled taste tests. Microbiologists employed by the food industry monitor the safety of food products. Food analysts work in laboratories to monitor the composition of foods and the presence of pesticides. Some food scientists are involved in the creation of new food products or food ingredients, such as artificial sweeteners.

During their course of study, college students in the field of food science can gain valuable experience working for food manufacturers and government agencies, such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This extra experience can help students find a job after graduation.

Science/Math Career Preparation**High School**

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics

College

- Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Mathematics