

# Development of Fried Chicken Skin as a Snack

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### Introduction

- The fried chicken skin gets its inspiration from South Asian snack called papadam.
- The objective was to develop a method to produce a fried chicken skin snack and to determine differences between chicken skin from thighs and breasts.

## Materials & Methods

Ingredients: Chicken Skin, Black Pepper, Salt, Peanut and Vegetable Oil

- Chicken thighs and whole chickens were acquired from a local grocery store in Manhattan, KS.
- Chicken skin was removed from breast portions (BP) of three birds and thigh portions (TP) from eight thighs and frozen to enable easy excess fat removal.
- ❖ Chicken skin were cut into 2 × 2" pieces (Figure 1) and blanched in boiling water for 20 s and placed in cold running tap water.
- Salt and black pepper added at 0.25 g on both sides of the skin.
- ❖ Parchment paper was placed below and on top of skin, set on a baking sheet with another sheet positioned on top to reduce skin curling and baked at 121 °C for 10 min.
- Chicken skin portions were then frozen again and fried at 192 °C for 3 minutes.
- Initial skin thickness was measured with a digital caliper and weight loss were measured for each processing step (Figure 3).
- Color, texture, water activity, nutrition analysis, and a consumer preference test were conducted on the fried BP and TP portions (Figures 7-9).



Figure 1 Frozen BP chicken skin after scaling

# Results

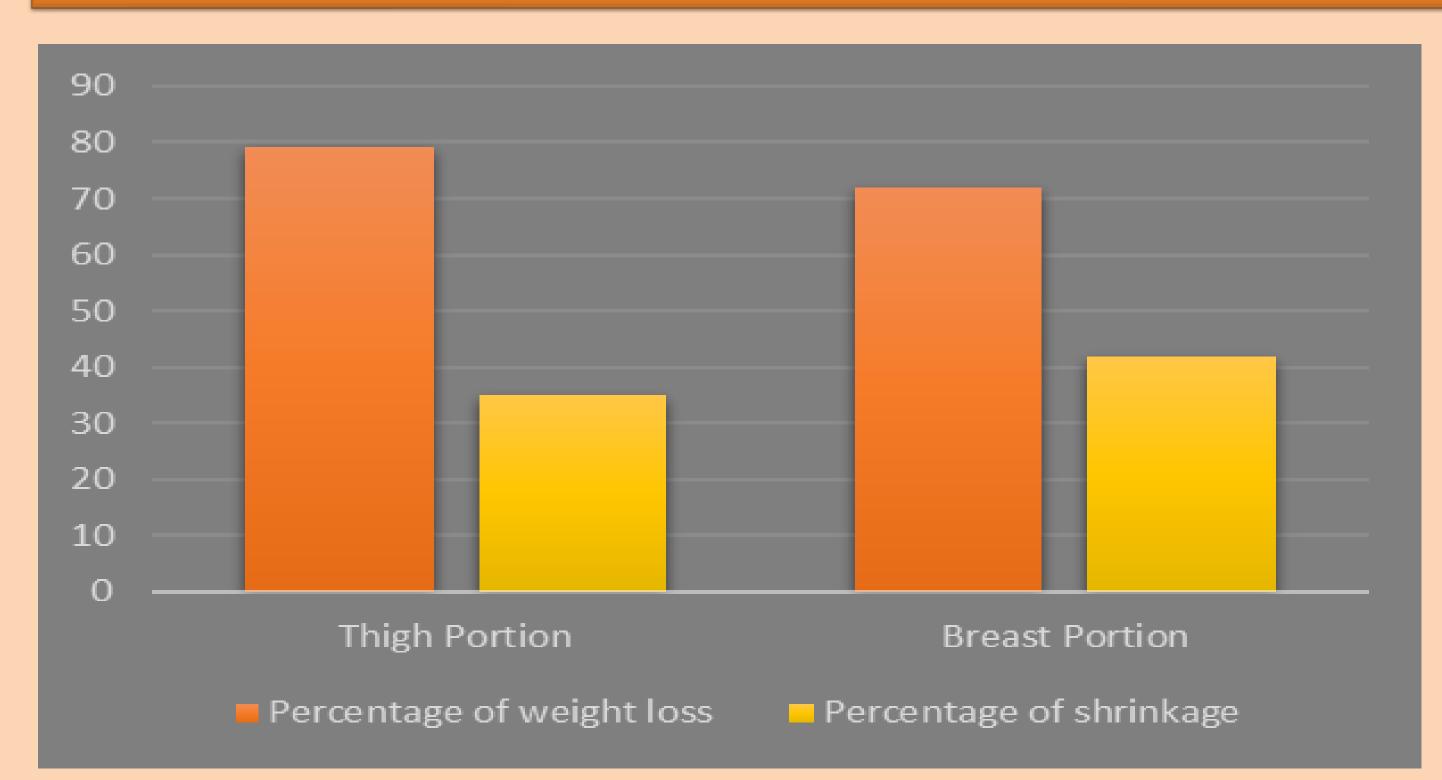


Figure 3. Percentage of average weight loss and shrinkage (BP:n=12, TP: n=11)

Breast Portion	0.425
Thigh Portion	0.543

Figure 4. Water activity of the fried chicken skin



Figure 5. Nutrition facts of fried chicken skin from breast portion

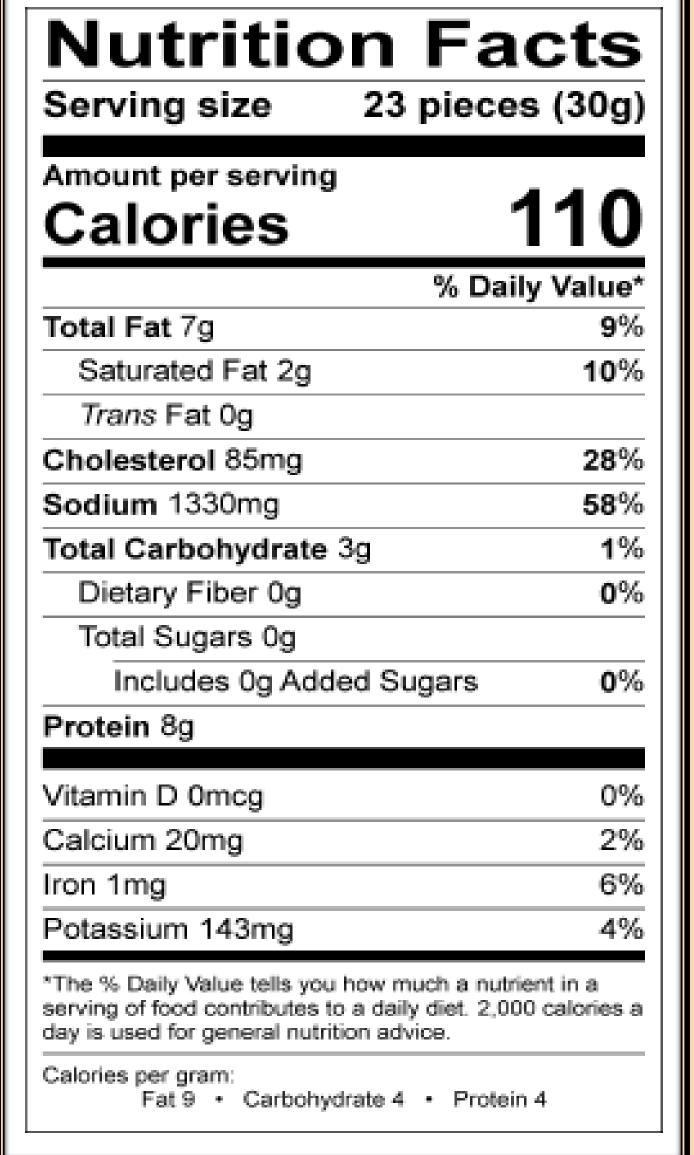


Figure 6. Nutrition facts of fried chicken skin from thigh portion

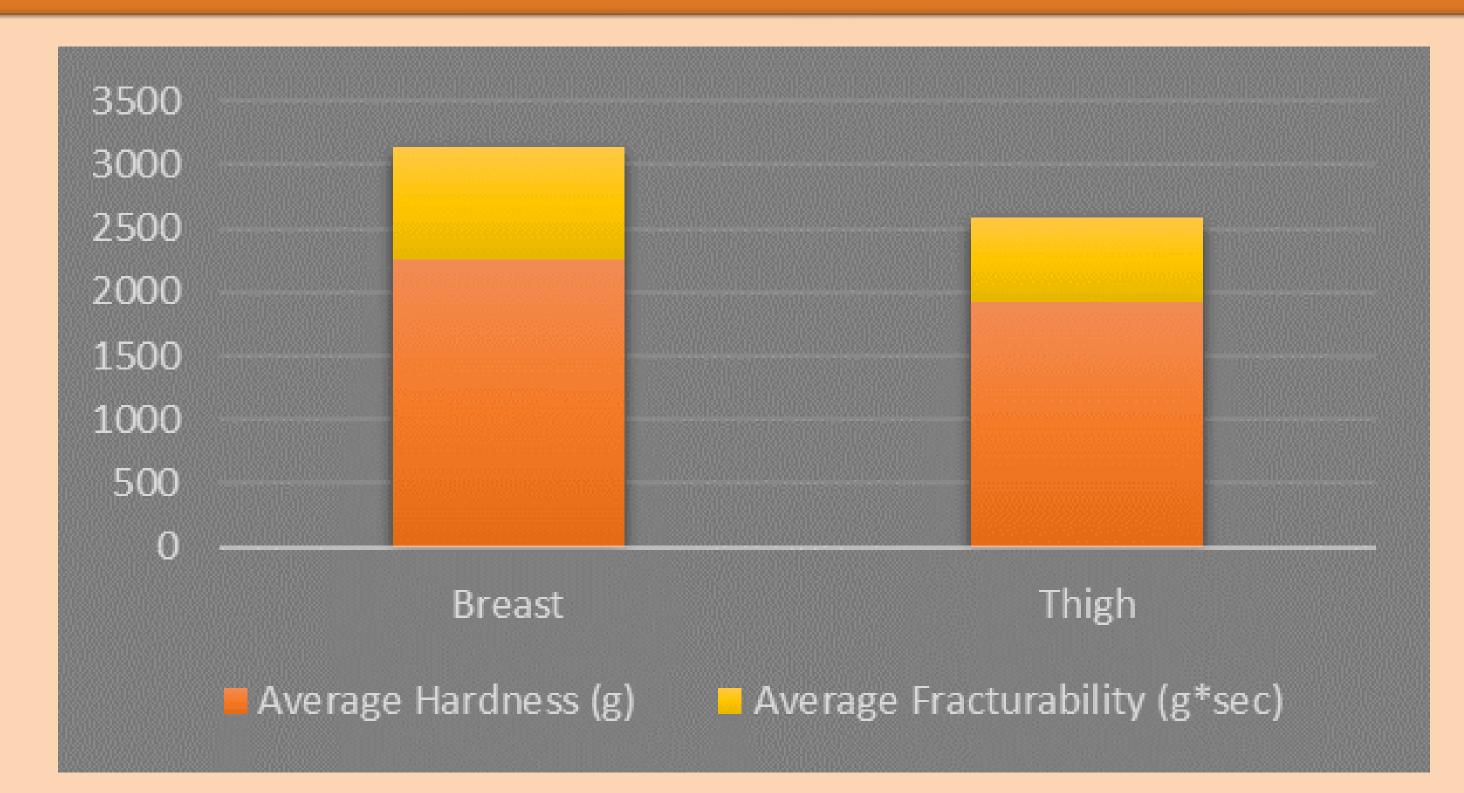


Figure 7. Texture profile analysis (BP: n=3, TP: n=3)

Fried Skin	L	a*	b*
Breast	55.92± 2.5	7.92± 1	29.33±3
Thigh	54.50± 2.1	9.97± 1.9	33.21± 2.4

Figure 8 Color analysis (BP: n=4; TP: n=4)

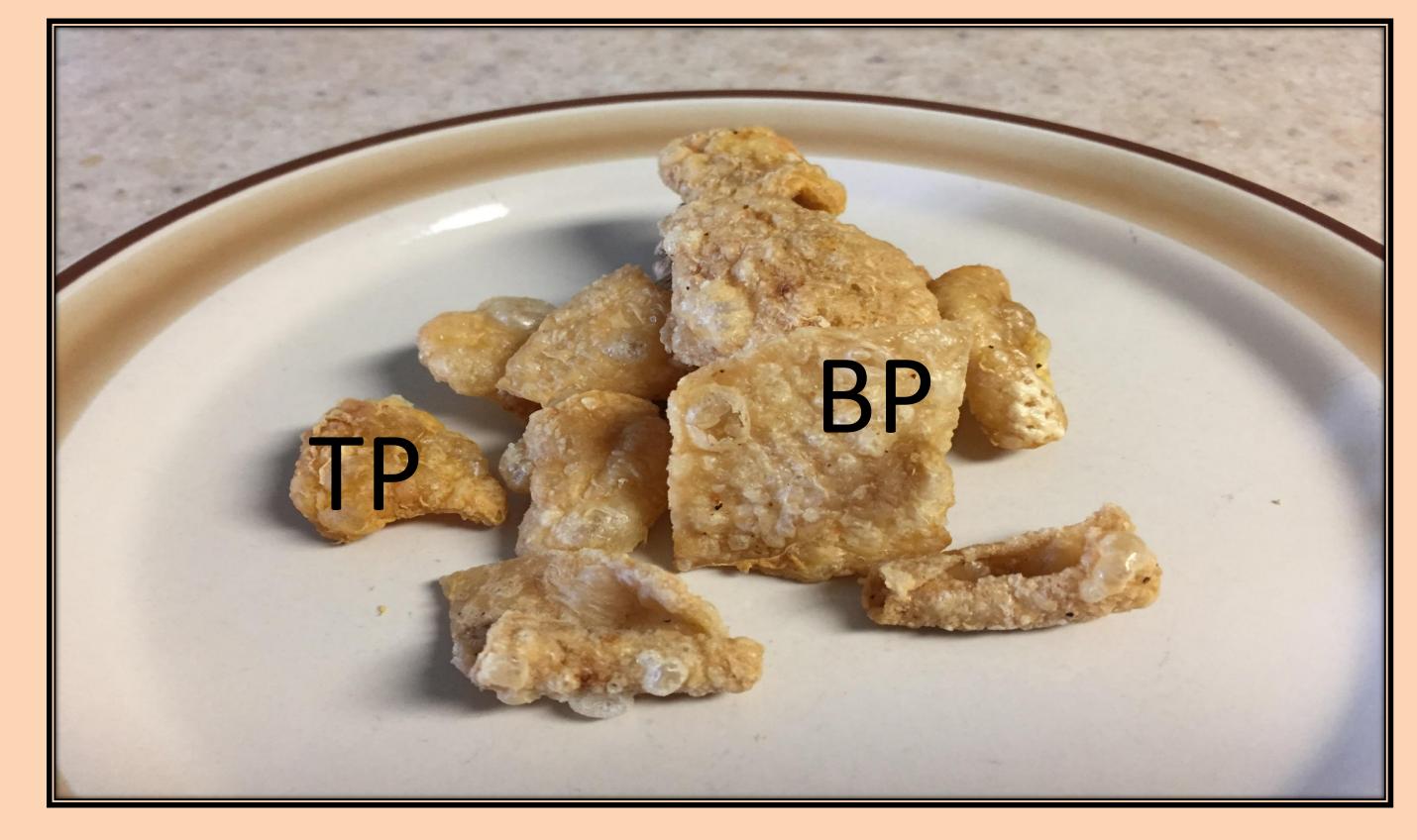


Figure 9. Sample of fried chicken with thigh (TP) and breast (BP) portions

#### Conclusion

A method for processing TP and BP skin was developed that produced a crispy, fried chicken skin. Overall, the TP skin had a better yield and was preferred over BP skin