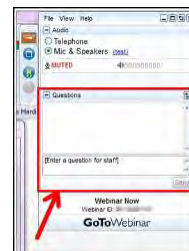
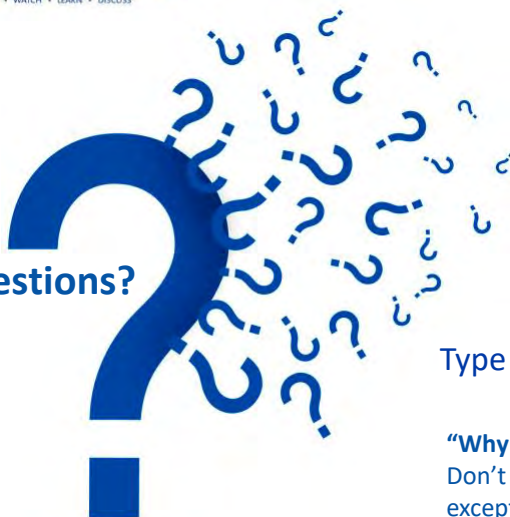




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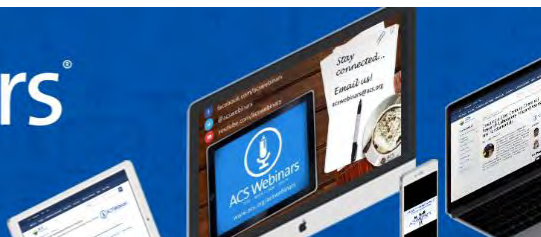
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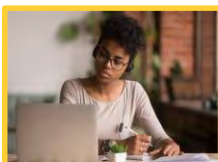
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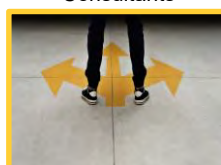
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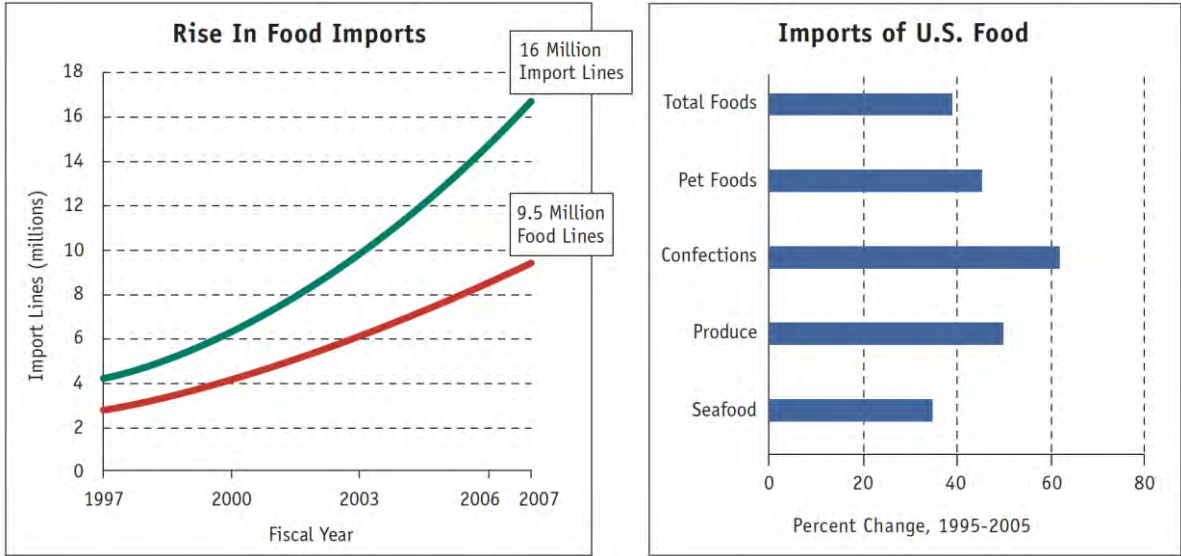
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SELINA WANG  
April 7th, 2021



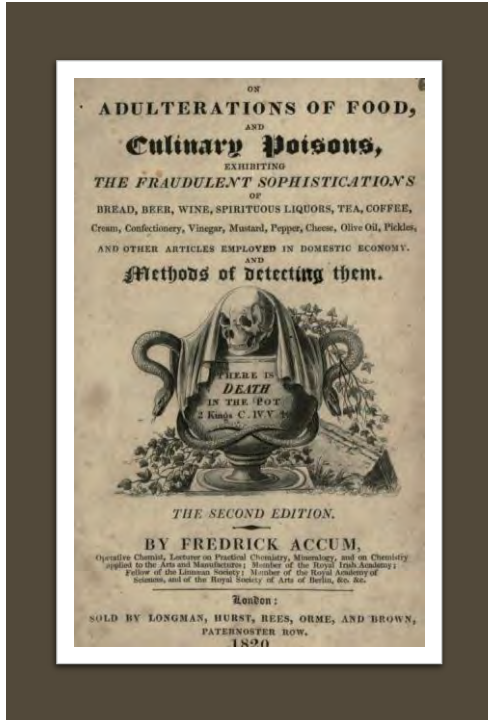
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Source: Food Protection Plan FDA

Food fraud is an old and modern problem





“The man who robs a fellow subject of a few shillings on the high-way, is sentenced to death; while he who distributes a slow poison to a whole community, escapes punishment.”

Fredrick Accum

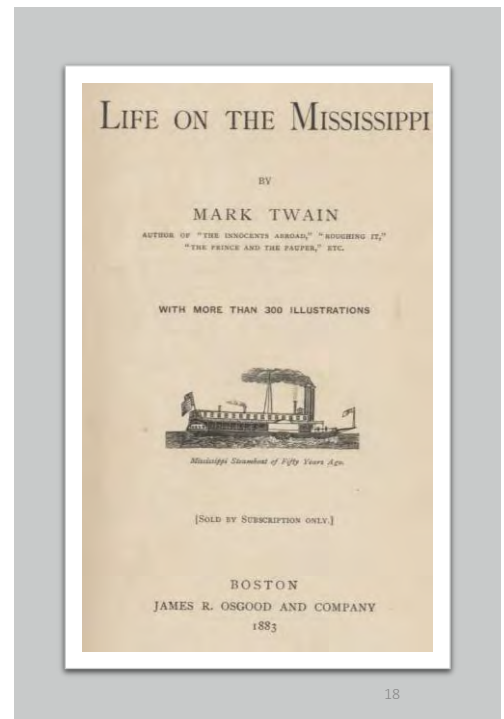
*A Treatise on Adulterations of Food and Culinary Poisons*  
(1820)

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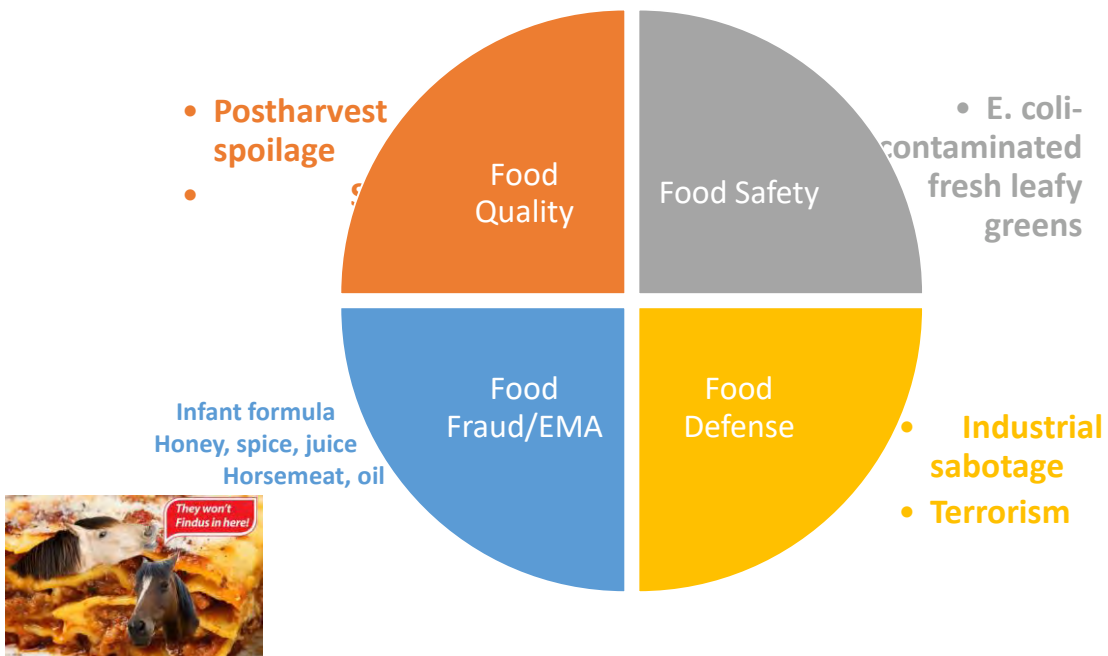
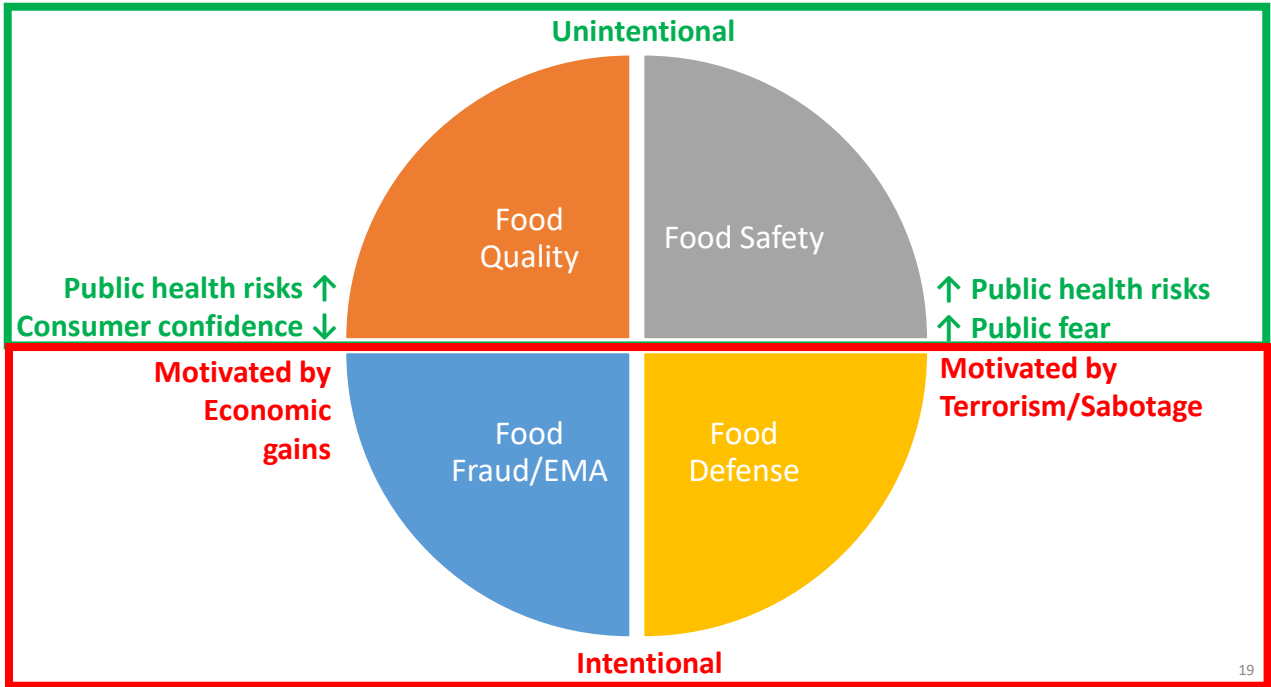
“They make olive-oil out of cottonseed-oil, now a days, so that you can’t tell them apart.”

Mark Twain

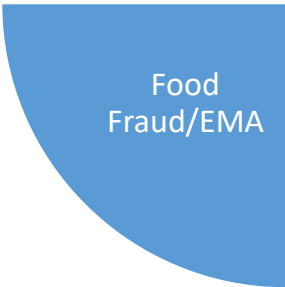
*Life on the Mississippi*  
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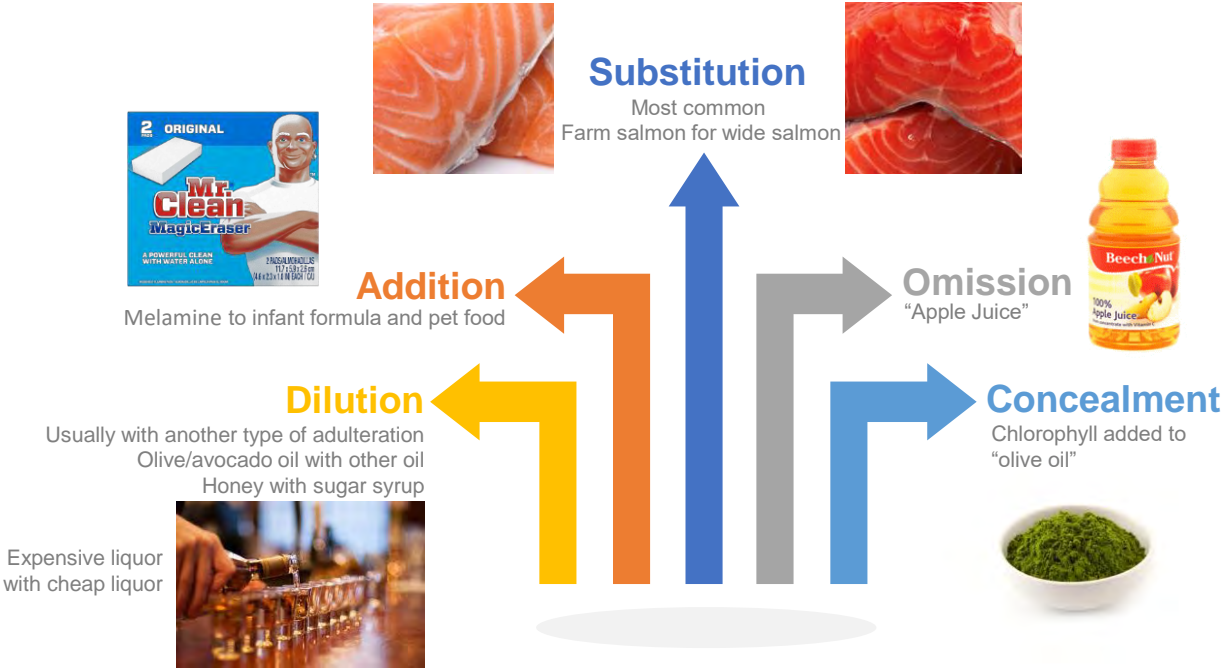


There is no statutory definition of food fraud or "economically motivated adulteration" or EMA of foods or food ingredients, which is generally considered a subset of food fraud.



In 2009, FDA's EMA Working Group had defined EMA as the "fraudulent, intentional substitution or addition of a substance in a product for the purpose of increasing the apparent value of the product or reducing the cost of its production, i.e., for economic gain...."

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### World Olive Oil Production and Consumption

1990/91 to 2018/19 Production Year



Source: Olive Oil Times

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## Audience Survey Question

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**What the % of olive oil consumed in the U.S. is domestically produced?**

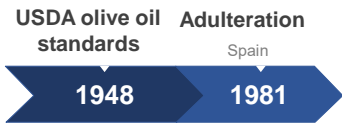
- 1 Percent
- 5 Percent
- 25 Percent
- 50 Percent



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USDA olive oil standards

1948



# Toxic Oil Syndrome (TOS)





## October 19, 1981, Section A, Page 3

- A scandal involving the illicit sale of toxic cooking oil, which has taken at least 160 lives and spread panic among Spanish consumers, has begun to concern nations that import Spanish canned goods and vegetable oils.
- A week ago, the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, voted in favor of a system that would permit the rapid withdrawal of contaminated products sold in the Common Market in light of the Spanish situation, which has affected some 15,000 people who consumed rapeseed oil that had been intended for industrial use.
- As a precautionary measure, Italy earlier this month temporarily blocked imports of Spanish olive oil and canned goods such as fish that contain oil until health authorities had determined the toxic agent that has produced the fatalities. The French Government is expected to follow the Italian example by banning the import of similar products for three months beginning tomorrow.

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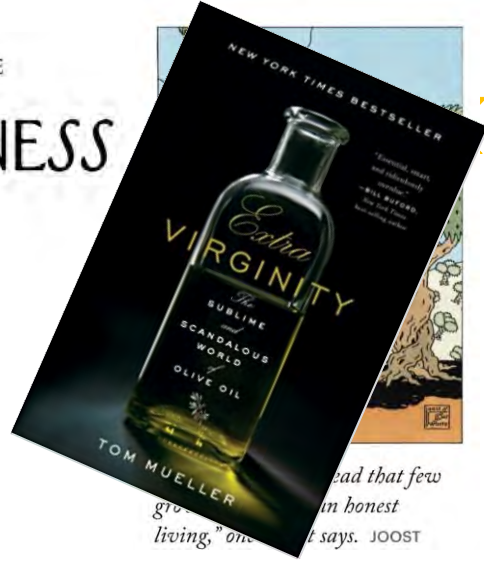


LETTER FROM ITALY AUGUST 13, 2007 ISSUE

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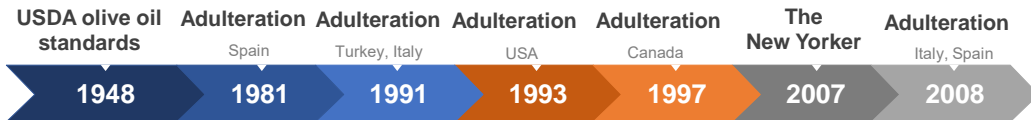
*The trade in adulterated olive oil.*

By Tom Mueller  
August 6, 2007



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Specific findings of our tests include (see Table 3 for summary of results).

- 69 percent of imported olive oil samples and 10 percent of California olive oil samples labeled as extra virgin olive oil failed to meet the IOC/USDA sensory (organoleptic) standards for extra virgin olive oil. The Australian sensory panel found that each of these samples scored a median of up to 3.5 sensory defects such as rancid, fusty, and musty and were classified at the lower grade of "virgin." Sensory defects are indicators that these samples are oxidized, of poor quality, and/or adulterated with cheaper refined oils.
- 31 percent of the imported samples that failed the sensory standards also failed the IOC/USDA standards for UV absorbance of oxidation products (K232 and K268), which indicates that these samples were oxidized and/or were of poor quality.
- 83 percent of the imported samples that failed the IOC/USDA sensory standards also failed the German/Australian DAGs standard. Two additional imported samples that met the IOC/USDA sensory standard for extra virgin failed the DAGs standard.

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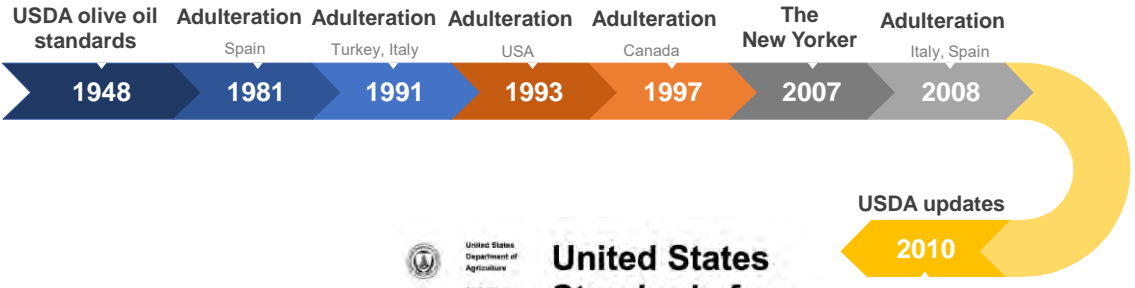
**Forget the IRS — There's an Olive-Oil Scandal Afoot**

Credibility problems? Check. Overreach? Check. Finger-pointing? You betcha

By Joanne Chen May 17, 2013



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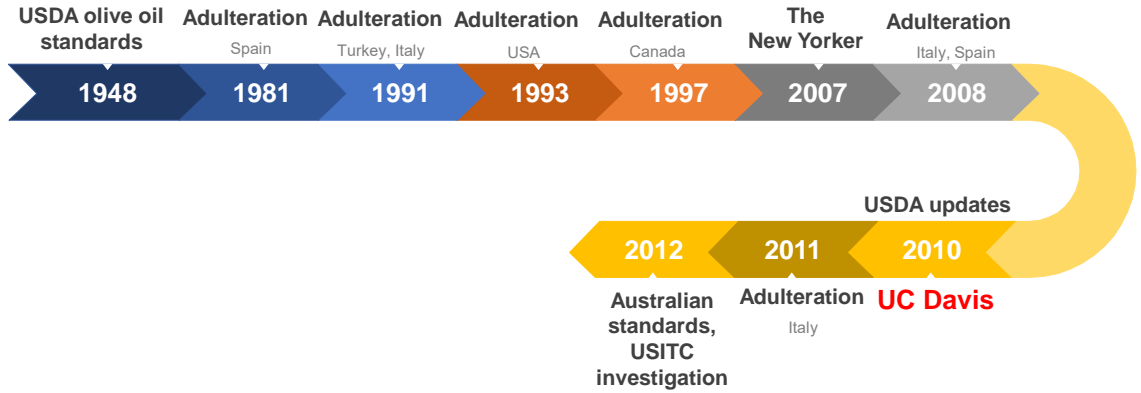


**United States Standards for Grades of Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil**

**Effective October 25, 2010**

This is the second issue of the United States Standards for Grades of Olive Oil published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** on April 28, 2010 (75 FR 22363) to become effective October 25, 2010. This issue supersedes the first issue, which has been in effect since March 22, 1948.

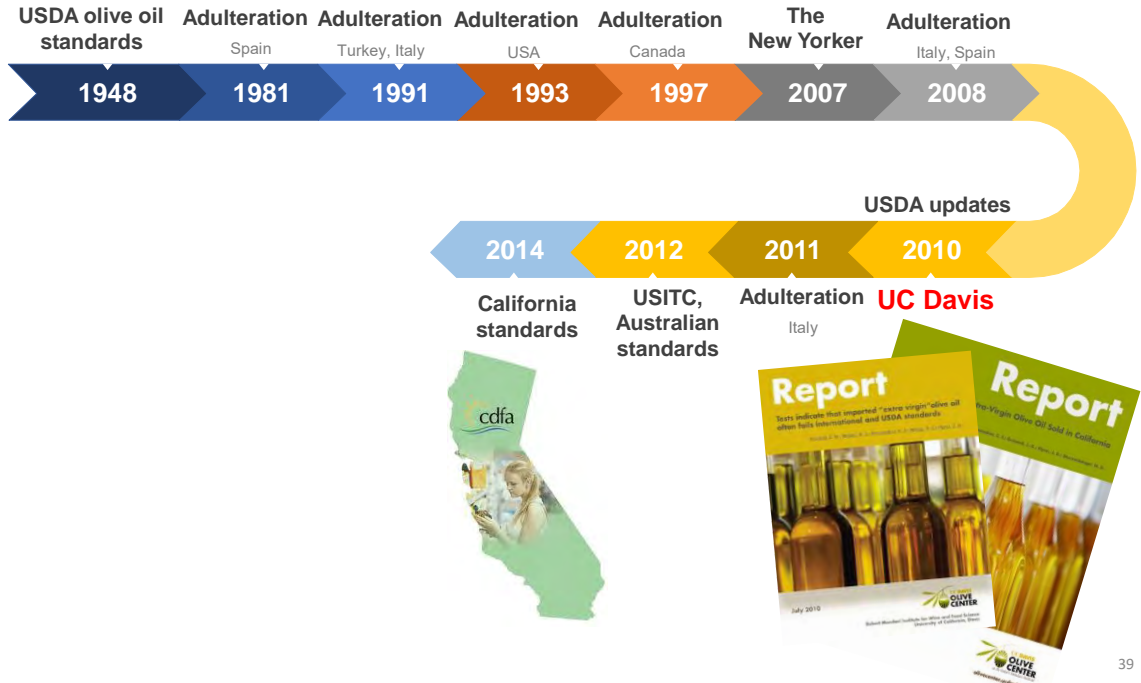
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U.S. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp

“Unenforced standards lead to mislabeled products, weakening the competitiveness of quality producers”

- USITC Report



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Quality:  
Extra virgin  
failure rates

Test	Standard	Failed
Sensory	defects = 0 and fruity > 0	54.2%
Free Fatty Acid	USDA ≤ 0.8	0.0%
Peroxide Value	USDA ≤ 20	0.7%
UV K232	USDA ≤ 2.50	8.8%
UV K268	USDA ≤ 0.22	11.2%
UV ΔK	USDA ≤ 0.01	1.5%
DAGs	AUSTRALIA ≥ 35	25.7%
PPP	AUSTRALIA ≤ 17	26.1%

Source: UC Davis Olive Center, based on 260 domestic and imported samples of "EVOO"

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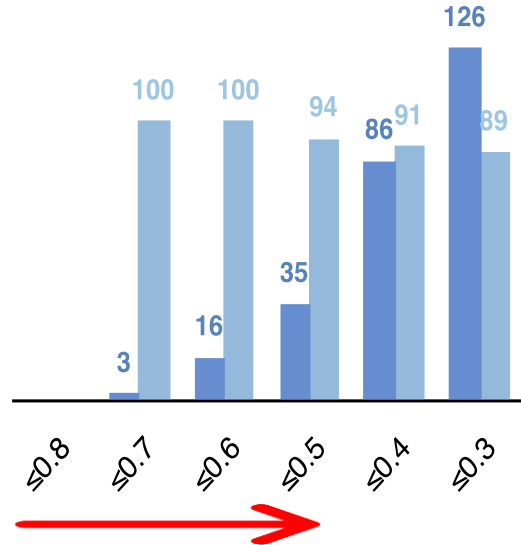
Relationship of sensory and chemistry

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- % also failing sensory standard

**Chart 1.** Free fatty acidity (FFA)



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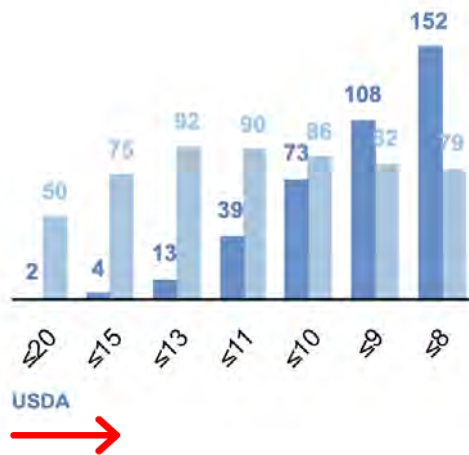
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**Chart 2.** Peroxide value (PV)



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## Fatty Acid Profiles

Varietal	Location	Palmitic Acid (C16:0) 7.5-20.0	Oleic Acid (C18:1) 55.0-83.0	Linoleic Acid (C18:2) 3.5-21.0	Linolenic Acid (C18:3) ≤1.5
<b>Arbequina</b>	Central Valley	17.7±1.0	64.6±1.8	13.2±1.1	0.6±0.2
	Dry, hot dessert	<b>22.4±1.1</b>	<b>44.2±6.6</b>	<b>25.5±4.6</b>	1.1±0.1
	Outside CA	18.1±5.2	62.5±12.2	13.5±5.5	0.8±0.1
<b>Arbosana</b>	Central Valley	17.1±2.0	70.6±6.2	8.2±2.7	0.6±0.4
	Dry, hot dessert	<b>21.0±0.9</b>	<b>50.9±4.7</b>	<b>20.5±3.5</b>	<b>1.2±0.5</b>
<b>Koroneiki</b>	Central Valley	13.8±1.7	75.5±3.4	6.2±1.3	0.7±0.2
	Dry, hot dessert	17.3±0.4	65.3±2.3	11.8±2.3	0.9±0.5
	Outside CA	14.2±3.5	74.6±5.9	6.3±2.1	1.0±0.0

## Sterol Profiles

Varietal	Location	Campesterol ≤4.5	Apparent B-sitosterol ≥93.0
<b>Arbequina</b>	Central Valley	3.5±0.3	94.0±0.5
	Dry, hot dessert	<b>5.3±0.3</b>	<b>92.3±0.5</b>
	Outside CA	3.6±0.2	94.0±0.3
<b>Arbosana</b>	Central Valley	3.7±0.1	94.1±0.4
	Dry, hot dessert	<b>4.5±0.6</b>	<b>92.7±0.9</b>
<b>Koroneiki</b>	Central Valley	4.4±0.3	93.5±0.4
	Dry, hot dessert	<b>4.6±0.5</b>	<b>92.5±0.9</b>
	Outside CA	4.4±1.0	93.3±1.1

# The Effects of Variety, Growing Region, and Drought Stress on Fatty Acid and Sterol Compositions of California Olive Oil

Xueqi Li<sup>1</sup> · Jon D. Flynn<sup>1</sup> · Selina C. Wang<sup>1,2</sup>

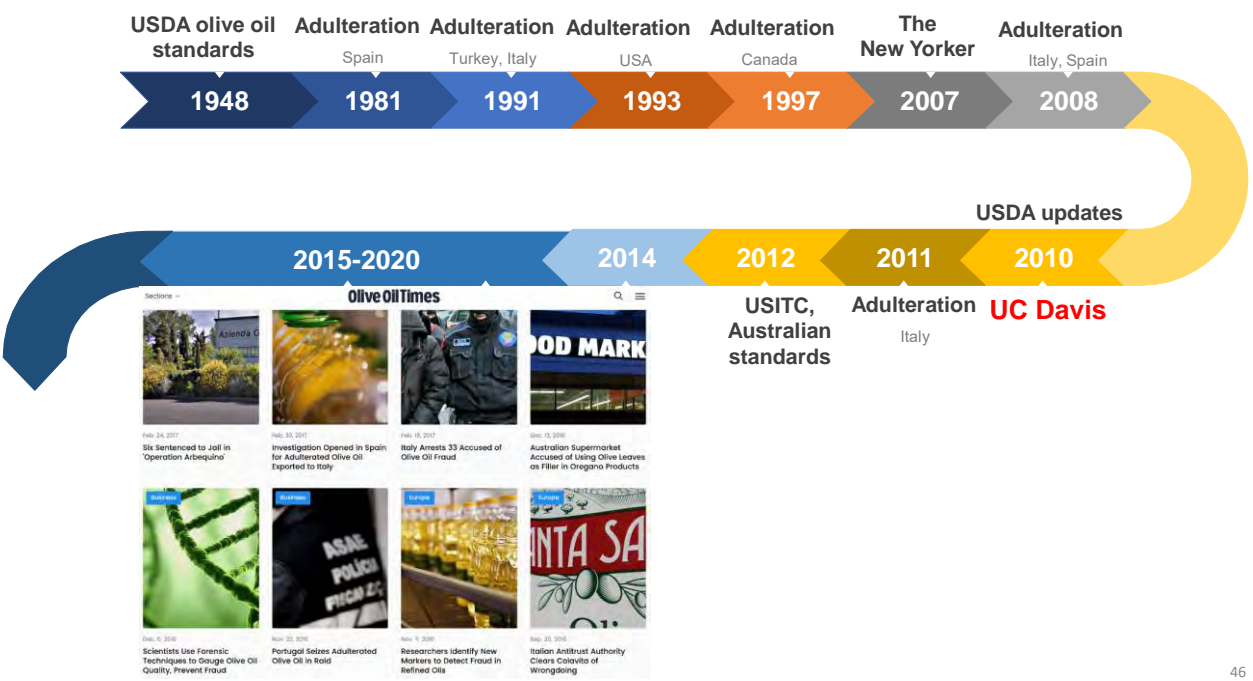
J Am Oil Chem Soc (2019) 96: 215–230  
DOI 10.1002/aocs.12192

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

About 20% of CA authentic oil do not meet the standards.



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# Forbes

Feb 10, 2016, 02:24pm EST

## The Olive Oil Scam: If 80% Is Fake, Why Do You Keep Buying It?



**Cecilia Rodriguez** Senior Contributor 

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**About Olive Oil**  
North American Olive Oil Association

### The biggest fraud in olive oil

January 3, 2020

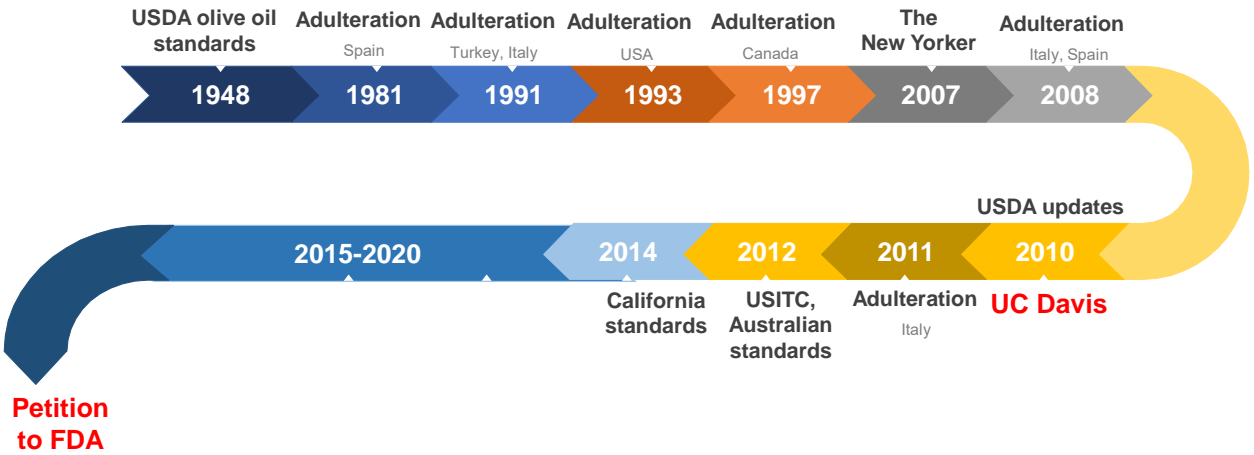
#### False stories frightening consumers come from untrustworthy sources

Nearly all of the "fake news" about "fake" olive oil originated from one flawed report from a biased source published years ago.

In 2010, the UC Davis Olive Center, an organization created to promote the sale of California olive oil, published a report funded by California olive oil producers and companies. The purpose of the report was to make news that would discredit their competition – imported olive oils. The now-infamous report claimed "69 percent of imported olive oil samples and 10 percent of California olive oil samples labeled as extra virgin olive oil failed to meet the IOC/USDA **sensory** standards for extra virgin olive oil." In layman's terms, this means these samples failed a taste test. Sounds pretty fishy that something as subjective as a taste test would be used to determine if an olive oil has been adulterated, doesn't it?

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Citizen Petition: Standards of Identity for Olive Oil  
and Olive-Pomace Oil

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# Olive Oil Has a Fraud Problem— Can the FDA Fix It?

Trade groups are petitioning the federal government to actively enforce standards in the olive oil industry.

By [Mike Pomranz](#) Updated November 07, 2019

The AOOPA and Deoleo—the world's largest olive oil producer known for America's best-selling Bertolli brand among others—submitted a citizen petition to the FDA asking for "science-based, enforceable standards for olive oil," a product the FDA has never regulated before.

*"Buying quality extra virgin olive oil is hard, but not because there aren't quality products on supermarket shelves. It's because there are just no rules to stop bad actors from misrepresenting what they're selling"*

- Chairman of the American Olive Oil Producers Association

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**Capital Press**  
**UC-Davis study scrutinizes quality of avocado oils**  
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**Woodland Daily Democrat**  
**Study finds most avocado oil is rancid**  
 A UC Davis study has found that most avocado oil sold in the United States is of poor quality or mislabeled. ASSOCIATED PRESS ARCHIVES.  
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**MinnPost**  
**Most avocado oil sold in US is either rancid or contains other oils, study finds**  
 ... scientist at the University of California, Davis, in a released statement. "But because there are no standards to determine if an avocado oil is ...  
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**New Food**  
**Shocking number of avocado oils sold in US are rancid or ...**  
 In what is said to be the country's first extensive study of commercial avocado oil quality and purity, the UC Davis team report that as much as ...  
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**Avocado oil is booming. Most of it is rancid.**  
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 In first extensive study of commercial avocado oil quality and purity, UC Davis researchers find majority impure or stale. Food scientist says ...  
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**FoodProcessing**  
**US study: 82% of avocado oil either rancid or adulterated**  
 In the study, UC Davis researchers reported that at least 82% of test samples were either stale before expiration date or mixed with other oils. In ...  
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## Avocado oil rising popularity

Global avocado oil market reached \$461 million in 2018 and is projected to reach \$708 million in the next five years.

The market has been primarily driven by nutritional and health benefits associated with the oil.

There are currently no official standards for avocado oil.



Avocado Oil Market: Global Industry Trends, share, size, growth, opportunity and forecast 2019. April, 2019. IMARC Group, ID 4763162.

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## Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



### Avocado oil is made from what part(s) of an avocado?

- Skin
- Flesh
- Pit
- All of above



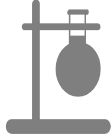
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### Sample Information

- 22 samples, representative of avocado oils available in the US.
- Extra virgin (EV), refined (R), unspecified (U).
- Price/fl oz varied from \$0.25-\$2.35 (\$8.45-79.4/Liter).



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**Quality**

Free fatty acidity (FFA)  
 Peroxide value (PV)  
 UV absorbance



**Purity**

Fatty acids profile (FAP)  
 Sterols profile  
 Triacylglycerols (TAG)

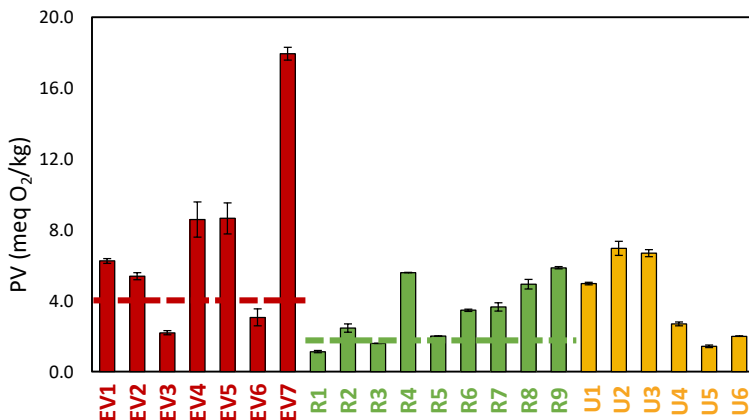


**Minor Components**

Tocopherols  
 Chlorophylls

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**Peroxide value: Indicator of oxidation**



Dashed lines indicate proposed limits for extra virgin and refined avocado oils.

<sup>1</sup>Refined: ≤ 2.0 meq O<sub>2</sub>/kg oil

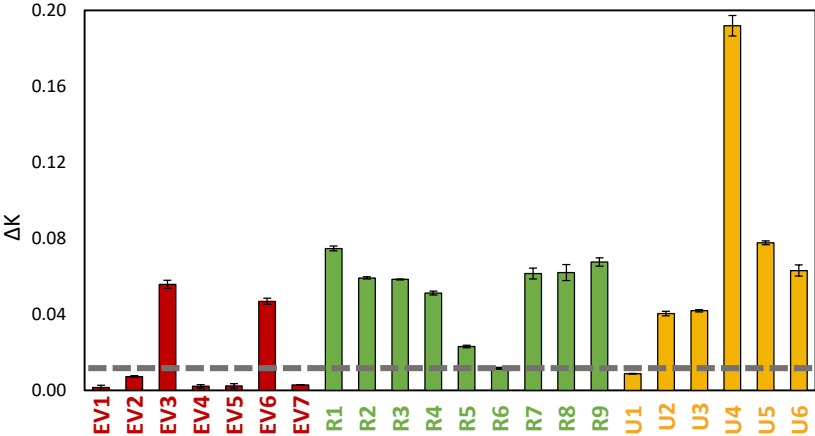
<sup>2</sup>Extra Virgin: ≤ 4.0 meq O<sub>2</sub>/kg oil

<sup>1</sup>CODEX proposed standards, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>Woolf (2009). Avocado Oil. *Gourmet and Health-Promoting Specialty Oils*.

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Delta K: Indicator of refining



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### Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT



Which of the following oil does NOT have comparable oleic acid level as avocado oil?

- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- High oleic safflower oil
- Soybean oil



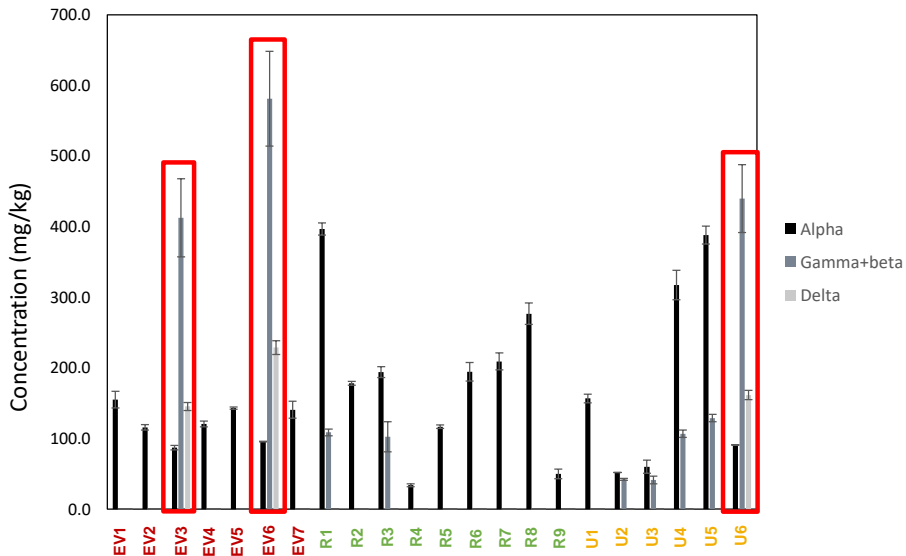
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### Fatty acid profile: Purity Parameter

	C16:0	C16:1	C18:0	C18:1	C18:2	C18:3
EV1	16.5±0.12	6.9±0.01	0.5±0	55.6±0.13	19.2±0.12	1.2±0.01
EV2	15.6±0.01	6.5±0	0.5±0	61±0	15.2±0	1±0
EV3	10.9±0.01	0.1±0.02	4±0.02	21.4±0.15	54.4±0.15	8.2±0.03
EV4	15.5±0	6.4±0.01	0.5±0.01	59.3±0.12	17±0.11	1.1±0.02
EV5	15.6±0.01	6.4±0	0.5±0	58.6±0	17.5±0	1.1±0
EV6	10.4±0.03	0.1±0	3.8±0.01	19.7±0.5	55.4±0.4	9.8±0.05
EV7	16±0.01	6.6±0	0.5±0	62.4±0.01	13.4±0	0.9±0
R1	10±0.02	1.7±0	2.3±0	69.1±0.02	15.2±0	0.5±0
R2	14.7±0.01	5.8±0	1.4±0	64.4±0.07	12.2±0.03	0.7±0.01
R3	13.2±0.03	4.2±0.01	1.4±0	63.8±0.09	16±0.12	0.7±0
R4	15.8±0.01	6.8±0	0.5±0	63.8±0.01	12±0	0.8±0
R5	15±0	6.5±0	0.8±0	63.6±0	12.8±0	0.8±0
R6	17.8±0.03	8.6±0.02	0.6±0	61±0.07	10.9±0.02	0.8±0
R7	14.4±0.01	5.2±0	1.4±0	64.8±0.02	13±0	0.7±0
R8	13.4±0	5.1±0	1.6±0	67.5±0.02	10.9±0.01	0.6±0
R9	14.1±0.01	5.2±0.01	1±0	63.2±0.02	15±0	0.8±0
U1	16.5±0.01	7.4±0.01	1.3±0	63.9±0.01	9.8±0	0.7±0
U2	16.4±0	7.2±0.01	0.6±0	60±0.05	14.7±0.03	0.9±0.01
U3	16.5±0.02	7.4±0	0.6±0	60.4±0.02	13.9±0.01	0.8±0
U4	10.4±0.01	2±0	2.1±0	66.5±0.02	17.4±0.01	0.5±0
U5	11.2±0.02	0.6±0	2.8±0	68.3±0.02	15.4±0	0.5±0
U6	10.9±0	0.1±0	4±0	21±0	54.7±0.01	8.2±0

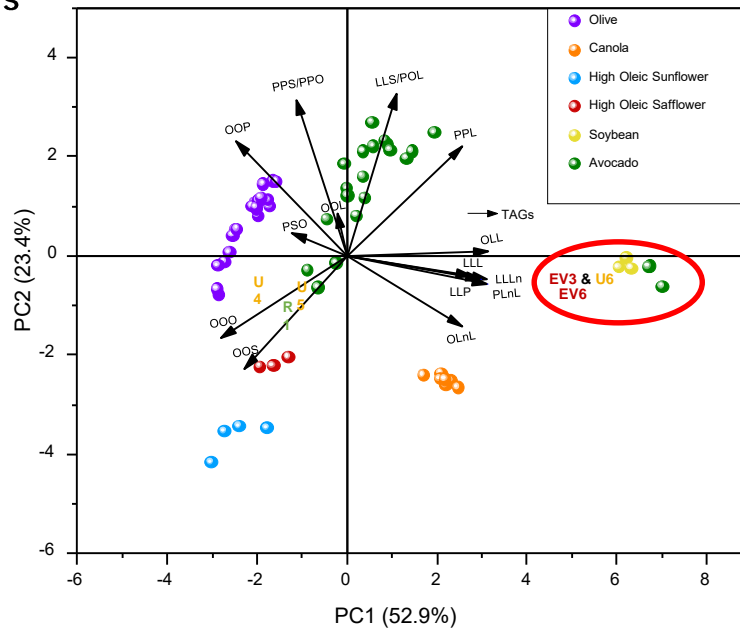
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### Tocopherols (Vitamin E)



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## TAG analysis



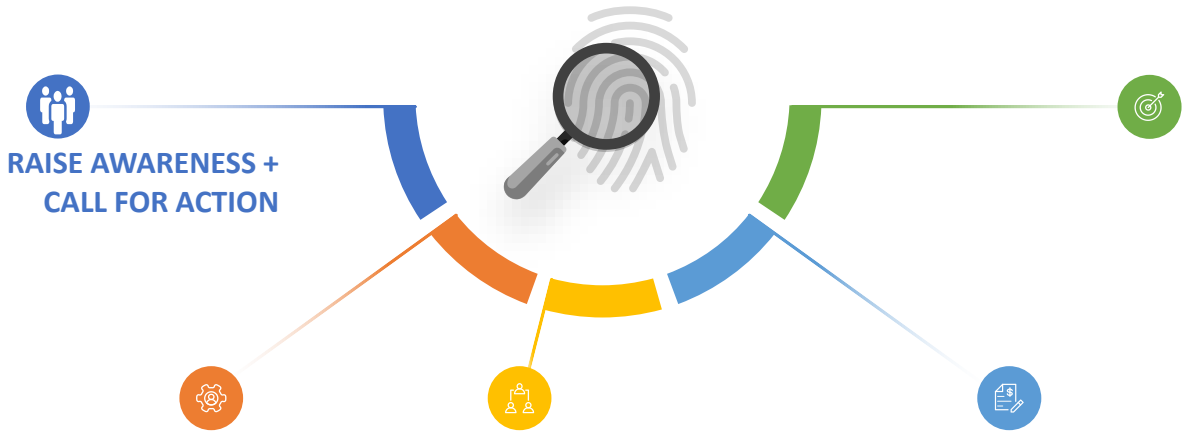
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## Key Findings

- 82% of the samples were of poor quality or adulterated.
- Adulteration with soybean oil was confirmed in three samples (two labelled as EV)
- Adulteration in at least three samples is highly likely.
- More research is needed to understand how chemical compositions change with climate, region, and cultivars.

Green, H. S.; Wang, S. C. *Food Control*, 2020, 116, 107328: "[First report on quality and purity evaluations of avocado oil sold in the US](#)"

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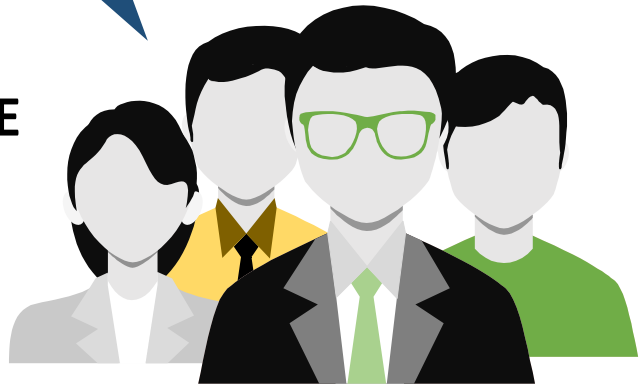


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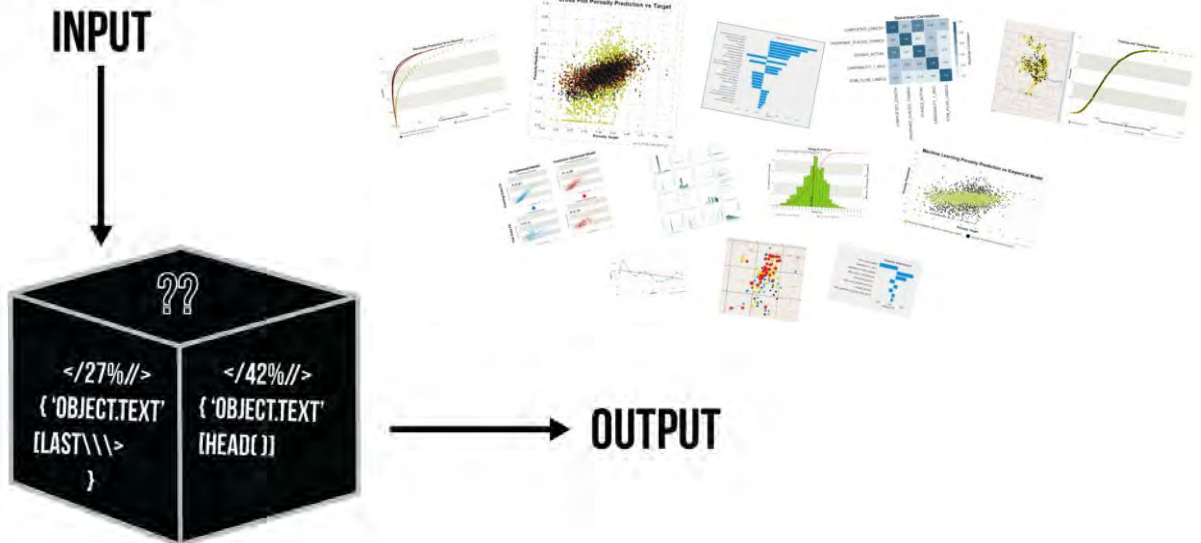
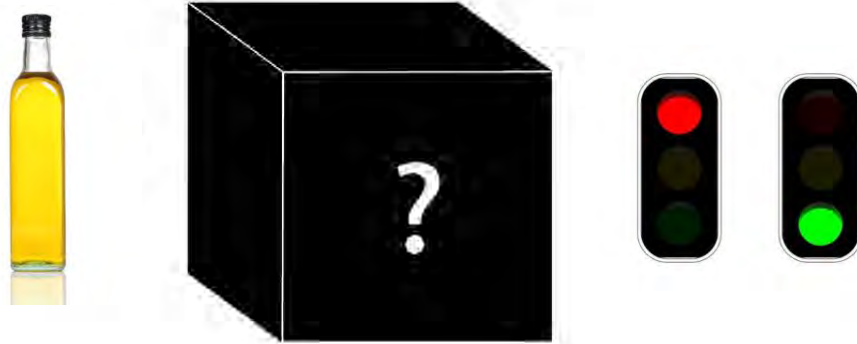
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Concisely-define standard based on the chemical composition of the authentic product.



Know compositional difference between the authentic and fraudulent food.



Validate analytical methods and develop faster, better and cheaper methods.

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