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## Nuclear Radiation Does Not Destroy Food Value

➤ CORN PROTEIN and wheat gluten sterilized by gamma rays from a nuclear reactor do not lose their nutritive value as foods, it was reported to the American Chemical Society meeting in New York.

University of Illinois scientists are carefully watching several generations of laboratory animals for signs of any possible genetic effects from irradiated diets. Drs. V. Chalam Metta and B. Connor Johnson reported irradiation did not produce off-flavors or odors and that the sterilized foods, in balanced diets, were completely acceptable to laboratory animals. However, in some cases irradiation changes the molecular structure of foods.

Dr. Metta said it is too early to make broad conclusions about the safety of radiation-sterilized foods, but experience with four generations of rats "has been encouraging and we feel there is room to hope the treated foods will prove safe." He anticipates another two years of study before a final report can be made.

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