



## Clean Label Preservative for Flour Tortillas

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Easy to read label



Not harmful

Reduced E numbers

# BAKESHURE<sup>®</sup> Clean Label Preservative

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## Benefits:

- Clean label
- Allergen-free
- “Preservative free” system that controls mold growth
- Reduced E numbers – from 3 to 1

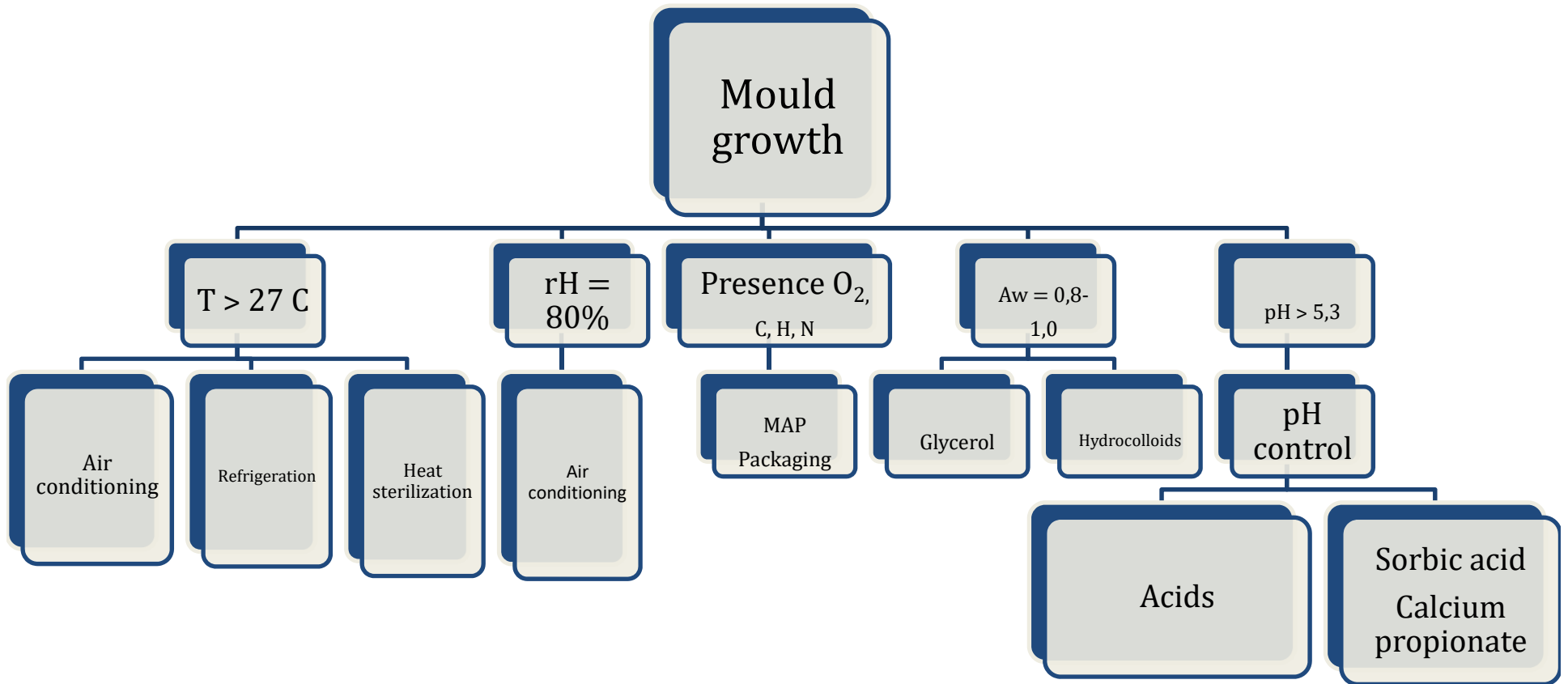
## Ingredient declaration:

- Cultured Corn Syrup Solids, Citric Acid, vegetable oils



# Background

# Conditions for Mould Growth



# Microbial Spoilage

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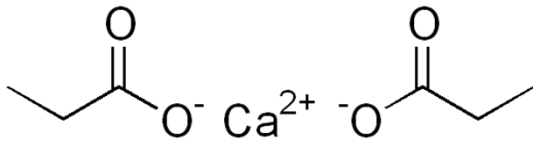
## Traditional methods to reduce microbiological spoilage:

- (1) Good manufacturing practices: cleanliness, sanitation, hygiene
- (2) Ultraviolet light and microwave heating
- (3) Use of preservatives e.g sorbic acid and Calcium propionate
- (4) Freezing
- (5) Modified atmosphere packaging (MAP) involving gas packaging with mixtures of Carbon dioxide, nitrogen, oxygen absorbents and ethanol vapor generators

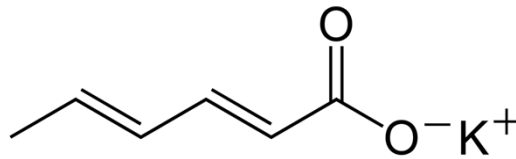
# Traditional Preservatives

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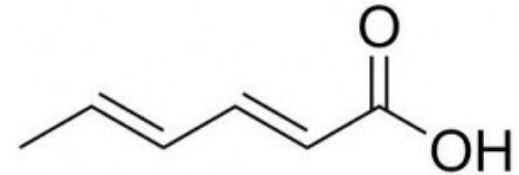
- Fatty Acid Preservatives



Calcium propionate



Potassium sorbate



Sorbic acid

# pH Control

	% undissociated (active) at pH:								
	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0
Propionic acid	99	96	88	71	43	19	7	2.3	0.8
Sorbic acid	98	95	85	65	37	15	5.5	1.8	0.6



Effectiveness

Taste

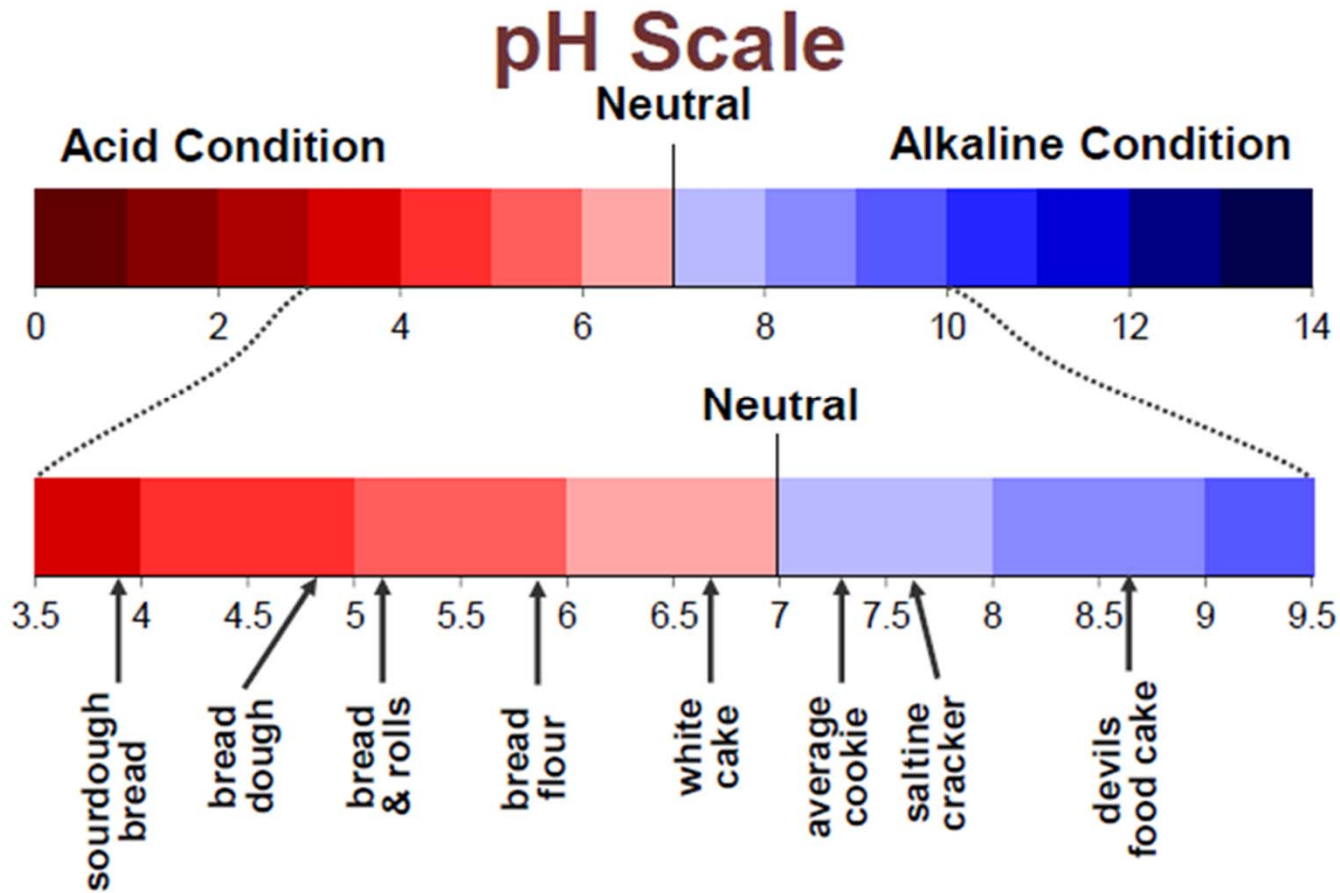


Weak acids vs Strong acids

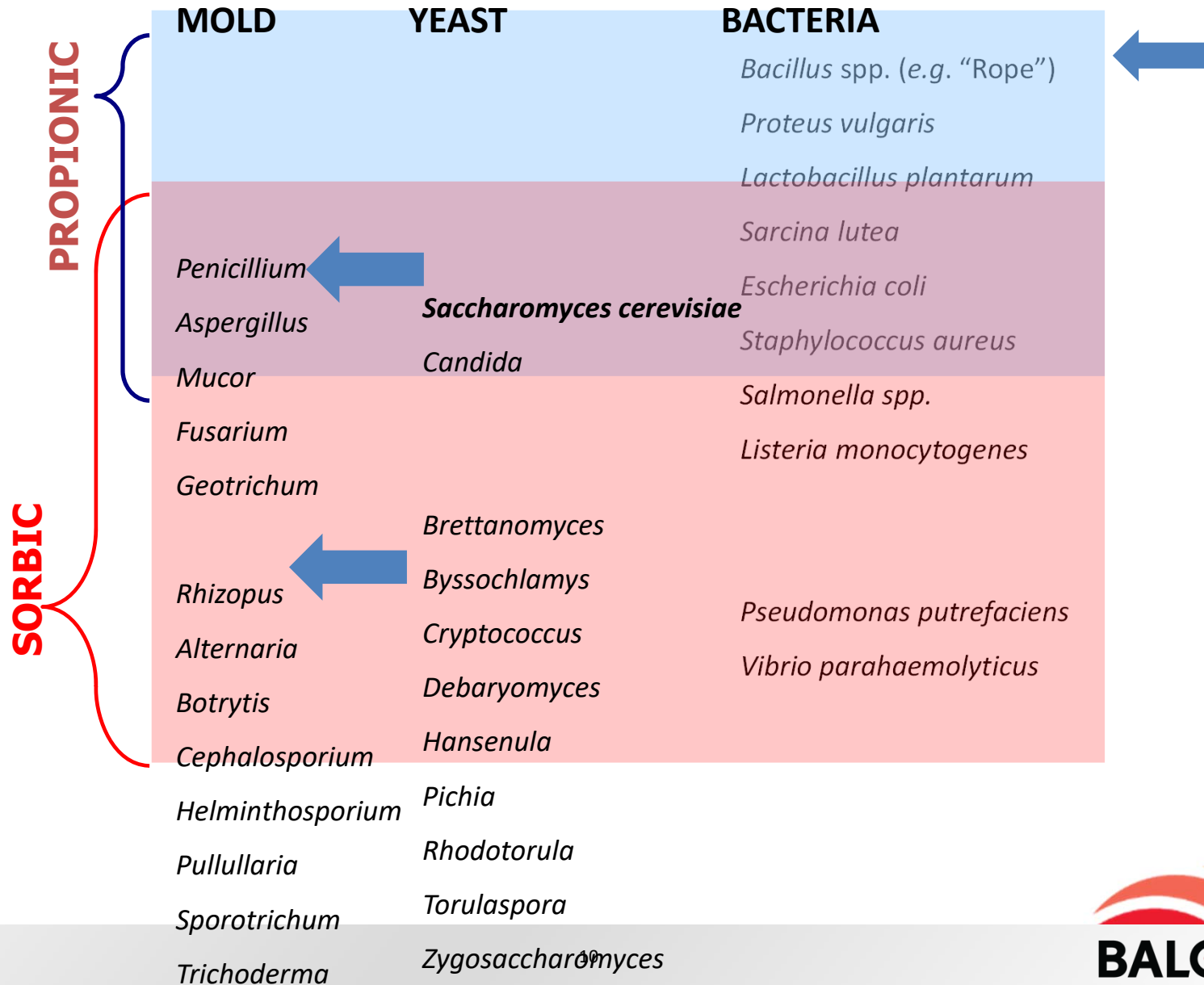
Sauer (1977), Sofos and Busta (1981)



# Acidifying Tortillas



# Synergy Broadens the Spectrum





# BakeShure<sup>®</sup> Clean Label Preservative

# Bakery Testing in Flour Tortillas

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<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Composition</b>
Control	No preservatives
Calcium propionate	Calcium propionate
Calcium propionate w/ citric acid	Calpro, citric acid
CCSS 1	Cultured Corn Syrup solids
CCSS 2	Encapsulated CCSS (malic acid version)
CCSS 3	Encapsulated CCSS (citric acid version)

# Dosages

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<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Dosage on flour</b>
Control	No preservatives
Calcium propionate	0,30%
Calcium propionate w/citric	1,05%
CCSS 1	0,80%
CCSS 2	1,85%
CCSS 3	1,85%

# pH Data

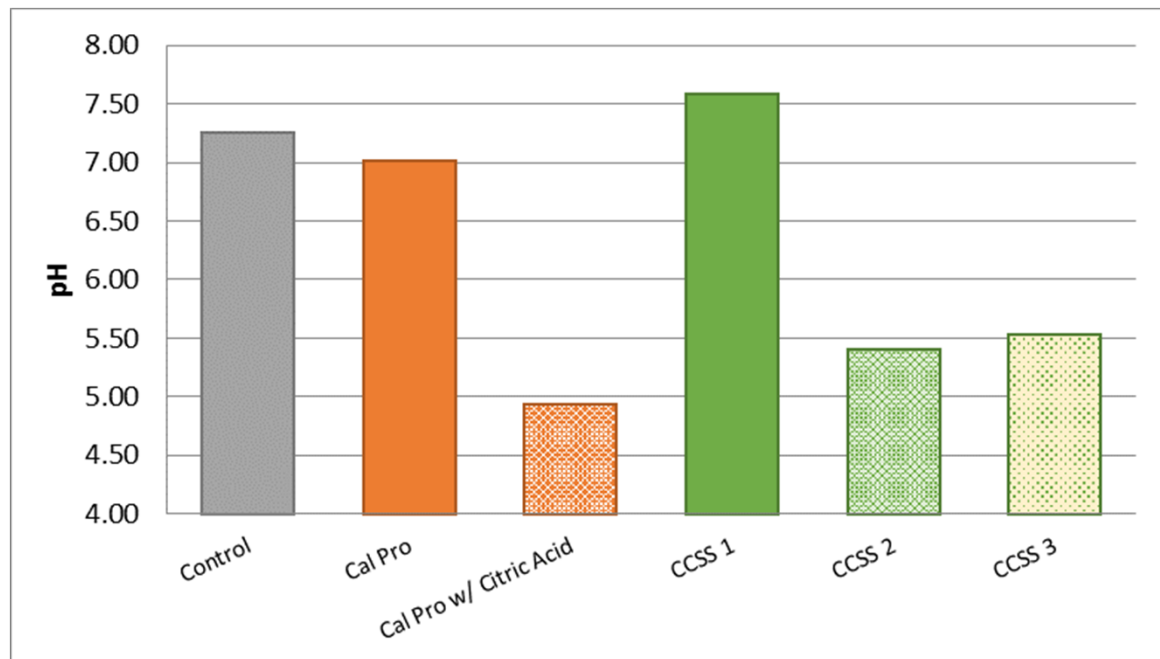
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- New BakeShure system is as effective in reducing pH in tortillas during baking

Ingredient	pH dough	pH tortilla
Control	7,33	7,40
CCSS 1	6,98	7,58
CCSS 2	6,93	5,40
CCSS 3	6,69	5,53

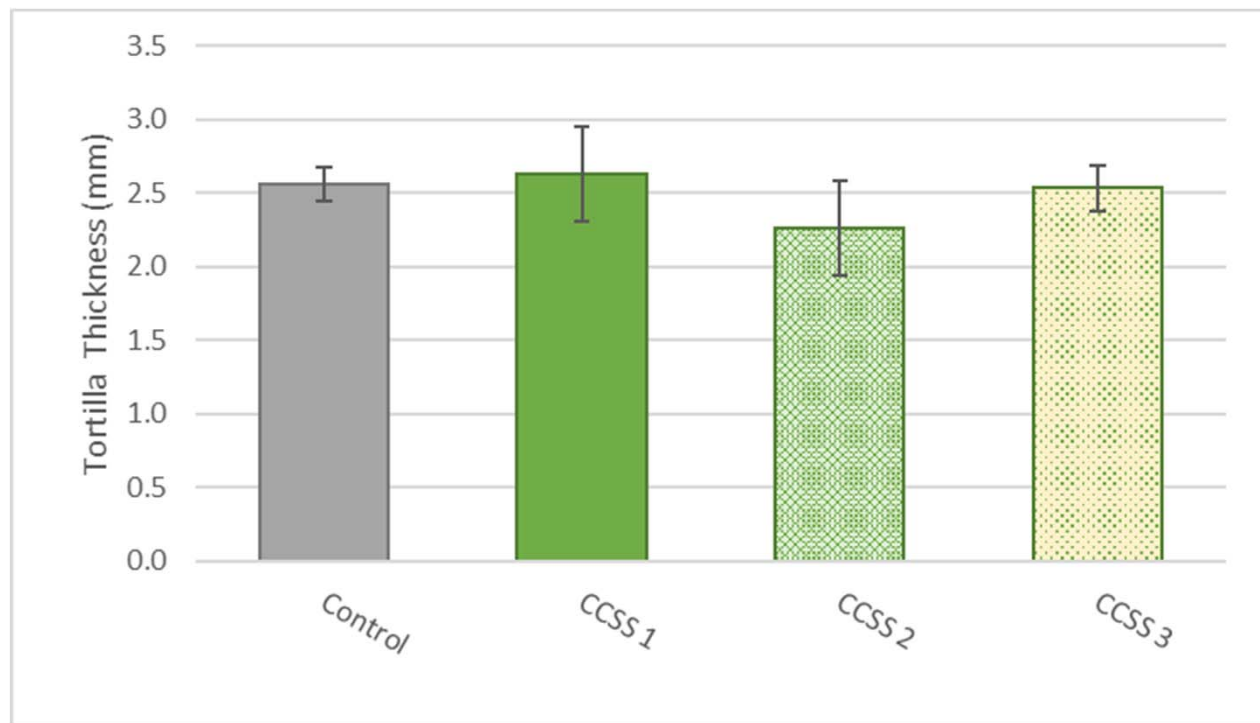
# pH Data

- **NEW** Bakeshure system with either citric or malic acid has a similar impact on pH drop as traditional preservation systems with Calpro and citric acid



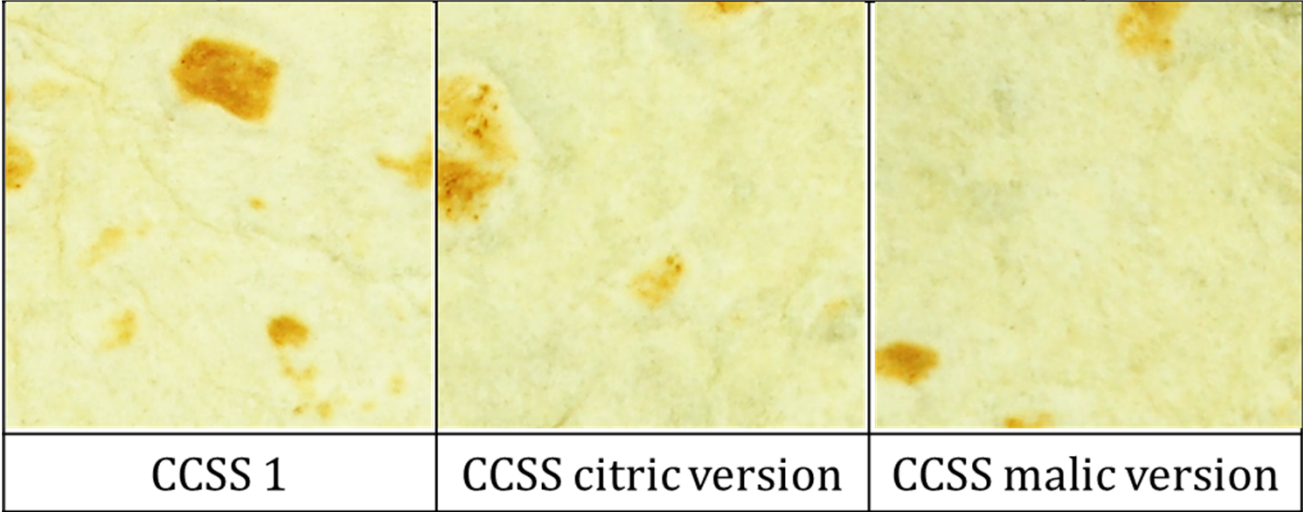
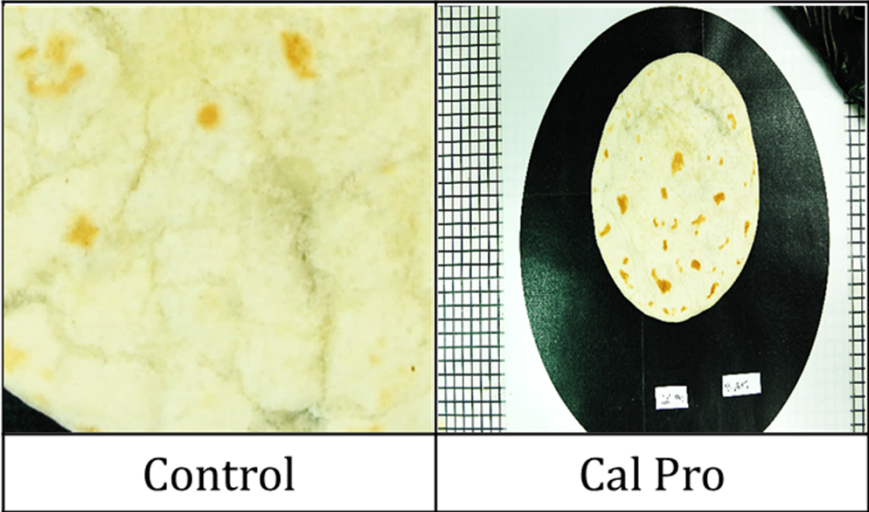
# Tortilla Thickness

- Thickness is related to the dough pH, and amount of acid released – minimal differences

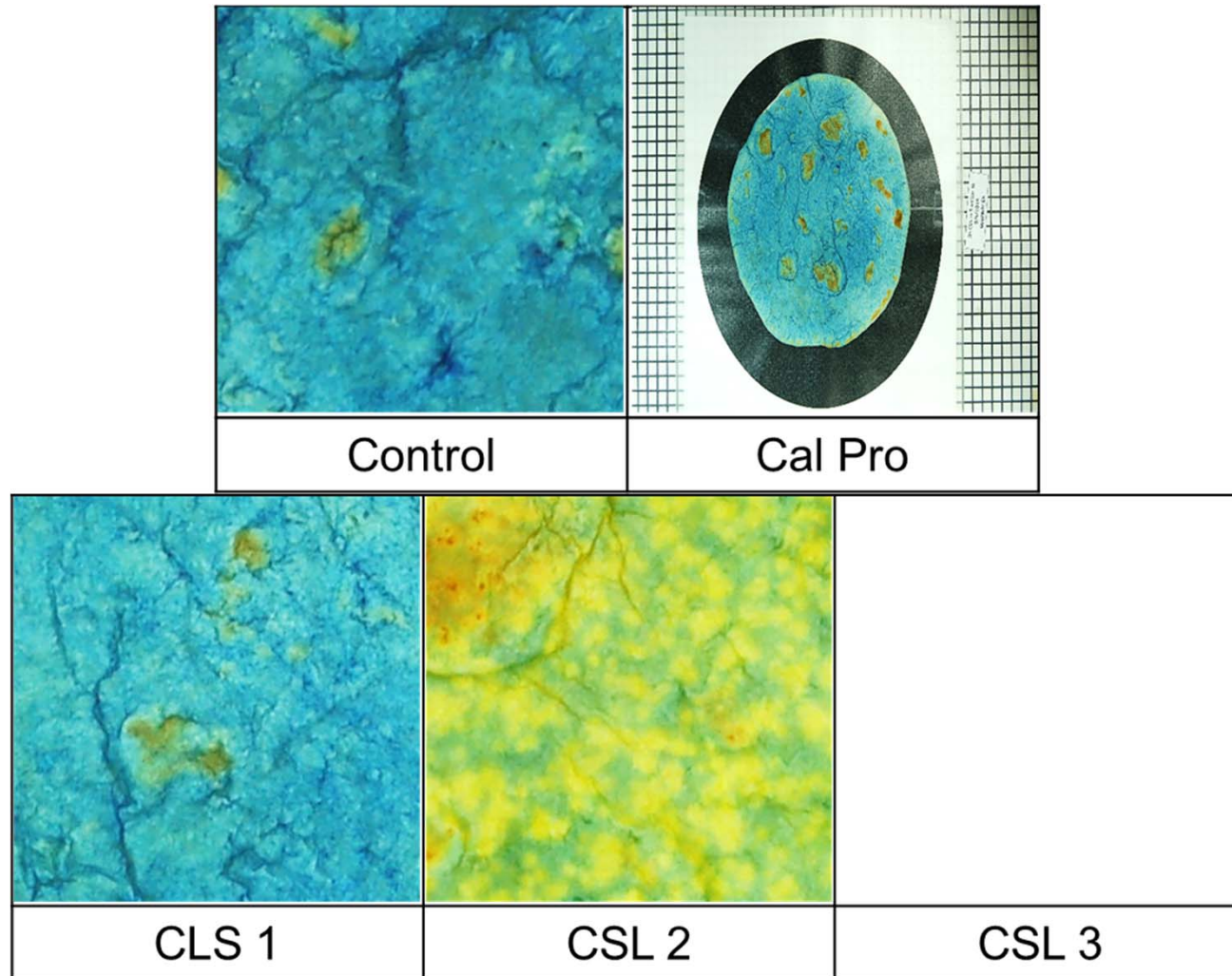




# Translucency (5 cm<sup>2</sup> Area)

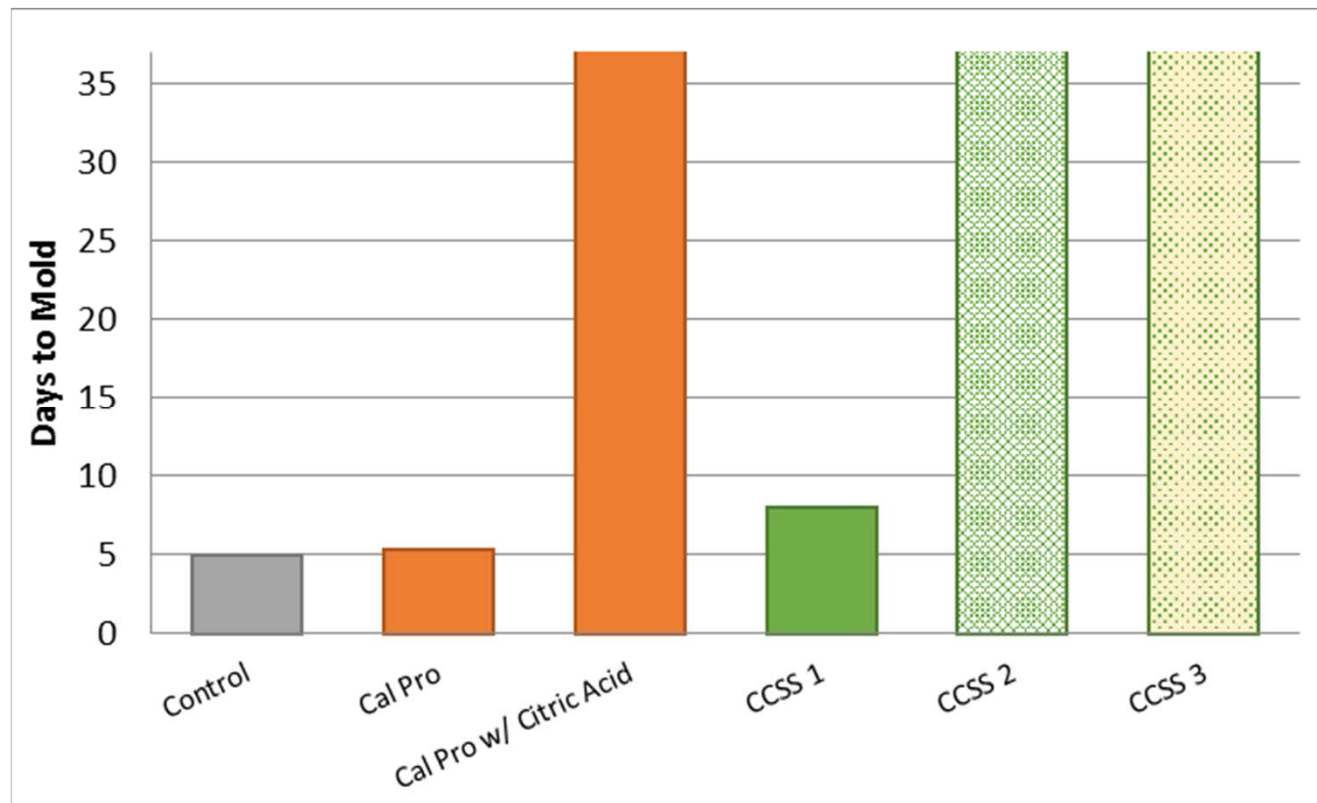


# Acid Distribution (5 cm<sup>2</sup> Area)



# Shelf Life Extension

- New BakeShure<sup>®</sup> Preservation system achieves similar shelf life (=90days) as traditional methods



# Conclusions

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- BakeShure Clean Label Preservation is an effective mold reducer with minimal impact on dough pH and translucency
- The reduced pH from the system yields a marked increase in shelf-life compared to non-acidulated product

# What questions do you have?

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