



F-750 Mango Model Building Standard Operating Procedure Felix Instruments: Applied Food Science

Complete list of equipment needed:

- ✓ Environmental chamber
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Permanent marker(s)
- ✓ Paring knife
- ✓ Cutting board
- ✓ Circular corer
- ✓ Microbalance
- ✓ Food dehydrator(s)
- ✓ Digital refractometer
- ✓ Garlic press/cheese cloth

I. Getting prepared for model building

Equipment needed:

- ✓ Environmental chamber at temperature
 - ✓ Fruit
 - ✓ Permanent marker(s)
 - ✓ F-750
1. Select specimens of fruit with a wide range of maturity levels to be used in training set creation and label each with a specimen number. (Note: if both sides of the fruit are to be scanned, label each side as their own sample #; i.e. mango 1 will be samples 1 and 2, mango 2 will be samples 3 and 4, and so on.)
 2. Determine the three temperatures to be used for the training set (Minimum, Mid, and Maximum). It is best to choose a range of temperatures encompassing the range which the measurements will be taken in out in the field, for example, 10°C, 20°C, 30°C.
 3. Place the fruit in a temperature controlled environmental chamber (a temperature controlled room will work).
 4. Wait until fruit has been given enough time to come to the pre-determined temperature (generally this will take about one hour).

Now it is time to begin taking measurements for the training set.



II. Preparing the F-750

Equipment needed:

✓ F-750

1. Turn on the F-750 and navigate to the Setup Menu > Training Sets > Create New Training Set.
2. Enter a name to use for the new training set using the up and down arrows to select characters and press the right arrow to enter (pressing the right arrow twice moves to the next menu).
3. Enter the number of specimens that will be used to build the model (minimum of 10 specimens). Press the right arrow again to create the training set file. Be aware this step can take a few minutes, and very large training sets (5000+) can take up to an hour to process.
4. After the training set has been created, press right to enter the "Browse Specimen Data" menu. Navigate to the first temperature: Minimum.

Now we will begin scanning each specimen. Be careful not to remove too many specimens at a time from the temperature-controlled chamber, as you want the set temperature to remain constant across the specimens.

III. Scanning Fruit

Equipment needed:

- ✓ Permanent marker(s)
- ✓ F-750

1. Place the first specimen on the eyepiece of the F-750 and use a permanent marker to mark the area to be scanned (see diagram below).





2. On the F-750, highlight "Specimen 1" on the list, and then press the right arrow to collect the training spectra. The instrument will indicate "Processing." **Do not press the square/scan button to gather training set spectra.**
3. After each specimen has been scanned, you will see a date and time included in the specimen file name. (Note: specimens can be re-recorded if a mistake is made or the wrong specimen/temperature is selected).
4. Repeat for all specimens at the Minimum temperature.
5. After all specimens have been recorded at the Minimum temperature, place your specimens back in the temperature-controlled area to bring the fruit to your next selected temperature: Mid temperature.
6. After specimens have reached the desired Mid temperature, the next set of temperature data is ready to be collected.
7. If you have turned off the F-750 while waiting for your specimens to reach their next temperature, navigate to the Setup Menu > Training Sets > Modify Existing Training Set and select the training set you created previously.
8. Within your training set file go to "Browse Specimen Data" and navigate to the Mid temperature folder. Place your first specimen on the eyepiece and align with previous scan location markings, and with "Specimen 1" highlighted on the list, press the right arrow to collect the training spectra.
9. Repeat for all specimens at Mid temperature. (Note: You will be using the same specimens for all three temperature sets so your specimen must be scanned in the same order and at the same location as was done for the Minimum temperature.)
10. Repeat the previous steps for the Maximum temperature when the specimens are at the selected temperature.

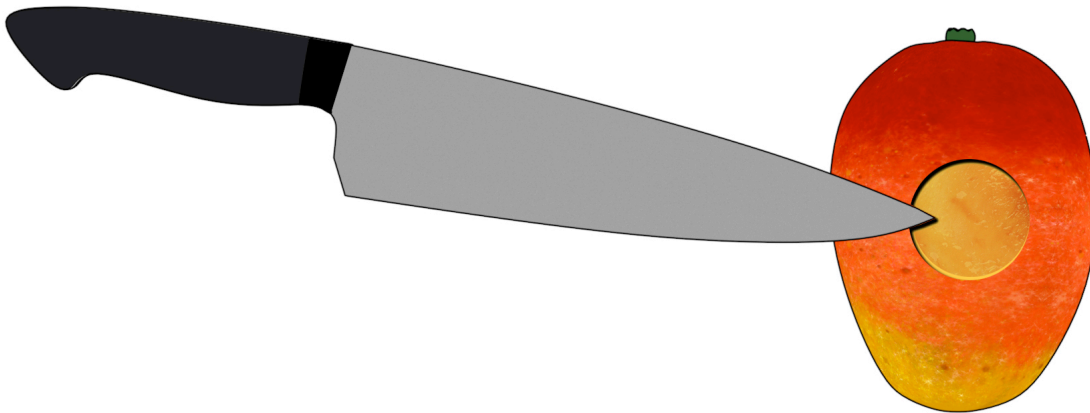
You are now finished creating your training set. The same specimens used for training set creation will now be used to collect reference values for building a predictive model.

IV. Collecting Dry Matter Reference Data

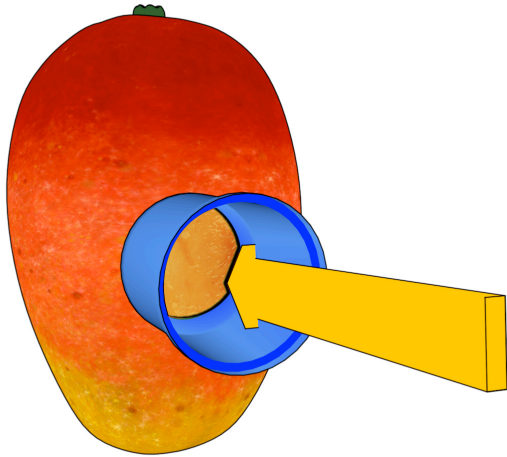
Equipment Needed:

- ✓ Paring knife
- ✓ Cutting board
- ✓ Circular corer
- ✓ Microbalance
- ✓ Food dehydrator(s)

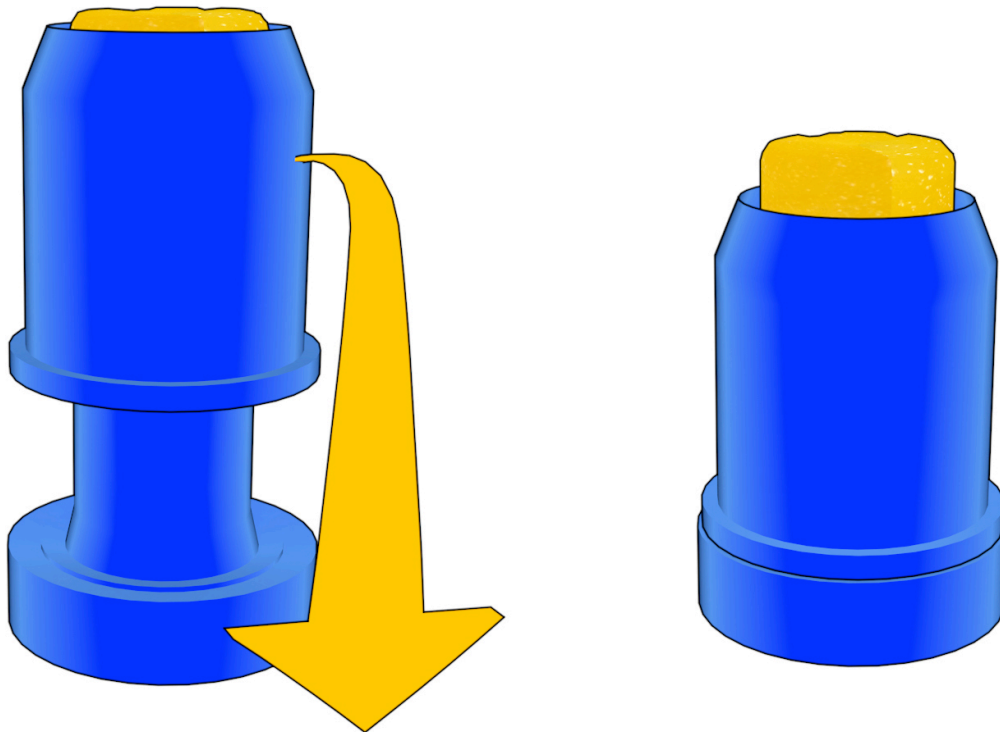
Using a sharp knife, remove the fruit skin from the area which was marked and scanned with the F-750, being careful to both fully remove the skin, but also to remove as little meat as is possible.



2. Push the 26mm circular corer to the seed of the mango in the prepared area.



3. Remove the corer and slice the mango close to the seed, removing the core of sampled mango.



- Trim the mango core on the seed side, so the total height of the cylinder is 2cm.



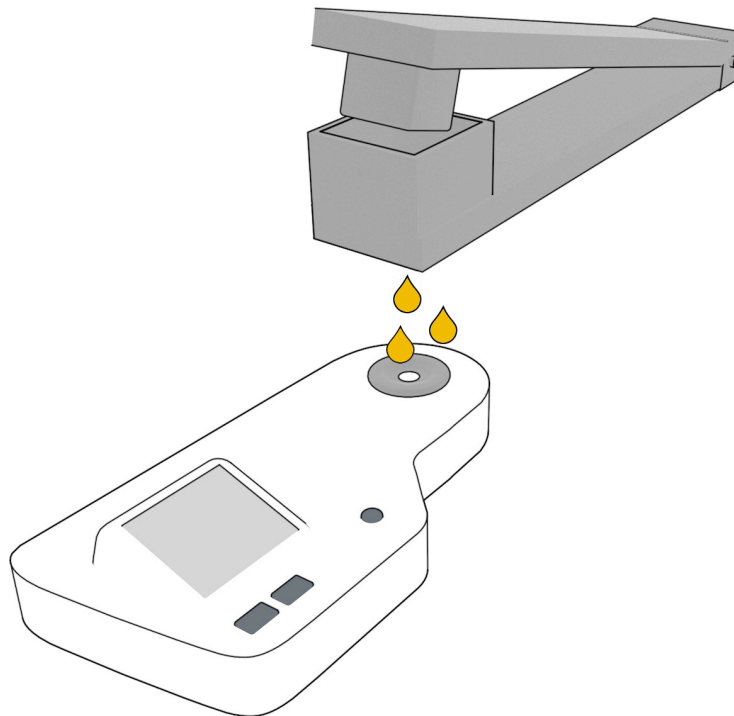
- Weigh the sample in a microbalance as soon as possible and record the weight to the nearest .001 grams. The expected wet mass should be around 10-12g.
- Dry the samples in a dehydrator set at 63-65°C for 48 hours.
- After 40 hours, re-weigh a few of the samples and record the values. Replace the samples back into the dehydrator.
- Re-check the previously dry-weighed samples 2-3 hours later and determine if they have changed in weight. If the dry-weight has changed less than 3%, you can assume the samples are fully dehydrated and the dry-weight for all specimen can be recorded. If the dry-weight has changed more than 3%, additional drying time is required.
- Measure all samples one at a time in a microbalance and record the values.
- Divide the final (dry) weight from the initial (wet) weight for each sample to determine the Dry Matter.

IV. Collecting Brix/SSC Reference Data

Equipment Needed:

- ✓ Paring knife
- ✓ Cutting board
- ✓ Circular corer
- ✓ Digital refractometer
- ✓ Garlic press/cheese cloth

1. Ensure fruit and refractometer have equilibrated to the same temperature.
2. Using a sharp knife, remove the fruit skin from the area which was marked and scanned, being careful to both fully remove the skin, but also to remove as little meat as is possible.
3. Push the 26mm circular corer to the seed of the mango in the prepared area.
4. Remove the corer and slice the mango close to the seed removing the core of sampled mango.
5. Trim the mango core on the seed side, so the total height of the cylinder is 2cm.
6. Load the sample core into the garlic press or cheesecloth.
7. Holding the press over the refractometer, apply pressure until several drops of juices have covered the quartz optical sensor of the refractometer.



8. Press the scan button and record the value.



9. Press the scan button again to ensure the refractometer has given a stable reading.
10. Wipe and dry the refractometer.
11. Repeat process with the next specimen.
12. It is useful to occasionally check the zero of the refractometer with DI water.