

ABSTRACT

To provide a noodle gelatinization apparatus that completes a steaming process of noodle strings in a short period of time while reducing running and equipment costs.

The noodle gelatinization apparatus holds a plurality of baskets 32 by hanging both their ends on hangers 38 connected to a chain conveyor rollers placed at designated intervals, lays the delivery lane of the chain conveyor in a steam chamber 26 where steam is supplied from its lower part, and passes the baskets through the steam chamber after loading them with noodle strings near an entrance 26a to the steam chamber. According to the present invention, each of the baskets is a box-shaped body partitioned into a plurality of container compartments with a large number of holes such that each container compartment is capable of containing one serving of noodle strings. Also, hanger support rails are installed spanning between an entrance side and an exit side of the steam chamber. Besides, the basket entering the steam chamber from the entrance side moves toward the exit side 26b, being pushed by the succeeding baskets. During this time, the hangers at both ends of the basket are supported by the hanger support rails, and the chains along a delivery lane which are connected to the hangers are slack.



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