

ABSTRACT

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUSLY AND UNIFORMLY SUPPLYING DOUGH

An apparatus is provided to include oppositely positioned rolls located at the bottom of a hopper that is used to feed dough. The gap between the rolls is periodically changed to avoid any concentrated stress in the dough. The dough can be constantly and stably fed through the gap. A method for continuously supplying dough from a hopper is also provided to comprise a step for providing a pair of opposite rolls at the bottom of a dough-feeding hopper. The rolls are driven in opposite directions and linearly moved and/or swung to repeatedly carry out pressing motions. A plurality of pairs of oppositely and horizontally positioned rolls may be provided as a pressing means at the bottom of a dough-feeding hopper.

Figure 1 is to accompany the abstract for publication.

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