

ABSTRACTMethod and Apparatus for the Continuous Processing
of Cereal Grains

The invention provides a method and apparatus for the continuous preparation of a puffed grain product, in particular an instant puffed rice flake product. The puffed rice can be used as an instant foodstuff by the addition of boiling water. The invention provides a method comprising the steps of soaking grains in water, pre-cooking the grains, exposing the grains to a first drying step, processing the grains into flakes and, optionally, exposing the puffed grain flakes to a second drying step. The invention provides an apparatus for carrying out the method.

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