CLAIMS:

1. A food product comprising:

an edible protein base; and

a plurality of fat delivery systems dispersed within said edible protein base, wherein the fat delivery systems comprises solid particles of an emulsified vegetable fat at least partially encapsulated within a combination of a gelled starch and at least one hydrocolloid, wherein the emulsified vegetable fat comprises an oil-in-water emulsion.

2. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises greater than 50 weight percent to about 99 weight percent of said edible protein base and from about 1 weight percent to less than 50 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

3. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 60 weight percent to about 99 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 1 weight percent to about 40 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

4. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 70 weight percent to about 99 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 1 weight percent to about 30 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

5. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 75 weight percent to about 99 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 1 weight percent to about 25 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

6. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 75 weight percent to about 95 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 5 weight percent to about 25 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

7. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 75 weight percent to about 90 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 10 weight percent to about 25 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

8. The food of claim 1, wherein said food product comprises from about 75 weight percent to about 85 weight percent of said edible protein base and about 15 weight percent to about 25 weight percent of said plurality of fat delivery systems.

9. The food product of claim 1, wherein the fat delivery system comprises from about 5 weight percent to about 60 weight percent of an emulsified vegetable fat and from about 40 to about 95 weight percent of a gelled starch, based on the total weight of the fat delivery system.

10. The food product of claim 1, wherein the fat delivery system comprises from about 10 weight percent to about 60 weight percent of an emulsified vegetable fat and from about 40 to about 90 weight percent of a gelled starch, based on the total weight of the fat delivery system.

11. The food product of claim 1, wherein the fat delivery system comprises from about 20 weight percent to about 50 weight percent of an emulsified vegetable fat and from about 50 to about 80 weight percent of a gelled starch, based on the total weight of the fat delivery system.

12. The food product of claim 1, wherein the fat delivery system comprises from about 30 weight percent to about 40 weight percent of an emulsified vegetable fat and from about 60 to about 70 weight percent of a gelled starch, based on the total weight of the fat delivery system.

13. The food product of claim 1, wherein the fat delivery system comprises about 40 weight percent of an emulsified vegetable fat and about 60 weight percent of a gelled starch, based on the total weight of the fat delivery system.

14. The food product of claim 1, wherein said fat systems further comprise at least one flavour.

15. The food product of claim 1, wherein said food product is selected from the group consisting of hot dogs, burgers, ground meat, sausage links, sausage patties, meatballs, meatloaf, and nuggets.

16. The food product of claim 15, wherein said food product is a burger.