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Waste to Worth: Sustainable Processing Solutions



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- **Enhance the natural resource base and the environment, and**
- **Provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole.**



WASTE TO WORTH

National Program Leader: Dr. Gene Lester

NP306: Quality and Utilization of Agricultural Products

- **Add Value to Lower Grade Agricultural Products**
- **Utilize Agricultural Co-Products**
- **Enhance Sustainability of Food Supply**
- **Develop Novel Health Promoting Foods**
- **Provide Economic Opportunities for Rural Communities**
- **Reduce Food Insecurity**

Processing Solutions Result in Novel Food and Nonfood Products

FOOD WASTE

Undersized or Blemished Produce



Convert to Puree and Process into Healthy Foods

Forming Technology



100% Fruit Bars



100% Fruit Bars



- Sell Just Fruit bars and other labels annually
- Amounts to half million pounds of fresh fruit annually
- Sold around globe – Iran, Japan, Mexico, Canada, Peru, etc.

Casting Technology



Fruit and Vegetable Edible Films



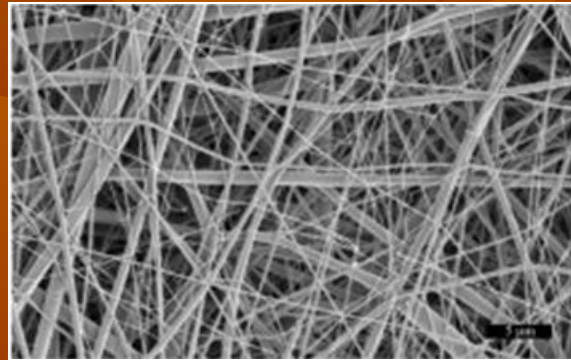
FOOD WASTE

Fish Processing Co-Products



Extract Gelatin and Process into Value Added Products

Fish Gelatin Films and Nanofibers



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FOOD WASTE

Potato Skins



Rice Hulls



Process into Bioproducts

Biodegradable Plates and Utensils



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Wine Grape Pomace



Olive Pomace



Process into Healthy Food Ingredients



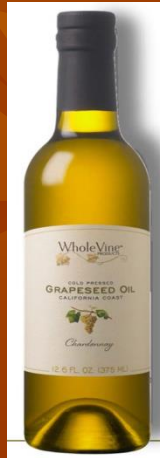
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Grape Skin
and Seed Flours



Crackers



Grape Seed Oil



Cookies

Wine Grape Pomace

The Washington Post

I'll have the chardonnay

By Lenny Bernstein Updated: April 25 at 7:00 am



Olive Pomace, Leaves and Water



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Through Innovation**

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