THE MECHANISM OF AN AMORPHOUS-CRYSTALLINE FAT FORMATION IN THE SUBMICROSTRUCTURE OF BUTTER

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The processes of the butter structure formation have been studied by the electron microscopy method which showed that it contains destroyed and partially impaired fat globules. Crystalline shells, consisting of concentric monomoleciilar layers, are formed on the globules surface. The interglobule structure of the butter contains many crystalline layer aggregates distributed in the amorphous fat. For the first time the ultradisperse isotropic and anisotropic moisture particles have been identified on the electron-microscopic photographs of the butter microstructure. The role of the ultradisperse moisture in formation of the crystalline submicrostructure of the milk-fat phase has been determined. Flat boundaries of the spreading amorphous layers and the crystalline layers separation boundaries are the centres of the ultradisperse moisture particles formation in butter. Long quasionedimensional chains of moisture particles, located along the separation boundaries have been detected. In the butter storage process many plate crystals 'crack' and are foimed in the crystalline layers structure. Quasi-onedimensional chains of the ultradisperse moisture particles are formed on the boundaries of the plate crystals separation.