Natural food ingredients
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Where there's a will, there's a way.

We are constantly developing and following the dynamic market changes and the expectations of our partners. All our activities are implemented in accordance with the best principles of design thinking. We create innovative products and services, based on a comprehensive understanding of the problems and needs of our trade partners.

The rebranding process, which Paula Ingredients underwent last year, also served as an impulse to improve the organisation of our work and focus creative energy and cooperation between teams on effects in the form of innovative end products. Thanks to our extensive experience, we develop them from the initial idea to the implementation of the final concept through a unique recipe that will win numerous consumers on the market.

Anna Zamojska
Export Manager

Elżbieta Machlańska
CEO

Monika Przyjemńska
Quality Department Manager
**From tradition to modernity**

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**Global reach**

Our natural food ingredients are exported to:

**36 countries** in **4 continents**

In order to exchange inspiration and search for innovative solutions, we regularly participate in the largest international food fairs.

- **ANUGA**
- **ISIM**
- **Hi&Ni Europe**
- **SIAL Paris**
- **IFE London**
- **PLMA Amsterdam**
- **SIAL Middle East**
- **Fi Europe**
PAULA Ingredients is primarily a team of people with passion and the right attitude, which guarantees customer satisfaction as well as trust. The close cooperation of qualified and experienced professionals in many fields allows us to create products using modern technologies and to provide unique ingredients for food production.

The effects of our work are characterised by innovation, a variety of inspirations and what is very important the effective use of global trends in the food industry.

In our daily work, we are guided by the principles of social ethics, and act in accordance with corporate social responsibility.
**Divisions of PAULA Ingredients**

For us, the production of natural food ingredients is more than just work. It is a passion pursued every day.

"The basis of our production is innovative technologies and natural raw materials. The combination of these two elements allows us to obtain outstanding products."

Rafal Bator, R&D Manager

"Natural ingredients are the healthiest, which is why we purchase the best-quality fruit and vegetables from Polish farms."

Joanna Prus-Szewczyk, Purchasing Coordinator

"The continuous improvement of our quality control system helps us achieve the highest standards which result from the implemented systems, legal provisions and requirements imposed by our clients."

Monika Przyjemska, Quality Department Manager

"Our modern machines stock and many years team's extensive experience make our ingredients perfect for all kinds of food products."

Maciej Roliński, Operations Director

"Harmony in a team requires good composition, just like our products. We select specialists who have a good understanding of the responsibility of the role they play when producing food ingredients."

Katarzyna Kuźniacka, HR Manager

"By cooperating with the largest companies in the food industry and our long-term partners, we can be sure that together we successfully deliver unique, tasty and functional food products."

Anna Zamojska, Export Manager
We prefer a dialogue-based work style, where the customer’s concepts complement the experience of our R&D team. We use the full potential of the individual ideas of our business partners, and thanks to the close cooperation and commitment of the PAULA Ingredients team, we develop them into unique final products.

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**Final product design**

All parameters of the developed product are specified in accordance with the order. The technological methods are adjusted and we point to the possibilities of applying innovative product solutions that build a competitive advantage. The product development path is planned in detail, up to the launch.

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**Raw material selection**

Suppliers are carefully selected and crops are inspected from the seed selection stage, using the knowledge of agronomists. We prefer raw materials from sustainable agriculture plantations, cultivated with the rational use of natural resources and which have a limited negative impact on the environment.

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**High quality standards**

Our final products undergo a meticulous and demanding quality control process. All production stages are strictly covered by the certified Food Safety System (FSSC 22000), which is implemented at every stage of production from raw material control at the supplier's premises, to final product testing.

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**Product launch**

We present the prototype, support the client in developing the marketing plan and engage the team’s knowledge and experience in the market launch of our jointly developed product concept. For us, the most important goal is the success of our clients.
Our services

For our partners, we provide services for **drying raw materials on several specialised production lines**, and the services covering all stages of the finished product preparation.

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**MIRVAC drying**

Thanks to the microwave-vacuum drying method developed by the PAULA Ingredients technological team, we obtain **delicately crunchy, natural-looking products with an intense aroma and taste of fresh fruit / vegetables**, as well as a high concentration of nutritional value.

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**Spray drying**

A drying method thanks to which we obtain powdered products from things such as concentrates, aromas, purees and extracts. Spray-dried products are **micro-encapsulated** (their aroma is only released after water is poured on them). Drying products in spray-dried technology using nozzles allows products **with a higher degree of solubility in cold liquids to be obtained**.

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**Drum drying**

A drying technology which is widely used for liquids, gels and pastes. The result of the process is products in the form of **flakes or powder**. An additional advantage of this method is the possibility of drying raw materials **without the use of additional carriers**.

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Service under development
**Granulate**

Transformation of powdered products / flour into granules of various sizes. Granulated products do not change their properties, such as flavour and colour. Their advantage is the possibility of using them in applications in which the powdered form cannot be used (e.g. teabags).

**Mixing**

We prepare mixtures from loose products from external and our own raw materials. They are made according to the original ideas - individual recipes of our clients or new compositions and flavours which are developed in cooperation with our R&D department.

**Packaging**

Food producers and distributors are offered packaging services for loose food products in various forms. We offer system solutions for the packaging process and always adapt the scope of our services to the client’s needs.

**Design**

Our comprehensive service can cover all stages: preparation of the recipe, technical facilities covering the stage of product implementation, technological consulting and support in the field of labelling and packaging.
Current trends

Natural texture

Vegetable crispiness is an asset that is worth paying attention to in the production of dried snacks. Consumers are looking for sensual experiences in products hence, when choosing salty snacks, for example, they pay attention to their crispiness. Attractive sensual qualities will also convince buyers to opt for products from the category of healthy food.

The advantages of drying foods

Texture is becoming an increasingly important advantage of new products on the market.

Crunchiness and natural texture can be utilised even better in mixes which combine dried vegetables with other crunchy ingredients such as nuts or dried fruit. Including ingredients known to consumers from other types of snacks in a mix may prompt them to try dried vegetables.

Source: A report by Mintel: (“Dried vegetables make for a healthful snack”)
**High-quality** raw materials

Natural ingredients are the most valuable for us, which is why we use only vegetables and fruit from sources controlled by us in our production process. The continued work on lasting partner relations with suppliers results in mutual trust.

We are certain that our customers receive products that delight with their quality and nutritional values, due to the fact that they are made from freshly harvested local crops.

**Common benefits of sustainable crops**

- Rational use of the natural resources available.
- Limiting the negative environmental impact on all levels of the supply chain.
- Ensuring high-quality products from farms using fewer pesticides while reducing water consumption and the amount of waste water generated as well as reducing their toxicity.
- Ensuring legal, social and ethical compliance.
We set the standards of cooperation with suppliers

1. Direct contact with farmers
2. Joint selection of seeds and cultivation methods
3. Updated and controlled crop-cards
4. Testing of supplies, periodic assessment of suppliers and audits
5. Training for suppliers
6. Solidarity activities for the environment

Certified value of the products

The natural raw materials used to make our finished products are not genetically modified. We require non-GMO certificates or declarations from our suppliers. We have therefore started complying with the ORGANIC Certificate, which confirms the compliance of our products with the principles of organic farming. We also offer production that meets the Halal and Kosher quality requirements.
Product categories

MIRVAC

- Dried fruit
- Dried infused fruit
- Dried baked fruit
- Dried vegetable mixes
- Superfoods
- Dried vegetables
- Dried baked vegetables
- Dried pickled vegetables
- Rice
- Groats
- Cheese

Available fractions:

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<th>WHOLE FRUIT / VEGETABLE</th>
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<th>CUBE</th>
<th>CRUMBLE / FLAKE</th>
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Spray drying

- Concentrated juice fruit powders
- Concentrated juice vegetable powders
- Powdered natural dyes
- Dried vegetable, spice and herb extracts
- Hydrolysed vegetable protein
- Dried yeast extracts
- Other ingredients (e.g. powdered honey, soya sauce, lactic acid)

Available fractions:

| POWDER | GRANULATE |
Mixes / Sprinkles

- Vegetable stocks
- Flavoured hydrolysed vegetable protein and yeast extracts
- Vegetable mixes
- Own compositions

Available fractions:

Base products

- Legume flours
- Rice flour

Available fractions:

Drum drying - In progress

- Fruit and vegetable powders
- Powdered natural dyes
- Potato flakes

Available fractions:
Products we offer

**Dried vegetables and fruits**
- much better quality than freeze-dried products • retain their natural look, taste and nutritional values • no unnecessary ingredients • extremely light • a low bulk density ensures high yield • crispy, but with a durable structure • less susceptible to crumbling

Additional options of fruit and vegetable available on custom order are, among others, dried baked or pickled vegetables • selected fruit coated with any kind of chocolate • fruit infused with high-quality functional ingredients (such as fibre, inulin, vitamins, concentrated juices or honey) to give it specific properties and increase its nutritional value

**Vegetable and fruit powders**
- have natural colouring properties • based on a carrier • enriched with fruit flours • available in a granulated form • intense taste and aroma without additional fragrances • microbiologically stable • suitable for dry and wet processing • allow for intense colouring with a low dosage • no unnecessary fixing of substances

**Superfoods**
- functional food ingredients • a high level of nutritional value • suitable for vegans and vegetarians • a high dietary fibre content • no preservatives • no added sugars • gluten-free
- **Dried vegetable, spice and herb extracts**
  - an intense aroma • high efficiency • no artificial colours • resistant to high temperatures

- **Hydrolysed vegetable protein**
  - a flavour enhancer • more efficient than liquid equivalents • versatile use in food production and meat processing • lower salt content than in other hydrolysates available on the market • no preservatives

- **Dried yeast extracts**
  - a great alternative to monosodium glutamate • enhance the flavour of products • no preservatives

- **Mixes**
  - a composition of mixes based on our own recipes • made based on our own ingredients • special components increase product attractiveness • a varied taste and aroma • the possibility of developing an individual recipe and using functional ingredients
Base products

- legume flours • 100% natural substitutes for gluten flours • thickeners, produced without additives and carriers • excellent for instant products and for cooking • a velvety texture effect • a high vegetable protein content

Other ingredients

- additives in the form of loose carrier-based powder • microbiologically stable • efficient • easier to store than liquid equivalents

To order

Fruit and vegetables (including flavoured versions) not included in our basic offer as well as other fractions available after individual arrangements, with a specified MOQ (minimum order quantity). In addition, we also manufacture nozzle-dried concentrates on request.

See more at PAULAingredients.com/offer
Unique properties

Educating consumers is a good way of making the category of superfoods more popular. In product communication, it is worth emphasising the health benefits and nutritional values of these ingredients.

Consumers around the world appreciate superfoods for their health benefits.

Buyers of superfoods believe that:

**USA 57%**
- it's worth paying more to healthier food.

**Canada 50%**
- products that offer health benefits are very popular.

**UK 34%**
- foods that contain health-promoting ingredients are the most tempting.

Source: A report by Mintel: (“The superfoods of the future”)
Inspirations and applications

- Dried vegetables and fruits
  - Vegetable / fruit crisps
  - Mixes / snacks
  - Functional bars
  - Instant meals
  - Porridge
  - Muesli
  - Smoothies / shakes
  - Desserts
  - Cocktails / milk-based drinks
  - Confectionery
  - Stuffed products
  - Cheese

- Superfoods
  - Cereals
  - Groats / gruels
  - Oat / millet cookies
  - Smoothies / shakes
  - Desserts
  - Cocktails / milk-based drinks
  - Dietary supplements
  - Cosmetics
  - Sports nutrients
**Vegetable and fruit powders**

- Ice creams / sorbets
- Yoghurts / mousses
- Icing additives

- Flavoured teas
- Isotonic / instant / plant drinks
- Sweets, cookies, crackers

- Cream soups
- Hummus / pastes / couscous
- Dips

**Legume flours**

- Snacks
- Pates
- Falafels / burgers / cutlets

- Flavoured breads / buns
- Ravioli / tortellini / dumplings
- Instant dishes / sauces / soups

- Pastas
- Pizza bases / vegetable tarts
- Wraps / tortillas

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Our technologies

**MIRVAC - microwave-vacuum drying**

A drying method which brings unique effects in a very short time and at a low (but positive) temperature. It is used for fruit and vegetables, among others. It allows you to maintain a very high level of nutritional value in the final product. Dried products recover their natural texture, taste and smell in the rehydration process, depending on the raw material used.

- **How does the process work?**

  1. fresh / frozen fruit and vegetables
  2. washing and cleaning
  3. cutting and preparation
  4. air drying (preliminary)
  5. MIRVAC drying (main)
  6. final drying (post)

  *infusion

**MIRVAC vs. generally-used freeze drying**

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**MIRVAC infusion**

The process of enriching the final product with high-quality functional ingredients (such as fibre, inulin, vitamins, concentrated juices or honey) to give it specific properties and increase its nutritional value. Thanks to this, the finished products have a diverse form, crispiness and texture, and can be tailored to the individual needs of our customers.
The versatile benefits of our drying method

**Modern**

The shortest industrial drying process - it only takes 2 to 3 hours. The effectiveness of the method translates into a reduction in production costs.

**Innovative**

The unique technology of drying at low, yet positive temperatures on an industrial scale.

**Reliable**

Detailed verification and inspection of each stage of production from the raw materials to the final products. Testing takes place in both internal modern laboratories, and accredited research units.

**Unique**

Unlike the popular freeze-dried products, it guarantees better taste, appearance, texture, crunchiness and natural colour of fresh vegetables or fruit.

**Effective**

Thanks to the condensation of vitamins, minerals or fibre, in a much smaller amount of the finished product when, compared to the initial raw material, there are more valuable ingredients. The final products have health-promoting properties.

**Safe**

The use of a vacuum means that water boils at as little as low as 20 °C whilst at the same time effectively eliminating microorganisms.
Other technologies

**Drum drying - In progress**

Technology with a wide range of applications for highly viscous solutions and unstable substances such as liquids, gels, pastes and suspensions as well as fibrous materials. Drum dryers use a steam-heated drum, on whose outer surface a thin layer of moist raw material is applied with uniform thickness. During a partial rotation of the drum, the raw material is dried and cut off by a special knife.

The options for selecting the drum temperature, variable dosing parameters and feeding the liquid for drying as well as the use of an additional vacuum chamber, ensure that the product can be obtained without the need of a carrier. In the case of raw materials that undergo a rapid oxidation process are susceptible to enzymatic changes and are sensitive to high temperatures, the products have the right colour.

Drum dryers are characterised by the short preparation time of the final product (with higher energy efficiency), which translates to a reduction in the costs of the production process. Thanks to the drum drying process, we obtain products in the form of flakes or powder, among others: fruit and vegetable powders, powder dyes, potato flakes and dried fruit/vegetables.
**Spray drying**

Microbiologically clean and easy to apply powdered products made of liquid concentrated juice, concentrate or other wet raw materials. The solutions are sprayed using a spray disk, while drying occurs by immediate evaporation of the water by using hot air. The final product is microencapsulated so that it releases its aroma only after having water poured on it - which is its great advantage.

The spray-drying technology with the use of nozzles allows a product with better structure and powder friability, and increased solubility in cold solutions to be obtained. **This is the perfect solution for demanding customers.**

**Production of instant legume flour**

Fully natural substitutes for gluten flours, as well as natural thickeners, produced without any additives or carriers. They do not need to be cooked.

**Production of instant rice and groats**

Thanks to the properly selected parameters of the technological process, the products rehydrate very quickly, retaining the taste of the cooked raw material, and are not sticky. The use of various process parameters allows you to tailor the final product to the customer’s needs in terms of hardness, viscosity and rehydration time.

**Production of mixes**

Made from the a combination of various raw materials, thus creating a new finished product, e.g. vegetable broth based on natural ingredients, hydrolysates and yeast extracts, our own compositions or compositions ordered by clients.
Current trends

Clean label

Organic food and drinks without unnecessary artificial additives are becoming more and more popular among the consumers in Europe, thanks to their "clean label".

More than half of consumers in Europe believe that ORGANIC food is healthier.

Percentage of consumers buying ORGANIC food, based on the belief of its health properties (selected European countries):

- France: 56%
- Spain: 54%
- Poland: 53%
- Italy: 49%

Source: A report by Mintel: (“The European organic market - A consumer perspective”)