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Clove: A review of a precious Spice

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Abstract

Clove are the Aromatic flower buds of tree in Family Myrtaceae, (*Syzygium aromaticum*). Clove may be looked upon as champion of all the antioxidant known till date. Clove is one of most valuable spices that have been use traditionally as food preservative and many therapeutic purpose. Clove is use in antioxidant help protect against cancerit can also killbacteria, help ful in liver health and regular blood sugar. clove have essential oil extract named Eugenol comprises 72-90%, this plant represent one of the richest sources of phenolic constituent as Eugenol the clove tree is evergreen that grow upto 8-12 meter tall with large leaves and crimson flower grouped in terminal clusters.

Keywords: *Syzygium aromaticum*, spiecantioxidant

Introduction

Clove is the common name for the herb *Eugenia caryophyllata*, belonging to the Myrtaceae family. Arange of bioactive compounds, including some potent antioxidants and antimicrobials, are present in cloves, which are the dried flower buds of the clove tree [1]. Scientists reported that clove essential oil (CEO) is primarily composed of phenylpropanoids namely eugenol and its derivatives, with low amounts of-humulene and -caryophyllene chemical components [2]. CEO's biological qualities, which include antioxidant, antibacterial, antiseptic, pesticide, analgesic, and Anticarcinogenic activity, make it useful in numerous industries such as food, biomedical, packaging, sanitary, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals [3]. CEO is often used in food as natural preservative, colorant, and a spice [4]. Essential oils comprise both labile and volatile substances that dissolve or evaporate easily during processing, usage, and storage, or while added into food or packaging materials, among other conditions, such as low pressures, high temperatures, the presence of light and air, and others [5]. Due to its exceeding lyvolatile and low water-soluble components, suchas eugenol, the CEO's antibacterial and antioxidant capabilities are severely limited [6]. Encapsulating bioactive substances like essential oils can be an efficient way to protect them from deterioration in harsh environments and bepotentially utilized to increase the shelf life of essential oils and provide delivery systems with the controlled release [7].

Clove is mainly used in Ayurvedics, it is a precious and valuable spice of the world, it is usually known as “lavang” it is member of Myrtaceae [8]. *Syzygium aromaticum* (*S. aromaticum*) (synonym: *Eugenia cariophyta*) commonly known clove, is an median size tree (8-12) meter from mitraceae [9]. Clove is mainly used for preparation of food. Clove oil is used for antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabeties and antioxidant properties [10]. Eugenol the most important composition of clove oil has been accepted as food preservative by china [11]. Clove was originated from Indonesia. In Latin word “clou” meaning nail [12]. Desiccant dehumidifier wheel is the crucial alternative for conventional components used in HVAC system. Desiccant dehumidifier wheel is an essential and Pivotal component that can be used in building heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems in order to reach significant energy savings and to use renewable sources [13]. It is very complicated to optimize the air handling units based on desiccant wheels instead of conventional components and it requires Suitable simulation tools. In the present paper Simulation is carried out with different temperature and different relative humidity. One-dimensional models are considered for developing temperature and velocity profiles.



Synonyms

Cloves, caryophyllus, Laving, lung, Grambu, krambu

- **Classification According to biology: kingdom:** plantae, Class- Mangnoliopsida
- **Kingdom-**plantae
- **Sub-kingdom-**Tracheobionta
- **Subclass-**Rosidae
- **Class-**Mangnoliopsida
- **Species-**aromaticum
- **Genus-**Syzygium
- **Division-**Magnoliophyta
- **Subclass -**Rosidae
- **Genus -**Syzygium
- **Species -**aromaticum

History

Clove is one of most ancient and valuable species, originated in first century before Christ. The first clue about clove fragrance given by ancient chines (207B.Cto220A.D) [20]. Clove were introduced to Shri Lanka In 18th century A.D. were established in India by East Indian Company [16]. The use clove as spice reached Europe around 4th century A.D [25].



Pic-[1] Dry clove, [2] clove Plant

For over 2000 year both Indian and Chinese fractional medicine made extensive use of clove flowers and clove oil [4]. The clove trees cover thousand of acres of the island. Historically clove originating from Madagascar have been considered superior [10]. In 2009 clove cigarettes were banned in U.S. however they are still marketed with new label as filtered clove cigars [25].

Cultivation Method

The cultivation method employed in agriculture plays a vital role in determining crop yield, quality, and overall sustainability. With the global population continuously increasing and the demand for food surging, it becomes imperative to explore and implement cultivation methods that optimize productivity while minimizing negative environmental impacts. This research paper examines various cultivation methods, including traditional and modern techniques, and evaluates their efficacy in achieving sustainable agriculture. The paper also highlights the importance of incorporating technological advancements and innovative practices to address the challenges faced by conventional farming methods. By understanding and implementing effective cultivation methods, we can strive towards a more productive, resilient, and environmentally friendly agricultural system.

Traditional Cultivation Methods

Conventional Tillage

Conventional tillage is etc. additional cultivation method that involves mechanically plowing and turning the soil to prepare it for planting. This method has been widely used for centuries and is characterized by the use of heavy machinery, such as plows, to break up the soil, remove weeds, and incorporate organic matter. While conventional tillage offers immediate benefits like weed control and soil aeration, it also has several drawbacks. Excessive tillage can lead to soil erosion, loss of organic matter, and disruption of soil structure. It can also contribute to the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and decrease water infiltration, leading to water runoff and potential pollution.

Crop Rotation

Crop rotation is a traditional cultivation method that involves the systematic rotation of crops in a field over time. This practice helps break the life cycles of pests and diseases and reduces the depletion of specific nutrients from the soil. By alternating crops with different nutrient requirements, the soil can maintain its fertility, reduce the buildup of pests and diseases, and improve overall crop yield. Crop rotation also promotes biodiversity and can help in weed control. However, effective crop rotation requires

careful planning and knowledge of plant families, nutrient requirements, and pest cycles.

Intercropping

Intercropping is a traditional cultivation method where two or more crops are grown simultaneously in the same field. This practice maximizes land utilization and enhances productivity by taking advantage of the complementary characteristics of different crops. For example, a nitrogen-fixing crop like legumes can be intercropped with a nitrogen-demanding crop to improve soil fertility. Intercropping can also provide natural pest control by attracting beneficial insects and disrupting pest cycles. Furthermore, it helps in weed suppression and reduces soil erosion. However, intercropping requires careful selection of compatible crops, proper spacing, and consideration of competition for resources like light, water, and nutrients.

Flood Irrigation

Flood irrigation is a traditional method of water application that involves flooding the entire field with water. This method has been practiced for centuries in areas with ample water resources. Flood irrigation is simple and inexpensive, requiring minimal infrastructure. It provides uniform water distribution and can be beneficial in areas with high water tables. However, flood irrigation has several drawbacks. It can lead to water wastage due to evaporation, runoff, and deep percolation. Excessive irrigation can cause waterlogging, soil salinization, and nutrient leaching. Moreover, uneven distribution of water can result in uneven crop growth and yield variability.

While traditional cultivation methods have been widely practiced and have their advantages, it is crucial to consider their limitations and explore alternative approaches that promote sustainability and address environmental concerns. Modern cultivation methods and sustainable practices offer innovative solutions to overcome the challenges faced by traditional methods, aiming for increased productivity, resource efficiency, and long-term ecological balance.

Modern Cultivation Methods

Conservation Tillage

Conservation tillage is a modern cultivation method that minimizes soil disturbance by reducing or eliminating tillage operations. This approach aims to preserve soil structure, moisture, and organic matter, thereby improving soil health and reducing erosion. Conservation tillage practices include techniques such as minimum tillage, no-till, and strip-till, where only a portion of the field is tilled. By leaving crop residues on the soil surface, conservation tillage helps prevent soil erosion, conserve soil moisture, and enhance carbon sequestration. It also reduces fuel consumption, machinery wear, and labor requirements. However, successful adoption of conservation tillage requires proper weed management, residue management, and adaptation to specific cropping systems and soil conditions.

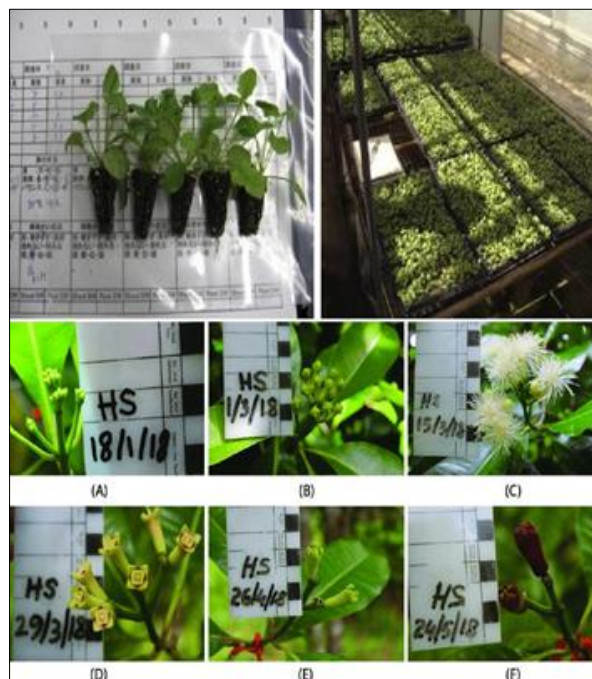
Precision Farming

Precision farming, also known as precision agriculture, utilizes advanced technologies and data-driven approaches to optimize crop production. This method involves the use of GPS (Global Positioning System), remote sensing, and GIS (Geographic Information System) to collect and

analyze data on soil conditions, crop health, and environmental factors. Precision farming enables farmers to apply fertilizers, water, and pesticides precisely where and when they are needed, thereby minimizing waste and improving resource efficiency. It also facilitates variable rate application, site-specific management, and real-time monitoring of crops. By optimizing inputs and reducing environmental impacts, precision farming can enhance crop yield, quality, and profitability.

Hydroponics

Hydroponics is a soilless cultivation method that involves growing plants in nutrient-rich water solutions. This technique utilizes controlled environments, such as greenhouses or indoor facilities, and provides plants with the necessary nutrients directly through water. Hydroponics offers several advantages, including water efficiency, precise nutrient control, and year-round production. It eliminates the need for soil, reduces the risk of soil-borne diseases, and allows for optimal root oxygenation. Additionally, hydroponics enables vertical farming, where plants are stacked vertically, and maximizing land utilization. However, hydroponics requires careful monitoring of nutrient balance, pH levels, and water quality to ensure plant health and productivity.



Vertical Farming: Vertical farming is a modern cultivation method that involves growing crops in vertically stacked layers or racks. This approach optimizes space utilization by utilizing artificial lighting, climate control, and hydroponic or aerologic systems. Vertical farming can be implemented in urban areas, reducing the need for large land areas and transportation costs. It also allows for year-round production and eliminates the dependence on seasonal variations and weather conditions. Vertical farming offers benefits like reduced water usage, efficient nutrient delivery, and minimal pesticide use. However, it requires significant initial investment in infrastructure, energy for lighting, and specialized knowledge for system setup and management.

Aquaponics

Aquaponics is an integrated cultivation method that combines hydroponics and aquaculture. It involves cultivating plants and rearing aquatic animals in a symbiotic system. Fish or other aquatic organisms provide nutrients through their waste, which are then used by plants as a nutrient source. In turn, the plants filter the water, purifying it for the aquatic animals. Aquaponics offers benefits like efficient water use, nutrient recycling, and reduced reliance on external fertilizers. It also provides a diversified production system, allowing for the cultivation of both crops and fish. However, aquaponics requires careful management of water quality, nutrient balance, and system monitoring to ensure the well-being of both plants and aquatic animals.

Modern cultivation methods offer innovative approaches to improve productivity, resource efficiency and sustainability in agriculture. These methods leverage technology, data-driven decision-making, and optimized resource utilization to overcome the limitations of traditional cultivation practices. By implementing modern cultivation methods, farmers can enhance crop yields, conserve resources, reduce environmental impacts.

Clove Market Size and Forecast: Clove Market size is growing at a moderate pace with substantial growth rates over the last few years and is estimated that the market will grow significantly in the forecasted period i.e. 2021 to 2028. The top drivers of the Clove Market are personal and cosmetics products, Medicinal and pharmaceutical products, and it is also considered as an important ingredient in various food items. The Global Clove Market report provides a holistic evaluation of the market. The report offers a comprehensive analysis of key segments, trends, drivers, restraints, competitive landscape, and factors that are playing a substantial role in the market.

Global Clove Market Overview

Clove is one of the most valuable species by contributing its fragrance and benefits in personal products, healthcare products, as well as a very important ingredient in cooking several dishes all around the world, drives the Global Clove Market higher with the increasing demand for Cloves because of the application of food and beverage industry, perfumes, tooth paste and a lot more.

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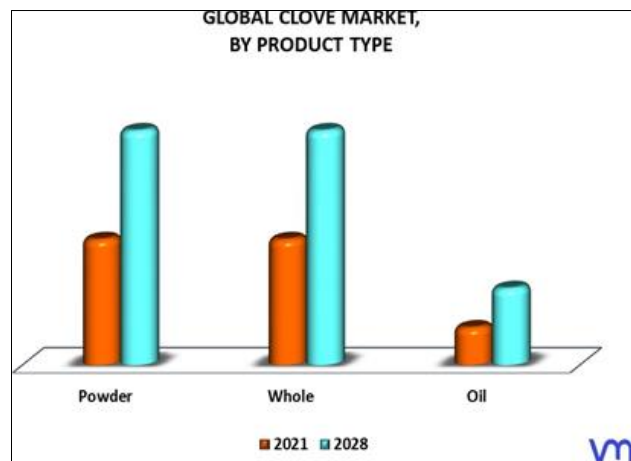
The worldwide demand for Clove has been increasing with the increased production and Manufacturers are focusing on various R&D activities to find out more benefits related to Clove. The focus is now on creating awareness about the medicinal properties of Clove reason being It is High in antioxidants along with vitamins and minerals, helps to protect against cancer, improves liver health as well as improves blood sugar levels.

There are a few risks associated with Clove and Clove oil as well. According to the National Centre of Biotechnology

Information. High amounts of Clove oil may cause liver damage, especially in children, and before consuming too much of it discussing it with medical professionals is preferred.

Global Clove Market: Segmentation Analysis

The Global Clove Market is segmented on the basis of Product Type, Application, Distribution Channel and Geography



Clove Market, By Product Type

- powder
- Whole
- Oil

Clove Market, By Application

- Local Grocery shop
- Ecommerce
- Department stores

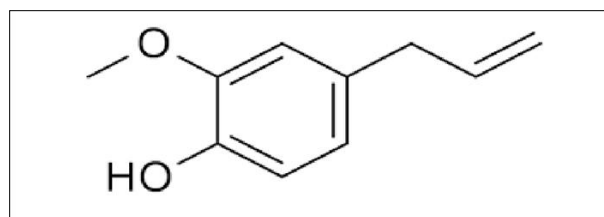
Clove Market, By Geography

- North America
- Europe
- Rest of the World

Chemical composition

Clove is a vital pharmacological activities and source of phenolic compound such as flavonoid hydroxycinnamic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid and hydroxyphenyl propenes [33]. It consists of 82- 88% Eugenol [31]. Eugenol is the main bioactive compound of clove, which found in concentration ranging from 9381.70 to 14650.00m [19].

Structure of Eugenol



Pharmacologic activities and uses of clove

Antimicrobial Activity: Clove oil used Anti septicin oral infection, Eugenol contain high level of in clove essential oil are responsible for its strong biological and Antimicrobial activities [32].

- **Analgesic Activity:** Eugenol was administered intravenously and intra basically to examine its analgesic effect. It having a natural anesthetic, it showed greater fever reducing potential than Paracetamol^[34].
- **Antiviral Activity:** Eugenol isolated from clove bud essential oil exhibited a potent inhibiting effect against herpes simplex virus^[32].
- **Antioxidant Activity:** All spices inhibited lipid oxidation in a dose dependent manner. Essential oil was added to soybean oil at doses of 0.006 and 0.0191 ml for 30 days,^[35] alcohol extract of some selected spices like onion, garlic, pepper, cinnamon, mint, ginger and clove^[36].
- **Anticancer activity:** -to study protected from cancer eat more cloves as eugenol in clove passes strong anticarcinogenic properties and help control lung cancer^[27].
- **Hepatoprotective Activity**

Hepatoprotective potential clove aqueous extract was evaluated at doses of 0.1 and 0.2 g/kg using paracetamol in toxicities hepatic damage assay in wistar albino rats^[37].

Side effects of clove: It is generally not recommended to ingest clove oil in more amount clove may cause burning sensation. Applying to skin or using it wash recommended instead^[22-24].

- Increase bleeding.
- Cause respiratory problem
- Itching rash
- Loss of sensation
- Allergic issue
- Toxicity
- Mouth irritation
- fluid imbalance
- seizures
- clove oil might cause bleeding
- too much clove cause hypoglycemia

Conclusion

Based on information presented it. Clove represents a very interesting plant with enormous potential food preservative. Clove flower bud at flowering stage had highest yield, rich source of antioxidant compound.

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