



# Local facility producing gluten-free sorghum flour

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Archer Daniels Midland Company produces grain products for multiple manufacturers throughout the country and recently took its new sorghum flour for use in gluten-free and multi-grain applications to the 2010 Institute of Food Technologists Food Expo in Chicago.

ADM began to offer sorghum flour this year.

"The global market for gluten-free products is experiencing tremendous growth and is expected to reach more than \$4.3 billion within the next five years," said Brook Carson, ADM technical products and market development manager. "With sorghum flour, we can offer customers a gluten-free solution that is more economical than most specialty flours."

Grain sorghum originated in Africa and India and is one of the oldest known grains. The product is used in multiple foods such as porridges, cookies, tortillas and bread because of its natural taste and light color. It also can be used in baking goods.

Gluten is extracted from flour by washing out the starch. Starch is water-soluble while gluten is not, and gluten binds together strongly, while starch dissolved in cold water is mobile. Therefore, without gluten, baking is out of the question. However, with sorghum flour baking is possible and the taste is normal.

Gluten-free sorghum flour is not available to individual consumers but is sold to multiple food manufactures for its use in making commercial gluten-free products.

ADM makes more than just a gluten-free aid. It also is responsible for hundreds of other products.

"ADM's high-quality ingredients from agriculture are in many of the products consumers use and enjoy every day, from grains and meats to salad oils, yogurt and chocolate," said Beth Chandler, ADM spokesperson. "For IFT (Institute of Food Technologists) 2010, we unveiled several prototypes that demonstrate to food manufacturers how our ingredients - from functional flours and oils, to indulgent chocolate products, to nutritious bean powders - can be used in a variety of foods and beverages to meet consumer demands."

ADM has more than 230 processing plants that convert corn, oil seeds, wheat and cocoa into products for food, animal feed, chemical and energy use and operate the world's premier crop origination and transportation network, connecting crops and markets in more than 60 countries.

ADM has a plant in Plain view that produces sorghum flour, as well as starches for the wall board industry.

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