Hold the Fat Please! Prof. Vanessa McCaffrey Albion College

Ewww... Fat!!

- * Fat is essential for proper functioning of the body
 - Protects neurons in the brain
 - Used in cell wall building
 - Insulates the body
 - Linked to hormone regulation

Today - Extracting Fat

- * Fat is present in almost all foods
- *We are going to learn how to extract fat
- * First need to establish some basic facts about fat

Lab Safety

- * WEAR YOUR GOGGLES AT ALL TIMES
- * No organic solvents down the drain
- * No glass in the trash

What Can I Do With This Information?

Capsaicin

* Doesn't make a whole lot of sense, eh?

Organic Chemistry

- * Fats and Oils are considered to be "Organic Compounds"
 - Made of Carbon (C) and Hydrogen (H) and sometimes Nitrogen (N) and Oxygen (O)
 - Not related to how it is produced
- * What do all of these structures mean?

Methane

* Simplest organic molecule

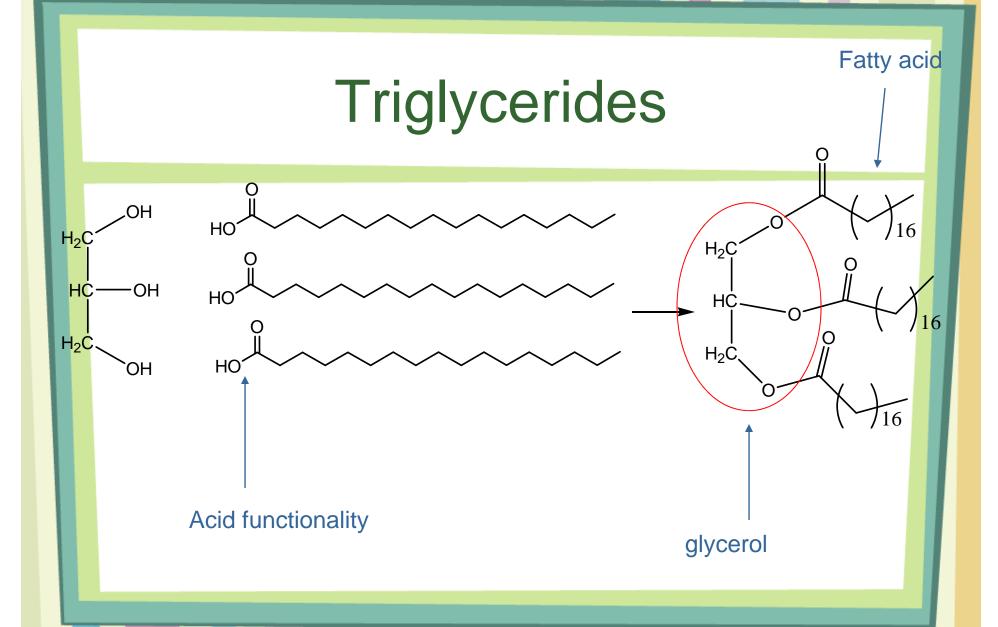


Ethanol

* Let's introduce another atom



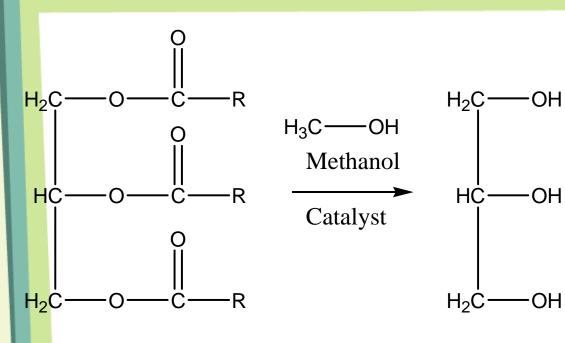
How Does This Relate to Fat?!

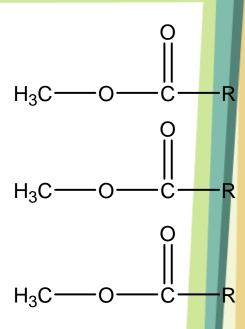


Biodiesel!

·OH







Methyl ester BIODIESEL

Fatty Acids and Triglycerides

Cis versus Trans

trans -oleic acid

t,t-linoleic acid (linolelaidic acid)

t,t,t- alpha -linolenic acid (linolenelaidic acid)

Linolenic Acid is the only essential Fatty Acid