

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN YOU MAKE?

According to the 2009 Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Membership and Employment Salary Survey, the median salary for food scientists for that year was \$87,700. Salaries can vary significantly by degree and type of employer. The following chart shows the median salary for all employers in a particular field.

Type of employer	BS	MS	Ph.D.	MBA
Food/beverage manufacturer/processor	\$75,500	\$84,500	\$110,000	\$105,000
Food ingredient manufacturer/supplier	\$84,000	\$85,750	\$116,000	\$118,000
Processing equipment manufacturer/supplier	\$96,000	*	*	*
Consulting	\$79,750	*	*	*
Educational institution	*	\$68,000	\$90,000	*
Food Service	\$88,000	\$91,000	*	*
Food Retailer	\$82,000	\$84,000	*	*
Government	*	\$89,571	\$111,500	*
Scientific/Trade Organization	*	\$107,000	\$106,500	
Testing Laboratory	\$72,000	*	*	*
Other	\$78,280	\$94,731	\$100,000	*

*Survey respondents did not include representatives from these groups.

Salary surveys, including salaries by geographic regions, sex, and years of experience are a benefit of membership in the IFT and are published in *Food Technology* magazine. (Issue 2.10)