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Kitchen Chemistry Homework #4

Homework Questions:

Yeast Specific Questions:

- 1. What is yeast?
- 2. Who was the first scientist to identify how yeast works?
- 3. What is the different types of yeast available?
- 4. Why do you have to add sugar to the yeast?
- 5. What is the yeast's function in the bread?
- 6. What else is the major use of yeast in consumer products?

Bread specific questions:

- 1. Why do you have to let the bread rise twice?
- 2. Why do you knead bread dough?
- 3. Why do you brush the egg yolk on top of the bread before you bake it?
- 4. What chemical reaction causes the elastic bread dough to form?
- 5. Why happens if your body can't digest gluten?
- 6. What exactly is gluten?

Salt specific questions:

- 1. What is salt?
- 2. What is the purpose in the bread?
- 3. Did you taste a difference in the salts you tasted?
- 4. What was the most unusual tasting salt you had? What made it unusual for you?
- 5. What was the best salt you tasted?