

**aseptic packaging.** A food packaging process that involves packing sterile food in sterile containers within a sterile atmosphere.

**culture.** The beliefs and social customs of a group of people.

**ethnic food.** A food that is typical of a given racial, national, or religious culture.

**food biotechnology.** The use of knowledge of plant science and genetics to develop plants and animals with specific desirable traits while eliminating traits that are not wanted.

**food norm.** Typical standard or pattern related to food and eating behaviors.

**food taboo.** A social custom that prohibits the use of certain edible resources as food.

**kosher food.** Foods prepared according to Jewish dietary laws.

**soul food.** Traditional food of the African American ethnic group.

**staple food.** A food that supplies a large portion of the calories people need to maintain health.

**status food.** A food that has a social impact on others.

**technology.** The application of a certain body of knowledge.

**value.** A belief or attitude that is important to an individual.