Title: A SALAD CHEF SYSTEM AND A NUT VENDOR SYSTEM

Abstract: A salad making device including a plurality of salad ingredient bins for storing a corresponding plurality of salad ingredients, a plurality of salad ingredient feeders respectively associated with the plurality of salad ingredient bins, a salad defining interface allowing a customer to define a desired salad, at least one cutters, at least one mixers, at least one salad container suppliers and a controller operative to coordinate operations of the salad ingredient feeders, cutters, mixers and salad container suppliers in order to provide a salad, in an individual one of the salad containers, which has been cut and mixed in accordance with a desired salad defined by a customer.
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