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Postharvest Physiology and Technology of Horticultural Crops—2nd Edition

Message from the Guest Editor

Post-harvest losses in fruits and vegetables are very high. About 30% shrivel and decay, lowering their market value and consumer acceptability. Improper handling during harvest and transportation storage cause physical damage due to tissue breakdown. Mechanical losses include bruising, cracking, cuts, and microbial damage, whereas physiological losses include changes in respiration, transpiration, pigments, organic acids and flavor. Loss occurs mainly after harvesting, but it starts first from the field, during harvest, after harvest, in storage, and during transportation. Once fruit is harvested, postharvest handling practices cannot improve the quality attained in the field; they only can slow the rate at which deterioration occurs. The postharvest quality and shelf life of fruit produce are also determined before harvest and can be affected by plant–environment interactions. Cultivation systems, such as high-density plantations, can affect the quality of fruit and affect its shelf-life. The aim of the Special Issue is to provide a multi-technique approach to explore fruit quality variability during and after harvest in relation to plant–environment interactions.

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