



## Pre- and Post-harvest Factors Regulating Secondary Metabolites in Fruit

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In recent years, fruits have received increased interest as good sources of natural antioxidants and bioactive compounds. These biochemical constituents, which play a pivotal role in human nutrition and health, are an important source of vitamins, minerals, and other disease-fighting phytochemicals. In this context, it is important to investigate the modifications occurring during maturity and how they affect tree and ripening processes post-harvest. In addition, a number of pre-harvest factors affect fruit quality, i.e. environmental conditions, genotype, rootstock influence, cultural practices and agronomic techniques, mineral nutrition, water supply, etc. The items linked to the post-harvest management of fruit are topical factors that influence qualitative traits, i.e., cultivar, maturity stage, harvest period, and applied technologies (sorting and grading, packaging, storage conditions and transportation), during the post-harvest chain. This Special Issue will extensively cover the topics of pre- and post-harvest factors, focusing on fruit physiology and biochemistry in order to maintain the overall quality of fresh produce.





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