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Abstract

Purpose of review: Postharvest operations are currently aimed at maintaining harvest quality as well as possible for as long as practical. This review shows a different perspective, considering postharvest management as a way to improve quality, especially organoleptic quality, thus making the product more attractive to the consumer.

Findings: A large number of papers have been published during the past few years describing the best postharvest conditions that may be used to maintain the quality of fruits and vegetables. In some cases an improvement in quality to meet consumer demands is met by applying specific postharvest conditions.

Directions for future research: Specific conditions for postharvest treatment and storage of horticultural commodities should be explored in order to enhance the organoleptic attributes of products. This might reduce the pressure that currently exists to find new cultivars with an improved flavour.