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#### **Abstract**

The quality of fruit and vegetables is essential to the Flemish horticultural sector. It is therefore important to produce, store and commercialize these products in ideal conditions. The non-profit organization Flanders Centre of Postharvest Technology (VCBT) has been established in 1997 as a collaborative project between the Association of Belgian Fruit and Vegetable Auctions and the Catholic University of Leuven (K.U. Leuven). Its mission is to perform applied research and provide technological advice and extension services related to CA storage technology and quality of fruit and vegetables to producers and co-operatives. The VCBT closely collaborates with the division BIOSYST-MeBioS of K.U. Leuven which carries out fundamental research related to CA storage and quality of horticultural produce.