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Abstract

Time of kiwifruit harvest affects the long term storage potential. Harvesting of kiwifruit crop is difficult because of the lack of visible changes in colour, size or shape associated with the maturity. In the present investigations, fruit firmness, total soluble solids, total sugars, reducing sugar content and days from full bloom to harvest were found to be the reliable indices of maturity in Hayward and Allison. The optimum harvest maturity under Bajaura conditions of Himachal Pradesh was observed from 4th to 11th November in cultivar Hayward and from October 28th to 4th November in cultivar Allison.