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Abstract

Aspects of vegetable quality and the factors which affect it are reviewed. Quality of horticultural products is judged in terms of nutritional, technological, organoleptic and health-related properties. Features of crop management, genetic and ecological factors all influence quality whilst in addition, seasons, harvesting date, cultivar, fertilizer regime, light intensity, maturity, processing and storage affect nutritional quality and industrial processing affects technological quality. Health-related properties are influenced by sowing date, fertilizers, maturity stage and cultivar whereas internal and external properties affect organoleptic quality. In all aspects, the quest for high quality is strongly influenced by crop management.