

Title Influence of hand fruit thinning on quality of fruits 'Ponkan' tangerine (*Citrus reticulata* Blanco)
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Abstract

An experiment was conducted in Minas Gerais, Brazil from December 1996 to June 1997 to evaluate the effect of manual fruit thinning (50, 60, 70, and 80%) on the fruit quality of tangerine cv. Ponkan trees. Thinning increased the size, average weight and juice content of Ponkan fruits. In addition, thinning did not affect juice yield, soluble solids content, acidity, soluble solids/acidity ratio, pH, ascorbic acid, or total sugars.