

ASSESSMENT OF POST-HARVEST SPOILAGE OF APRICOTS IN DIFFERENT PACKAGING STRUCTURES

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Abstract: The percentage loss of fruits in a packaging structure is determinant of its efficiency in prolonging the shelf life of fruits. In case of apricots, marketing is done in two types of packaging structures - wooden boxes and cardboard cartons. During the present investigation, an attempt was made to find out the percentage loss and hence, relative efficacy of the two, when it was found that in areas like Jammu (where temperature is very high during apricot marketing season), cardboard cartons are more efficient.

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