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## Post Harvest Management of Agricultural Produce

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Abstract: The minimization of wastage of agricultural produce is the ultimate goal of post-harvest management. The post-harvest management has increasing population and shrinking agricultural land and other resources. Present situation is the main global challenge to ensure food security in a sustainable manner safe to mankind and environment. The production of agricultural crops have increased during the recent years, but the development and adoption of post harvest technology is lacking and resulting in huge post harvest losses. The factors which affect on post harvest during harvesting, storing, transporting, and marketing is microbial activity. The highly perishable crop like horticultural produce need much more attention and to ensure promotion of processing and value addition. The value chain for processing has become a important to improve the food safety and strengthen national food security. The value chain in post-harvest management of horticultural crops mainly comprise of pre-harvest factors, harvesting, market preparation (common storage, sorting, grading, packaging and on-farm storage), transportation, storage by-product waste management.

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