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Packing House Operations for Fruits and Vegetables

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Summary:

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Article Body:

Packing houses serve as a collection centre for fruits and vegetables prior to distribution and

Sorting and Trimming

Freshly harvested fruits and vegetables are sorted for uniformity in size, shape and varietal

Washing

Washing is necessary to remove extraneous materials from the field such as dirt, chemicals and

Drying

Drying is done to remove excessive moisture from the surface of the produce. Excessive drying

Waxing

Waxing is done on certain types of fruits and vegetables such as ginger, tomato, citrus and me

Curing

Injured and bruised surfaces of root, rhizome and tuberous crops are allowed to heal by holding

Chemical Treatments

Fungicides and growth regulators are commonly used to reduce decay and undesirable growth resp

Grading

Fresh fruits and vegetables are classified into groups according to a set of recognized criteri

Packaging

Produce are packed in suitable containers to provide protection against mechanical and biologi

Pre-cooling

Pre-cooling is an essential step prior to storage at low temperatures. It is the rapid removal

Storage

Storage at low temperatures has been an effective mean of extending the shelf-life of fresh fr

Transportation

Proper handling of the produce during transportation is essential to reduce losses to a minimu

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