

The Optimizing Of Crop Bioactive Compounds By Management And Post-Harvest Handling Arrangements

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this paper is to study of the optimizing of crop bioactive compounds by management and post-harvest handling arrangements. Bioactive compounds of plants widely used in various fields of life, as in the industrial, food, medicine. The ability of plants to produce maximally bioactive compounds closely related to the way of cultivation and post harvest handling these plants. selection of species or varieties of plants, habitats, soil, seasons and weather and how culture can lead to differences such as taste, odor, chemical content and the amount of production generated. The principle of the primary goals of post harvest handling is important to understand the characteristics of post-harvest products as raw plant products that are still alive and still continue the functions of metabolism. An understanding of the nature and effect of product harvest handling practices are very important to do the best compromise to maintain the optimum condition of the product.

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Introduction

External and internal factors such as variety, season, location, ripening, growing conditions, technological and domestic processes could affect the content of bioactive compounds in food (Nobili et al., 2008). Internal factors is a trait inherited from the parent plant, such as taste, odor, chemical composition, and biomass production capability. Factor in covering things that are genetic. Types or varieties of plants also cause differences in nature, such as taste, odor, chemical content, and the amount of production generated. Under the same cultivar and climate conditions, the type of soil management turned out of primary importance in influencing the concentration of health-promoting compounds (Lombardi-Boccia et al., 2004).

The influence of genetic factors on the nature of the medicinal plants can be utilized in an effort to obtain a high content of active compounds with high biomass production as well. External factors that influence the nature, composition, appearance (morphology), as well as production of plant biomass is much influenced by cultivation factors, treatment, and the environment, such as light, temperature, season, and nutrients are available. The use of controlled environments can overcome cultivation difficulties and could be a means to manipulate phenotypic variation in bioactive compounds and toxins. Conventional plant-breeding methods can improve both agronomic and medicinal traits, and molecular marker assisted selection will be used increasingly (Canter et al., 2005).

In addition to management in culture, which includes an understanding of crop harvest timing, manner and means of harvest is very important in addition to post-harvest handling. It