



## Book Review

Elhadi M. Yahia (ed). **Post harvest biology and technology of tropical and subtropical fruits, Volume 1: Fundamental issues**, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, September 2011, pages. Woodhead Publishing Limited, 80 High Street, Sawston, Cambridge CB22 3HJ, UK. ISBN 978 1 84569 733 4, Price £155.00/US\$65.00/€185.00.

This book, first of a four volume series, contains a wealth of information on tropical and subtropical fruit production, harvesting, and postharvest biology. It addresses significant concerns such as postharvest losses and discusses a variety of control measures and preservation techniques that will ensure quality and quantity of the marketed fruit products. I am sure that the information contained in this volume will help growers to better understand the latent hazards in fruit production and trade and how to deal with them, besides helping growers, distributors, and packers to utilize the best management practices to minimize losses and improve quality of the products. The book is divided into eleven chapters: two introductory chapters cover the economic importance of tropical and subtropical fruits and the subsequent chapters synthesize information on postharvest biology of fruits and the impact of pre-harvest/harvest conditions and postharvest technologies on quality of the products. Reviews on

microbiological safety, control of decay, and aspects relating to quarantine, pests, the role of biotechnology in improving fruit quality, and processing constitute the remaining chapters. I think this book achieves its purpose by providing an exhaustive coverage of various topics from biology to biotechnology related to harvesting and postharvest behaviour of tropical and subtropical fruits. And it provides a wealth of information to the students, researchers, and professionals in the field of postharvest technology of fruits and it is a must for professional libraries.

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