



# Postharvest Principles

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## About Postharvest

These 10 simple postharvest principles can significantly improve the quality of product that reaches the market and the consumers.

### 1. Harvest at correct maturity



### 6. Align cartons, strap pallet



### 2. Reduce physical handling



### 7. Cool as soon as possible



### 3. Protect product from sun



### 8. Know market and product requirements



### 4. Keep packing line simple and clean; ensure good worker hygiene



### 9. Coordinate efficient & rapid handling



### 5. Select, classify, and pack carefully



### 10. Train and compensate workers adequately



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