Maintaining the Cold Chain for Perishables
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- Protect the product from the sun
- Transport quickly to the packinghouse

- Minimize delays before cooling
- Cool the product thoroughly as soon as possible

- Store the product at optimum temperature
- Practice first in first out rotation
- Ship to market as soon as possible

- Use refrigerated loading area
- Cool truck before loading
- Load pallets towards the center of the truck
- Put insulating plastic strips inside door of reefer if truck makes multiple stops
- Avoid delays during transport
- Monitor product temperature during transport

- Use a refrigerated unloading area
- Measure product temperature
- Move product quickly to the proper storage area
- Transport to retail markets or foodservice operations in refrigerated trucks
- Display at proper temperature range

- Store product at proper temperature
- Use the product as soon as possible