ABSTRACT. Post harvest loss of fruits and vegetables has been defined as "that weight of wholesome edible product (exclusive of moisture content) that is normally consumed by human and that has been separated from the medium and sites of its immediate growth and production by deliberate human action with the intention of using it for human feeding but which for any reasons fails to be consumed by human." Not only quantity and quality but even the appearance of fruits and vegetables are affected and their market value is reduced.