STUDY ON DETERMINATION SUITABLE CONCENTRATION OF CHITOSAN AND NANO SILVER PARTICLES MIXTURE IN PRESERVATION OF GRAPEFRUITS (Dien varieties)

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The research was conducted to preserve grapefruit "Dien varieties" with different concentration of chitosan – nano silver particles mixture to observe quality characteristics as total solubal solid, total acid content, sensory evaluation and color change occurs in the preservation process and sensory quality of fruit after the end of the preservation to determine appropriate concentration of mixture. The results showed that appropriate concentration of chitosan – nano silver particles compound mixture are 1,5% chitosan – 3.125 ppm nano silver particles compound. The mixture was applied on Dien varieties and shelflife were reached 80 - 90 days.

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