

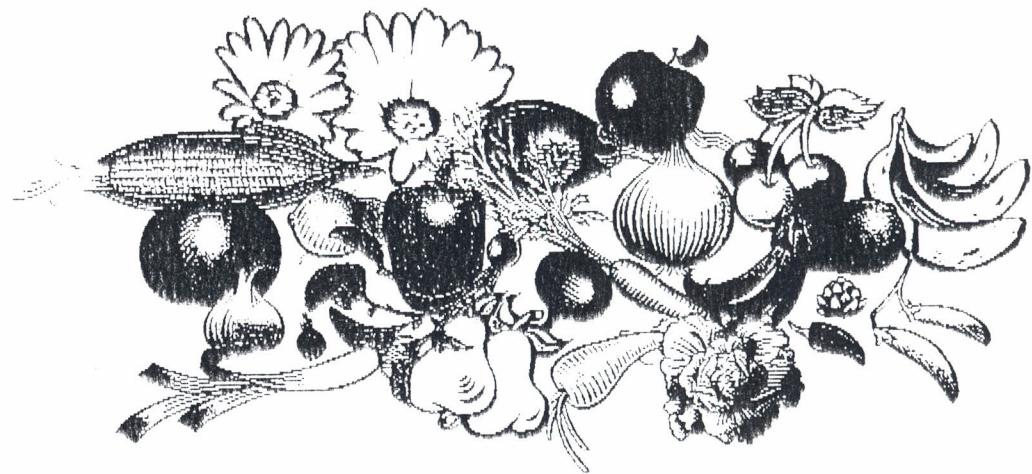


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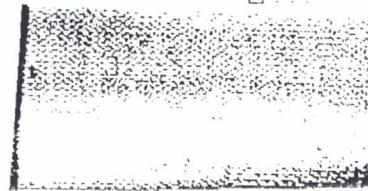
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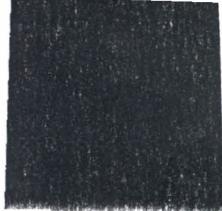
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Successful control of fruit storage at low temperature entails a recognition of the importance of the metabolic processes existing in the fruit at the time of harvest as well as of unexpected responses accompanying storage at chilling temperatures. In this study, we focused on the effect of storage at chilling temperature (6°C) on physical and mechanical changes in cherimoya fruit tissues. It is evident that the levels and activities of polymer degrading enzymes in the cell walls of fruits stored at chilling temperature are not always in accord with the rate of fruit softening. Our hypothesis of work is that new cell wall interpolymeric cross-links may be formed during chilling. In this work evidences for the synthesis of secondary cell walls during chilling storage is provided, using cryo-scanning electron microscopy. Also, texture measurements and lignin content, a complex aromatic polymer which occurs in plant cell walls in close association with cellulose and the hemicellulosic polysaccharides, were quantified in cherimoyas stored at chilling temperature.

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