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The studies on guava (var. Vietnamese) precooled at 0 hr (immediately) and 4 hr after harvest, and stored at 5°C and 10°C were carried out. Guava stored at 10°C was able to undergo a ripening process. Chilling injury was observed at 5°C storage. Precooling did not seem to have any beneficial effect on guava. The characteristics considered were weight loss, colour change of skin, hardness, soluble solids content, pH, titratable acidity and ascorbic acid content.

The effects of various surface treatments on 'Vietnamese' guava with LDPE shrink and cling wrap packaging, 1%, 5%, 10% and 20% liquid paraffin, 10% and 20% palm oil, 0.75% and 1% semperfresh (fatty acid sugar ester), and 2% and 3% starch on the storage life at 10°C were studied. LDPE shrink wrap packaging was most effective in reducing the weight loss and

maintaining the hardness of guava. The skin colour of guava was maintained by 20% palm oil until 8 weeks storage. Among the treatments, only cling wrap packaging could maintain the ascorbic acid content of the guava until 8 weeks storage. Twenty percent palm oil surface coating was found to be the most effective treatment for maintaining the quality of fresh guava stored for 8 weeks at 10°C, followed by shrink wrap and cling wrap packaging. Semperfresh was less effective and paraffin was not suitable for guava, as it caused skin lesioning and impart an unfavourable flavour to the fruit. Starch surface coating caused greater deterioration of guava than in control, untreated fruit.

At room temperature, the effects of cysteine HCl and sodium metabisulphite on candied and pickled dried guava were studied. Higher ascorbic acid retention and less colour change were observed in candied dried guava than pickled dried guava.

0.024% cysteine HCl was found to be more effective at maintaining the ascorbic acid content and colour compared to 1% sodium metabisulphite.



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Kajian telah dibuat terhadap jambu (var. Vietnamese) yang dipra-dinginkan sebaik sahaja (0 jam) selepas dituai dan 4 jam selepas dituai kemudian disimpan pada suhu 10°C. Jambu yang disimpan pada suhu 10°C didapati berjaya melalui proses peranuman. Kecederaan penyejukan didapati berlaku pada jambu yang disimpan pada suhu 5°C. Proses pra-pendinginan didapati tidak memberi kesan yang bermanafaat kepada penyimpanan buah jambu segar. Sifat-sifat yang telah diselidiki semasa penyimpanan adalah seperti berikut; kehilangan berat, perubahan warna kulit, kepejalan, kandungan pepejal larut, pH, asid yang boleh dititrat dan kandungan asid askorbik.

Pengkajian terhadap kesan-kesan perlakuan yang berbeza ke atas permukaan kulit jambu bagi meningkatkan tempoh penyimpanan pada suhu 10°C telah dijalankan. Perlakuan-perlakuan tersebut



adalah seperti berikut; pembungkusan dengan `LDPE shrink' `cling wrap', penyalutan permukaan dengan 1%, 5%, 10% dan parafin cecair, 10% dan 20% minyak sawit, 0.75% dan 1% `semperfresh' (ester gula asid lemak), dan 2% dan 3% kanji. `LDPE shrink wrap' didapati paling berkesan bagi mengurangkan kehilangan berat dan mengekalkan kepejalan buah jambu. Warna kulit jambu yang diperlakukan dengan 20% minyak sawit dapat dikekalkan sehingga tempoh 8 minggu penyimpanan. Di antara perlakuan-perlakuan yang dikaji, hanya pembungkusan `cling wrap' yang dapat mengekalkan tahap kandungan asid askorbik dengan baik sehingga tempoh 8 minggu penyimpanan. Dua puluh peratus minyak sawit didapati paling berkesan dalam mengekalkan mutu buah jambu segar dalam tempoh 8 minggu penyimpannan pada suhu 10°C, diikuti oleh pembungkusan `shrink wrap' dan `cling wrap'. `Semperfresh' didapati kurang berkesan, dan perlakuan dengan parafin cecair didapati tidak sesuai untuk mengekalkan mutu buah jambu segar kerana ia menyebabkan kerosakan pada kulit jambu dan memberikan rasa yang kurang menyenangkan terhadap buah jambu segar. Perlakuan pencelupan kanji telah menyebabkan lebih kerosakan ke atas buah jambu segar bila dibandingkan dengan buah kawalan.

Penyelidikan terhadap kesan-kesan `cysteine HCl' dan `sodium metabisulphite' ke atas halwa dan jeruk jambu telah dijalankan pada suhu bilik. Jambu yang dihalwakan dapat



mengekalkan kandungan asid askorbik yang lebih tinggi dan warna asal dengan lebih baik dari jambu yang dijerukkan. 0.024% `cysteine HCl' didapati paling berkesan dalam mengekalkan kandungan asid askorbik dan warna berbanding dengan 1% `sodium metabisulphite'.



CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The common guava (<u>Psidium guajava</u> L) is the most important pomological fruit of the Myrtle family. It is a native of tropical America and seems to have been growing from Mexico to Peru. Now it is grown commercially throughout the tropics and subtropics. Guava is quite hardy, prolific bearer and highly remunerative even without much care.

The genus <u>Psidium</u> consists of about 150 species. The fruit of common guava has a thin rough greenish yellow skin and is round, ovoid, or pyriform in shape, 5-13 cm in diameter and weighs up to 700 g. The fruit has many small hard seeds (153 to 664 per fruit) located in the centre of the flesh (Palaniswamy and Shanmugavelu, 1974). There are two major types of guava, the white flesh, sweet, dessert type and the pink flesh, sour type commonly processed into juice or jelly (Jagtiani <u>et al.</u>, 1988). The numerous stone cells in the fleshy portion of the fruit impart a gritty texture to the flesh. The fruit colour varies from white to deep pink to salmon red. The flavour has been described as sweet, musky and highly aromatic (Popenoe, 1920; Malo and Campbell, 1968; Bailey and Bailey, 1976). Guava of the Vietnamese variety is commercially grown in Malaysia. The most outstanding feature of this variety when compared with



the recommended varieties is its fruit quality. The fruits are larger in size, with thick flesh, sweet taste and crispy texture. Due to these special characteristics, it is a common belief among the growers that the fruits are only suitable for fresh consumption. However, the fruits could also be processed into jam and juice, and canned in syrup (Yusof and Mohamed, 1987).

Guava is a rich source of vitamin C. It contains three to six times more vitamin C than oranges, 10-30 times more than bananas, and about ten times that in papaya. Guava can be promoted as a healthy fruit equal or even superior to imported fruits in taste and texture and overall nutritive quality. The fruit has a characteristic odor and is eaten fresh or cooked, but it is principally used for the preparation of jams, jellies, pastes and similar products.

The major producers of guava in the world are India, Brazil and Mexico. In Asia, guava is found in Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Taiwan, South China, and in the Southeast Asian countries of Myanmar, Thailand, Kampuchea, Vietnam, the Phillippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. Guava (Psidium guajava L) has been cultivated in Malaysia for a long time (Allen, 1969). Although guava has been planted in Malaysia for a long time it was only in recent years that the crop attracted a great deal of attention.



Table 1

Area Under Guava Cultivation (Hectares) According to States and Years in Malaysia

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Year		1989	
State	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Selangor	152.62		
Pahang	104.59	115.00	127.00
Pulau Pinang	28.92	32.00	35.00
N. Sembilan	62.05	68.00	75.00
Malacca	2.71	3.00	4.00
Terengganu	46.41	52.00	56.00
Johore	327.10	360.00	400.00
Kedah	6.58	7.00	8.00
Perak	357.00	393.00	432.00
	1087.98		

^{*} estimate

Source: Malaysia, 1989.



Table 1 shows until 1988 an area of 1057.98 ha was planted with guava, with Perak having the largest cultivation area (357 ha) followed by Johore (327 ha), Selangor (153 ha), Pahang (105 ha), Negri Sembilan (62 ha) and Terengganu (46 ha). In 1989, the estimated guava cultivation area was to be about 1,200 ha. By 1990, the guava cultivation area have increased to 1,300 ha. The slow increase in guava cultivation area was due to the consumer preference for other fruits such as starfruit, papaya and durian over guava. The district of Kinta and Batang Padang (Perak) and Kota Tinggi (Johore) were the most popular area for guava cultivation in 1988 with Batang Padang covering 202 ha, Kinta 155 ha and Kota Tinggi 161 ha (Table 2).

The production of guava in 1988 was 13,063 mt and in 1989, it was estimated to be 17,970 mt and in 1990, it was expected to increase 25,200 mt. Perak was the largest guava producing state, producing about 4292.40 mt in 1988, an estimated 5,895 mt in 1989 and expected to produce of 7,420 mt of guava in 1990 (Table 3). Johore, Selangor, Pahang and Negeri Sembilan produced more than 1,000 mt of guava yearly. The districts which produced more than 500 mt of guava per year were Kinta and Batang Padang in Perak, Kota Tinggi in Johore, Raub in Pahang, Jempol in Negeri Sembilan and Malacca Tengah in Malacca (Table 4).



Table 2

Area Under Guava Cultivation (Hectares) According to Districts and States in Malaysia

Year		1989	1990*
District	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	Area
Terengganu			
Kemaman	18.29	20.00	22.00
Ulu Terengganu	3.64	4.00	4.00
Marang	20.83	23.00	25.00
K. Terengganu	1.87	2.00	2.00
Besut	1.80	2.00	2.00
Total	46.41	51.00	
Johore			
Kota Tinggi	161.08	178.00	195.00
Kluang	39.12	43.00	48.00
Johore Bharu	45.40	50.00	55.00
Pontian	11.40	13.00	14.00
Mersing	0.40	1.00	1.00
Segamat	15.50	17.00	19.00
Batu Pahat	22.60	25.00	28.00
Muar	31.60	35.00	38.00
Total	327.10	362.00	398.00



Table 2 (cont'd)

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Year	1988	1989	1990*
	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
<u>Kedah</u>			
Kulim	1.60	2.00	2.00
Sik	4.00	5.00	5.00
Langkawi	0.71	1.00	1.00
Perlis	0.57	1.00	2.00
Total	6.58	9.00	9.00
Selangor			
Gombak	11.69	13.00	15.00
Kelang	10.00	11.00	12.00
Kuala Langat	23.26	25.00	28.00
K. Selangor	16.40	18.00	20.00
Petaling	12.10	13.00	15.00
Sabak Bernam	2.20	2.00	3.00
Sepang	35.30	39.00	43.00
Hulu Langat	11.15	13.00	14.00
Hulu Selangor	30.50	34.00	37.00
Total	152.62	168.00	187.00



Table 2 (cont'd)

Year		1989 	
State District		Area	
District	, ,	(ha)	(ha)
Pahang			
Bentong	13.32	15.00	16.00
Raub	74.55	83.00	91.00
Jerantut	1.20	2.00	2.00
Maran	6.60	7.00	8.00
Kuala Lipis	5.41	6.00	7.00
Rompin	3.20	4.00	5.00
Total		117.00	
Malacca			
Malacca Tengah	48.55	54.00	59.00
Alor Gajah	1.00	1.00	1.00
Jasin	2.50	3.00	3.00
Total	52.05	58.00	63.00
Palau Pinang			
Seb. Perai (S)	0.42	1.00	2.00
Seb. Perai (T)	8.00	9.00	10.00
Seb. Perai (U)	11.00	12.00	13.00
P. Pinang B/D	9.00	10.00	11.00
Total	28.92	32.00	35.00



Table 2 (cont'd)

Year	1988		
	Area	Area	Area
Negri Sembilan			
Seremban	3.70	4.00	5.00
P. Dickson	5.40	6.00	7.00
Jempo1	38.00	42.00	46.00
Jelebu	10.90	12.00	13.00
Tampin	4.05	5.00	5.00
Total	62.05		
Perak			
Kinta	155.50	171.00	188.00
Batang Padang	202.70	222.00	244.00
Total	357.70		

^{*} estimate

Source: Malaysia, 1989.

