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Classification of High Acid Satsuma Mandarins by NIR Transmittance Spectroscopy

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On-line measurement of sugar content in satsuma mandarins was achieved by NIR transmittance spectroscopy. The feasibility of simultaneous measurement of sugar and citric acid content was investigated. The citric acid content determined by titration was compared with the second derivative absorption values autoscaled in the 710-930 nm region and analyzed by PLS1 using Unscrambler software. The spectra of peel and pulp of satsuma mandarins measured by an NIR Systems Model 6250 were analyzed, and the model comparison indicated the highest accuracy; R was 0.93, the mean residual (Bias) was 0.001, and the standard error of prediction (SEP) was 0.146%. The citric acid cor

mandarins was regressed by the same method using an on-line instrument composed of 5 factors calibrated from 689 samples showed the high bias Bias=0.024% and SEP=0.147% as a prediction result from 548 samples to classify nondestructively the high acid fruits using near infrared (NIR) spectroscopy at about 20% error rate.

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