

Analysis of losses in the first phases of the Food chain

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In the first phases of the production chain (harvest, transportation, preparation, storage) a series of food losses occur due to different causes. However, these causes are not fully defined or quantified, and in order to design and evaluate strategies to help minimize losses, it is necessary to obtain this information in a precise and measurable manner.

Within the framework of the **ToNoWaste** Project, a pilot study will be carried out on two crops of great importance in the Valencian Community, such as **citrus fruits** and **persimmon**, for which there will be direct collaboration with producers and cooperatives.

From the harvest itself in the field, and until the prepared fruits leave the cooperative's warehouse, all the losses that occur throughout the entire process will be analysed, quantifying them, and identifying their cause.

The information collected will be essential for the development of future practices that minimize these losses and whose sustainability will be assessed thanks to the tools developed by the project itself.



We must not overlook that reducing these losses will not only contribute to greater availability of food but will also improve the profitability of farmers.

