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CHANGES IN POSTHARVEST QUALITY OF TOMATOES UNDER WATER DEFICIENCY

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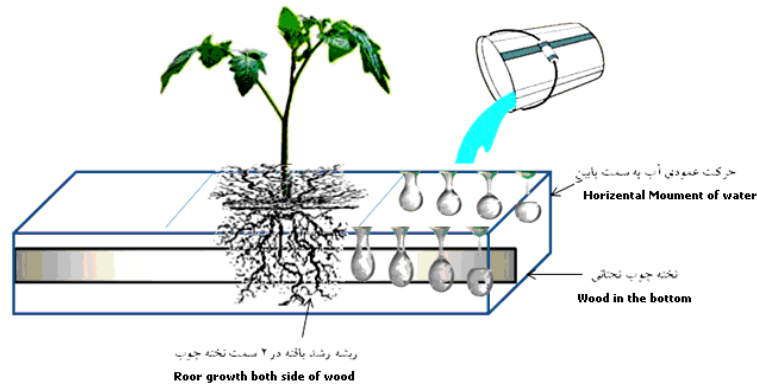


Fig. 1. Applying PRD treatment and water movement in the boxes.

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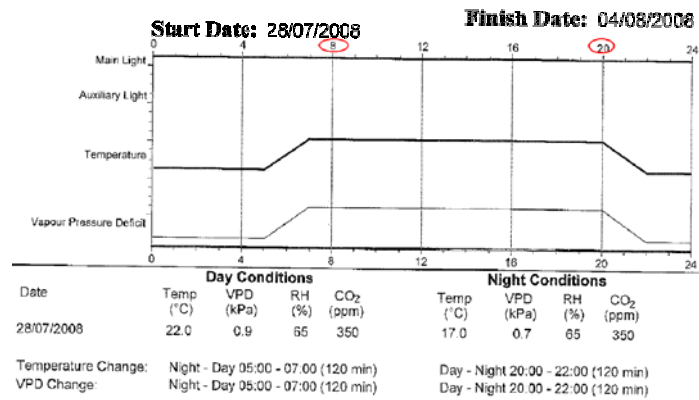


Fig. 2. Environmental conditions of control room in the postharvest experiment.

Permanence

Color break

Water loss

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$$P_{H_2O} = \frac{r_{H_2O}}{A \cdot VPD}$$

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$$A = 0.0575 W^{0.687}$$

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(AASi Model GBC 904AA)

Atago, Japan (ATC-)

(Chromameter: CR-200: Minolta, Osaka, Japan)

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(Mitutoyo Corp., Japan)

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Red

Mature green

Green

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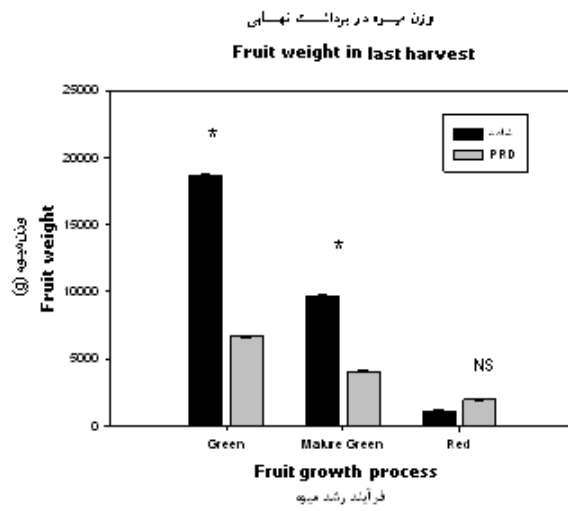


Fig. 3. Fruit weight in last harvest on the PRD treatment.
 * Shows significant difference in 5% level.

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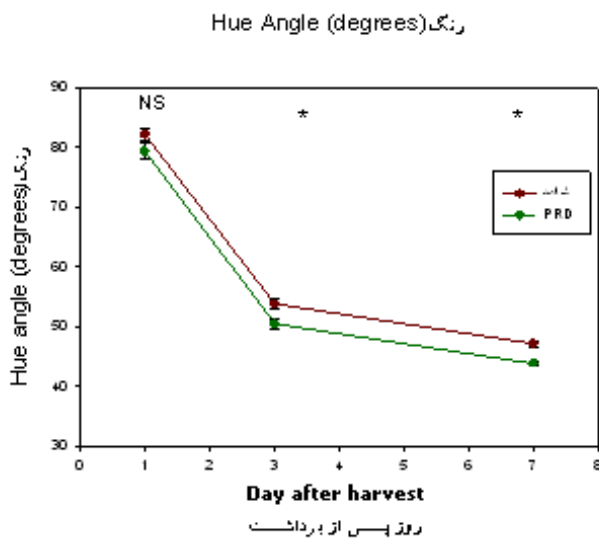


Fig. 4. Fruit color change under PRD and control.

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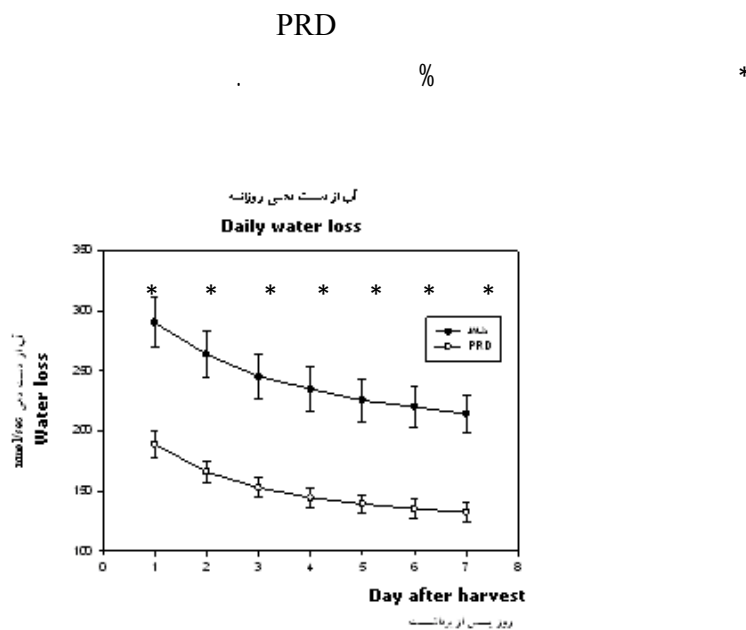


Fig. 5. Fruit water loss in postharvest under PRD and control.

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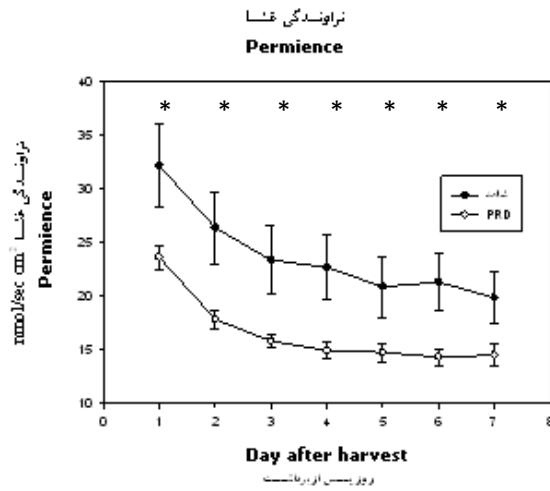


Fig. 6. Permience changes in postharvest under PRD and control.
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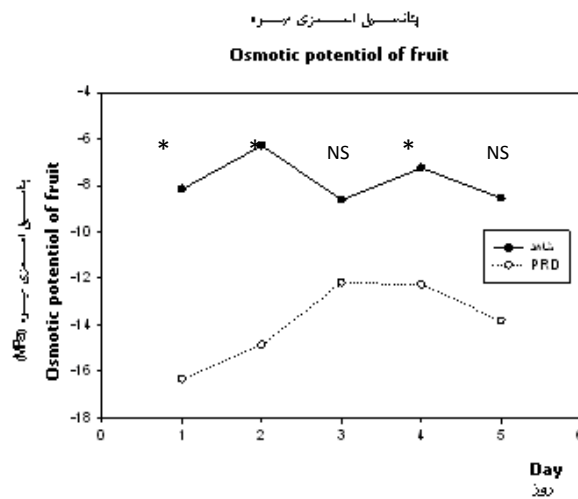


Fig. 7. Changes of osmotic potential of fruit under PRD and control.
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Table 1. Red fruit distribution, blossom end rot and fruit water control under PRD.

Treatment	Red fruit distribution percentage	BER distribution percentage	(%) Fruit water content	Total soluble solid percentage
Control	2b [†]	2a	93.069a	5.9b
PRD	6a	8a	91.21a	7.44a
Significancy	0.004	0.09	0.09	0.000

† Same word shows similare significant in T-test.

T-test

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Table 2. Elemen content of fruit under PRD and control.

	N (%)	P (%)	K (%)	S (%)	Ca (%)	Mg (%)	Na (%)	Fe (mg kg ⁻¹)	Mn (mg kg ⁻¹)	Zn (mg kg ⁻¹)	Cu (mg kg ⁻¹)	B (mg kg ⁻¹)
PRD	3.04	0.59	3.82	0.25	0.09	0.17	0.06	80.86	32.71	28.43	10.57	16.14
	3.70	0.54	4.04	0.26	0.06	0.17	0.06	52.14	29.29	78.00	9.29	14.71
	0.003	0.068	0.714	0.719	0.001	0.712	0.730	0.04	0.05	0.29	0.37	0.032

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$$\text{Permanence}_{\text{Cont}} = 32.21 - 1.320 \times \text{Time}$$

$$\text{Permanence}_{\text{PRD}} = 23.31 - 1.093 \times \text{Time} \quad \text{PRD}$$

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$$\text{Water loss}_{\text{Cont}} = 290.1 - 11.99 \times \text{Time}$$

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$$\text{Water loss}_{\text{PRD}} = 186.4 - 8.744 \times \text{Time}$$

Microcracks

Trichomes

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