

Study visit to The National Institute of Horticultural Research

Welcome to Fruit and Vegetables Storage and Processing Department

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Agenda

9.30-9.45 Welcome the participants and introduce the National Institute of Horticultural Research – D. Konopacka

9.45-10.20 Presentation of Fruit and Vegetables Storage and Processing Department

9.45-10.05 Food processing and chemical properties of fruit and vegetable (health aspect and contamination aspect) – M. Mieszczakowska-Frać

10.05-10.20 Sensory testing and consumer evaluation – A. Wrzodak

10.20-10.30 Break

10.30-10.50 Presentation Food Safety Laboratory, pesticide residues in food – A. Miszczak

10.50-11.00 Skierniewice Capital of Horticulture Science – J. Piecko

11.00-11.15 Innovative Fruit & Vegetables Processing in Skierniewice is coming soon - Horti Food Processing Centre – D. Konopacka

11.15-11.30 Questions and discussion

Short information about the Department of Fruit and Vegetables Storage and Processing

Fruit and Vegetables Storage and Processing Department

Head: PhD Krzysztof Rutkowski

Storage and Postharvest Physiology of Fruit and Vegetables

Head: dr Krzysztof Rutkowski

Section of Cooling Techniques and Automation

Head: dr Zbigniew Józwiak

Laboratory Processing and Quality Evaluation of Fruit and Vegetables

Head: DSc Monika Mieszczakowska-Frąc

Laboratory of Quality Investigation of Horticulture Products

Msc Teresa Stępień, Msc Wioletta Popińska

Sensory Evaluation Laboratory

PhD Anna Wrzodak

Innovative processing technologies - **beverages**

Diversified equipment for the production of juices from a wide range of raw materials, including puree juice and juice concentrates



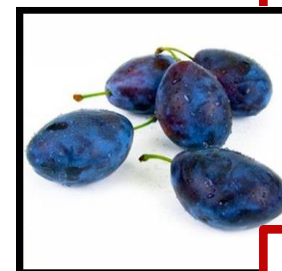
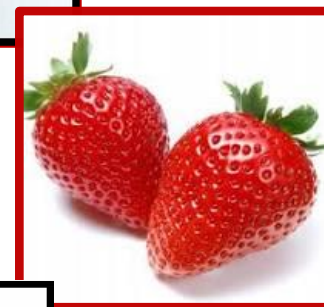
Hydraulic press- HP-14



Packing press



Juice production – red fruit

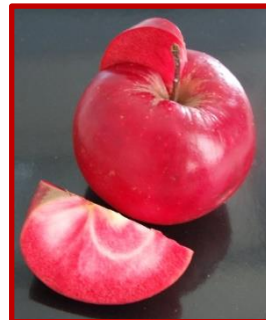


Innovative processing technologies – fruit juice

Cloudy juice –
high content of fibre



Sea buckthorn



Red-fleshed apple



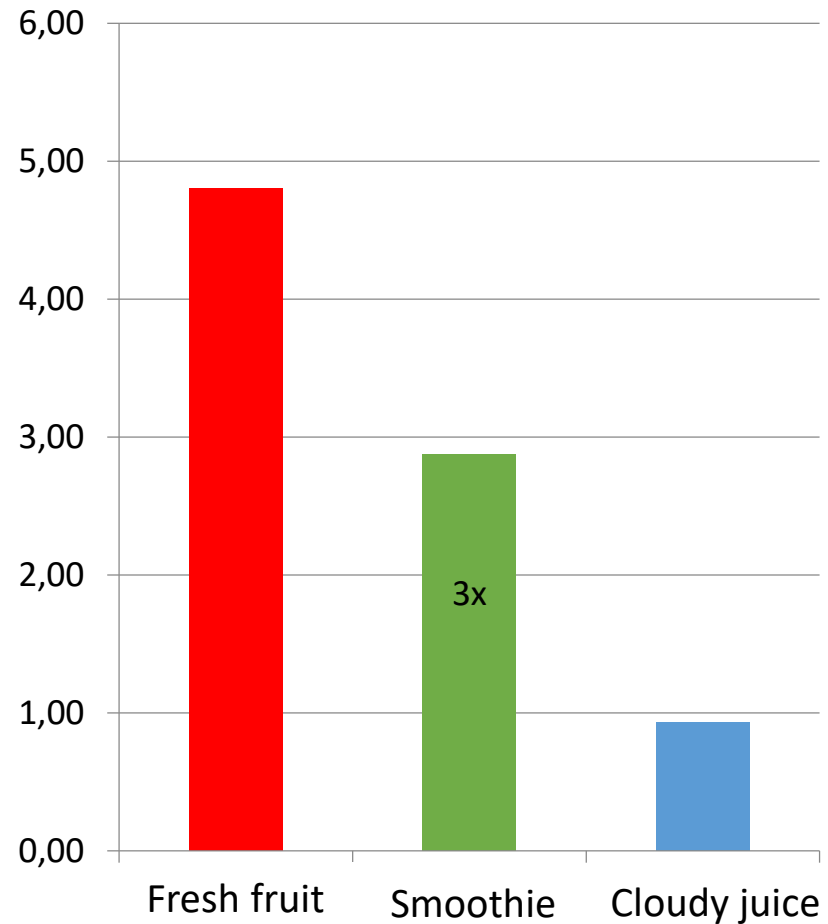
Innovative processing technologies – vegetable beverages

Smoothies = cloudy juice with puree



Cloudy juice and smoothie – source of pectin

Clear juices are almost completely devoid of a valuable ingredient, which is **pectin**. It is an ingredient that plays an important role in the proper functioning of the digestive system.



Cloudy juice and smoothie production = Technological challenges

! problem with juice separation

Modern F&V processing technologies –
High pressure homogenization (100-400 Mpa)



The effect of high-pressure homogenization of sea buckthorn juice

Puree production



Pumpkin puree

Blackberry puree



Quince puree



Apple puree



'Smoky'
(*A. alnifolia*)

'Prince William'
(*A. canadensis*)

Amelanchier puree

Modern F&V processing, toward more healthy products developed in InHORT



- Enrichment in valuable juices
- Addition of minerals and vitamins



- Fiber addition
- Addition of minerals and vitamins
- Natural colouring as e.g. black carrot juice



Modern F&V processing, toward more healthy products developed in InHORT

Baby Food

naturally
colorful and
healthy



Innovative processing technologies - drying

The most advanced drying equipment along with innovative technologies to enable experimentation on crunchy fruit and vegetable snacks for direct consumption

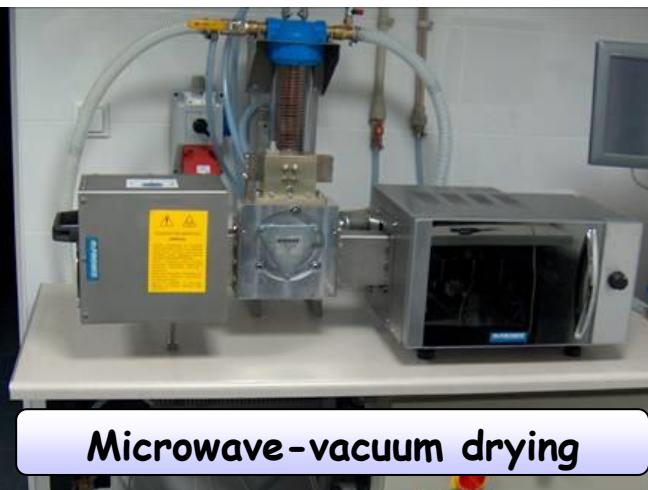


Dried products with functional properties –preserving bioactive compounds

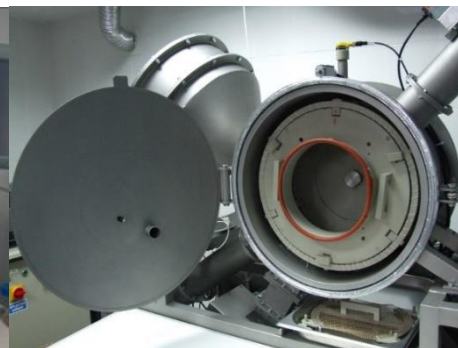
Classic drying



Microwave-vacuum drying



Microwave-ultrasound



Dried products with functional properties –preserving bioactive compounds



Section II. Analytical activity - evaluation of the quality of fruit and vegetables and their products, including chemical and physical analyzes, sensory and consumer evaluation.

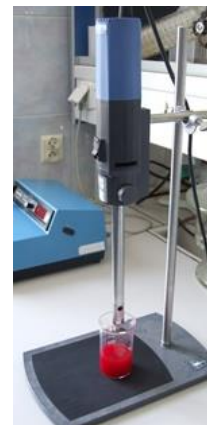
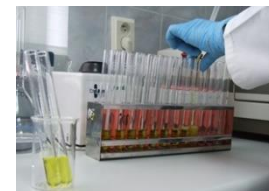


1. Laboratory Processing and Quality Evaluation of Fruit and Vegetables

Main analytical methods:

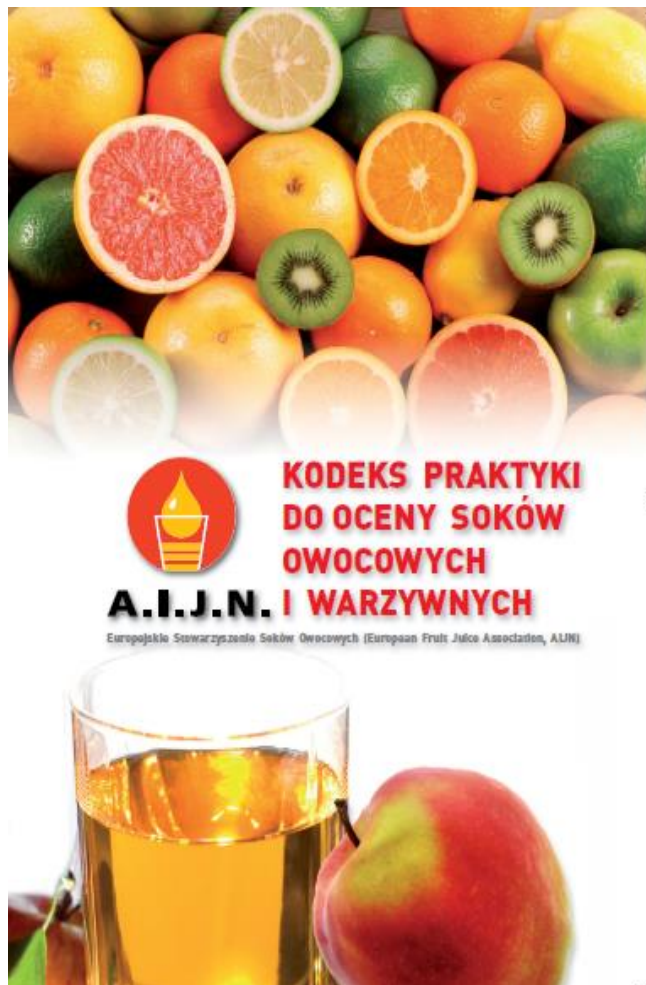
- spectrophotometric methods
- high performance liquid chromatography methods

- Analysis of physicochemical quality
- Content of bioactive compounds:
 - ✓ Phenolic acid
 - ✓ Carotenoids
 - ✓ Witamin C
 - ✓ Anthocyanins
- Antioxidant activities



Examination of the authenticity of fruit juices

AIJN Code of Practice



Orange juice	Cherry juice
Grapefruit juice	Raspberry juice
Apple Juice	Strawberry juice
Grape juice	Peach juice
Pineapple juice	Mango juice
Lemon juice	Guava juice
Passion flower juice	Banana juice
Pear juice	Tangerine juice
Apricot juice	Carrot juice
Tomato juice	Pomegranate juice
Blackcurrant juice	Acerola juice

**I invite you to take a virtual walk
around Laboratory Processing and
Quality Evaluation of Fruit and
Vegetables**

2. Laboratory of Quality Investigation of Horticulture Products

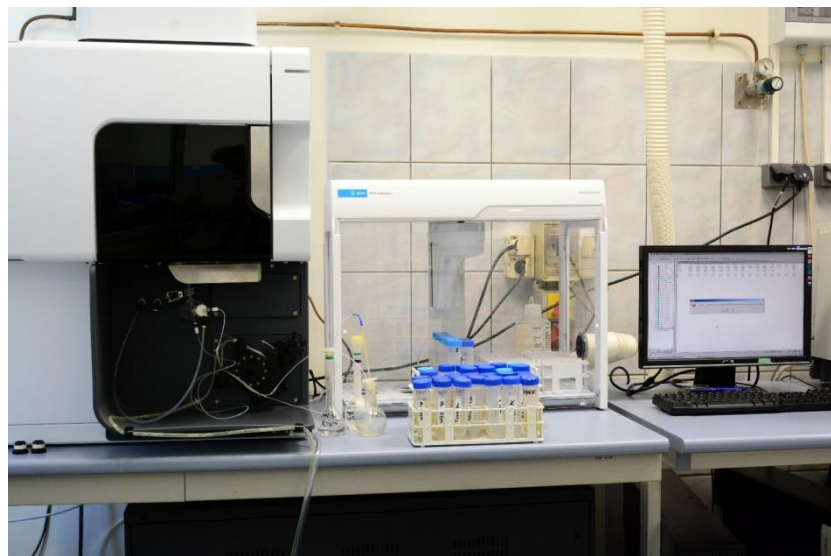
In 2001, the Laboratory obtained the Accreditation Certificate



Every year, the laboratory participates in the program of external quality control of laboratory analyzes, e.g.:

- "Wageningen Evaluating Programs for Analytical Laboratories" organized by the Wageningen University in the field of determination of mineral substances in plant material.
- Proficiency tests organized by: LGC Quality Food Chemistry for the determination of fiber and mineral content in food product, as well as ash, protein, and sugar content.

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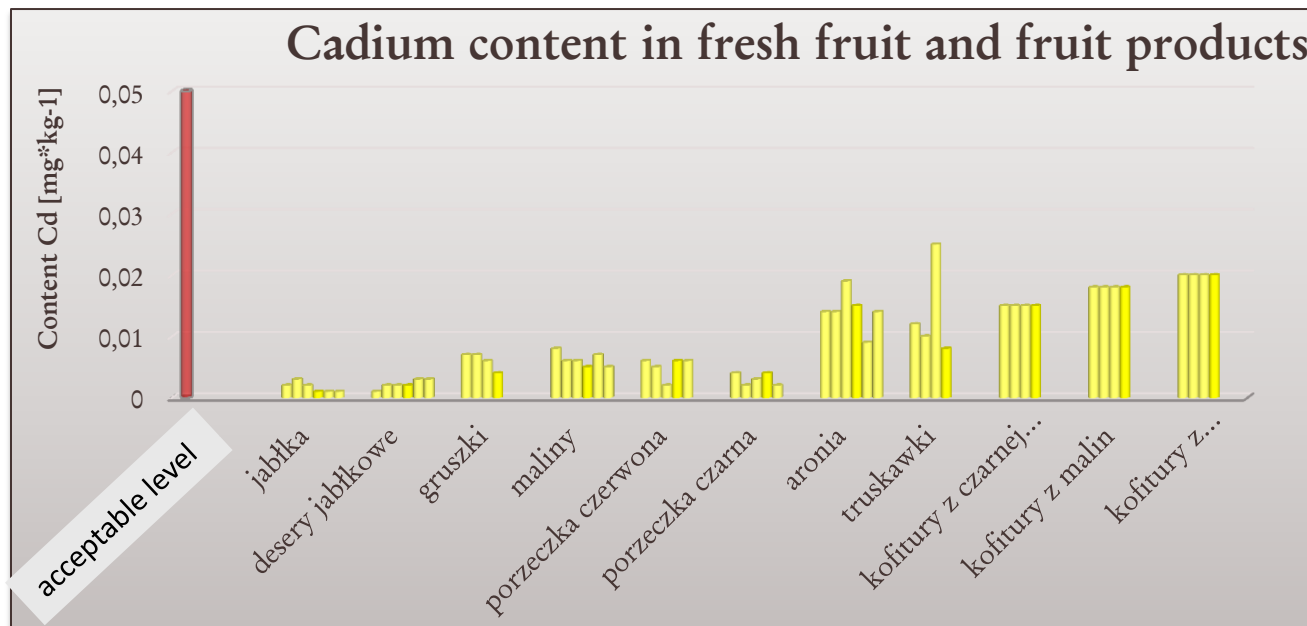


Emission spectrometer ICAP 6000 Series

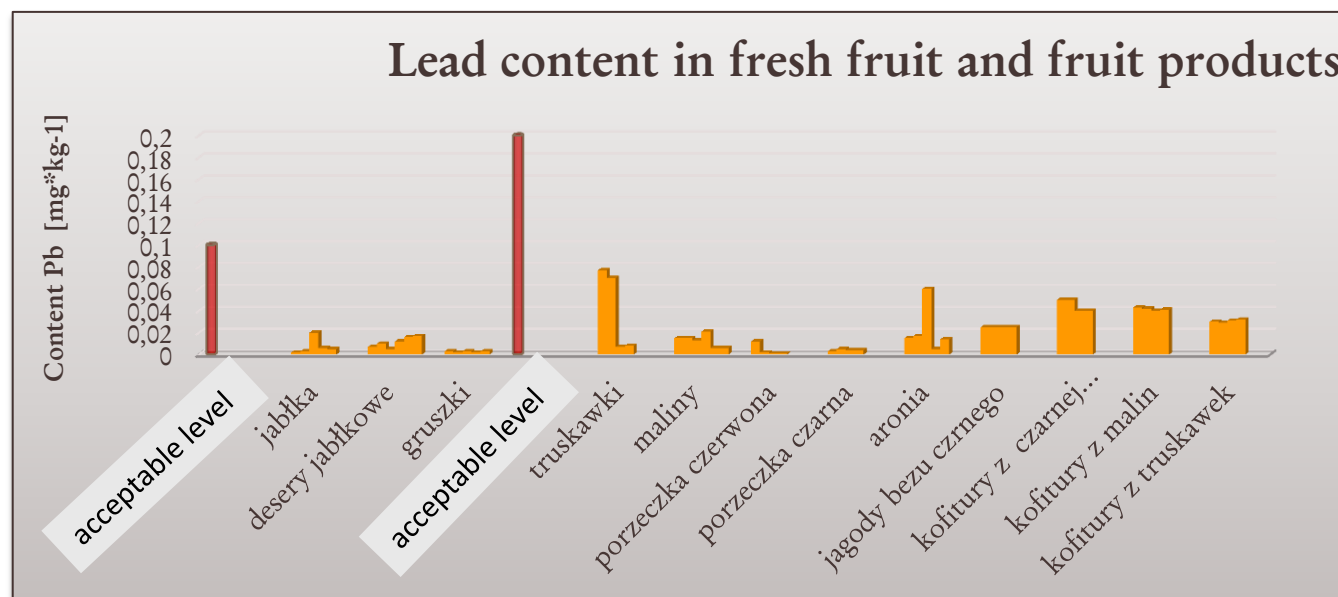
Determination of the content of minerals in fresh and dry plant material, and E&V products, using the ICP-OES method

Determination of cadmium and lead content by the ICP-OES method

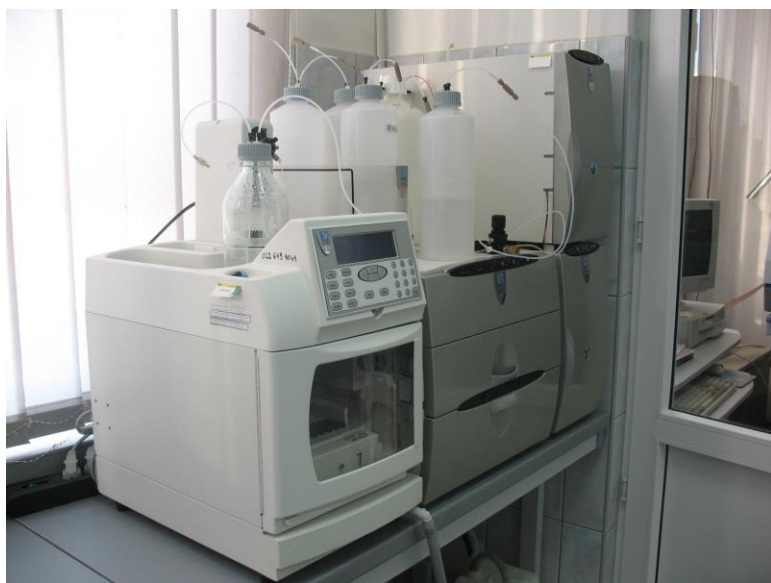
Cadium content in fresh fruit and fruit products



Lead content in fresh fruit and fruit products



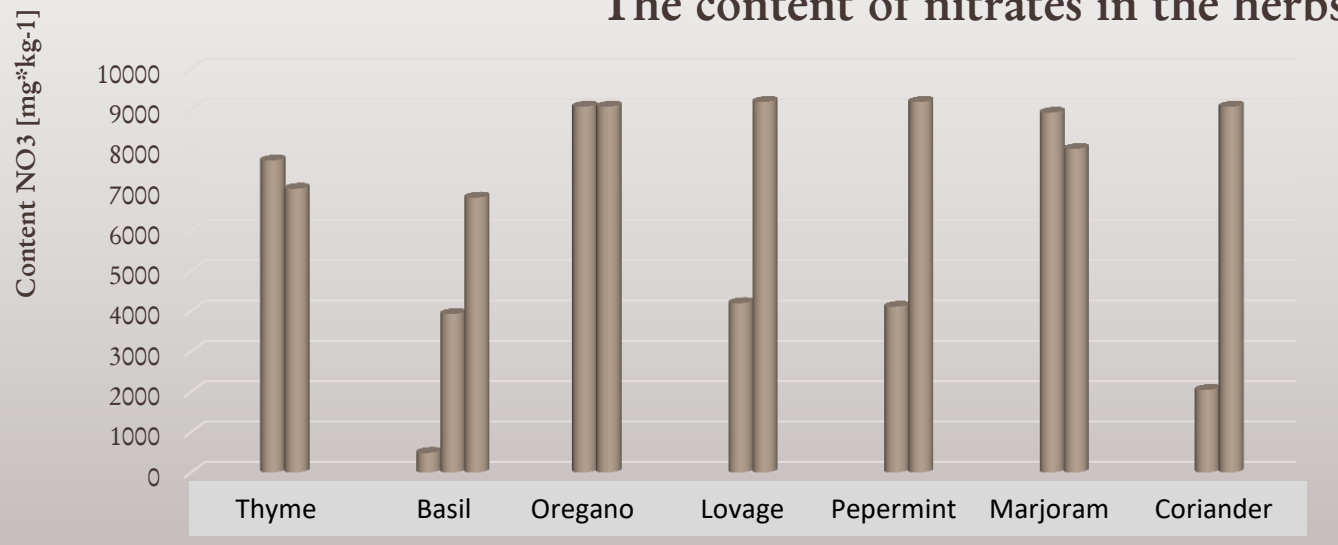
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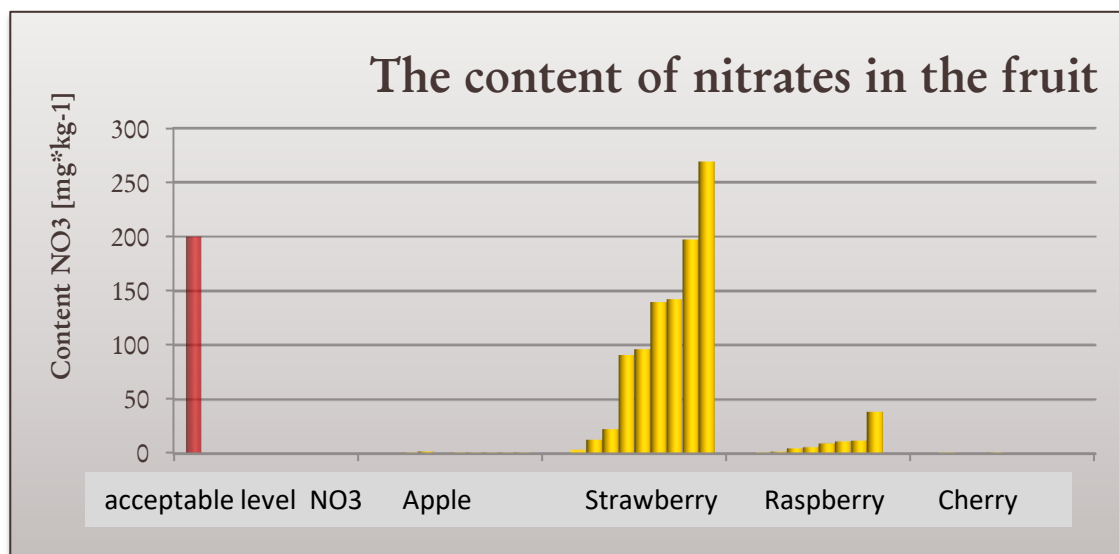
**Determination of the content of
nitrates (V) and nitrates (III)
by high performance ion
chromatography (IC)**

Ion chromatograph with a conductometric
detector DIONEX ICS-3000

The content of nitrates in the herbs



The content of nitrates in the fruit



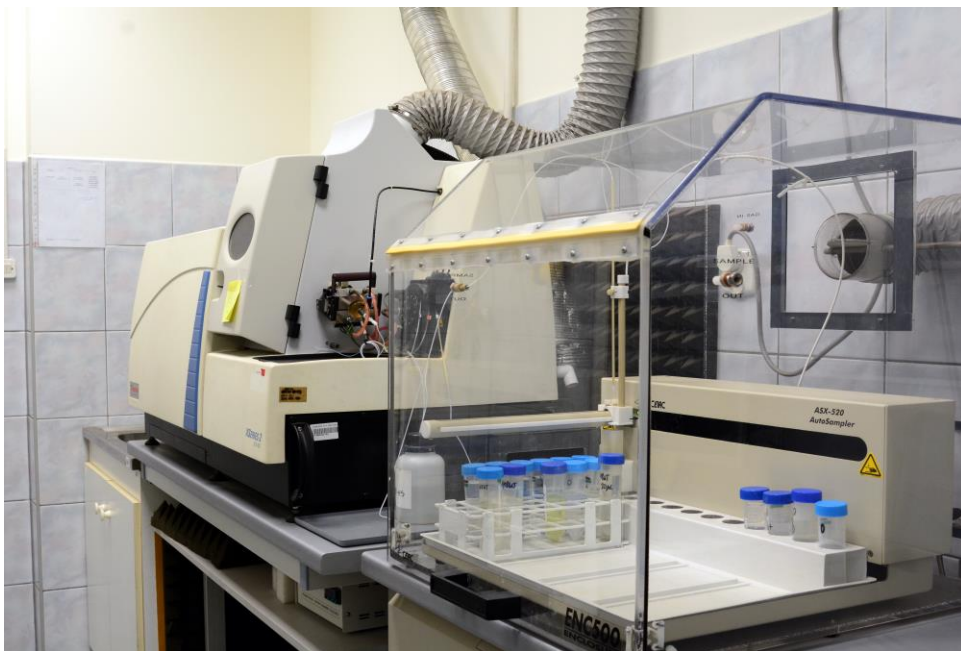
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Mercury analyzer AMA 254

**Determination of total mercury (Hg)
content by atomic absorption
spectrometry (ASA), amalgamation
technique**

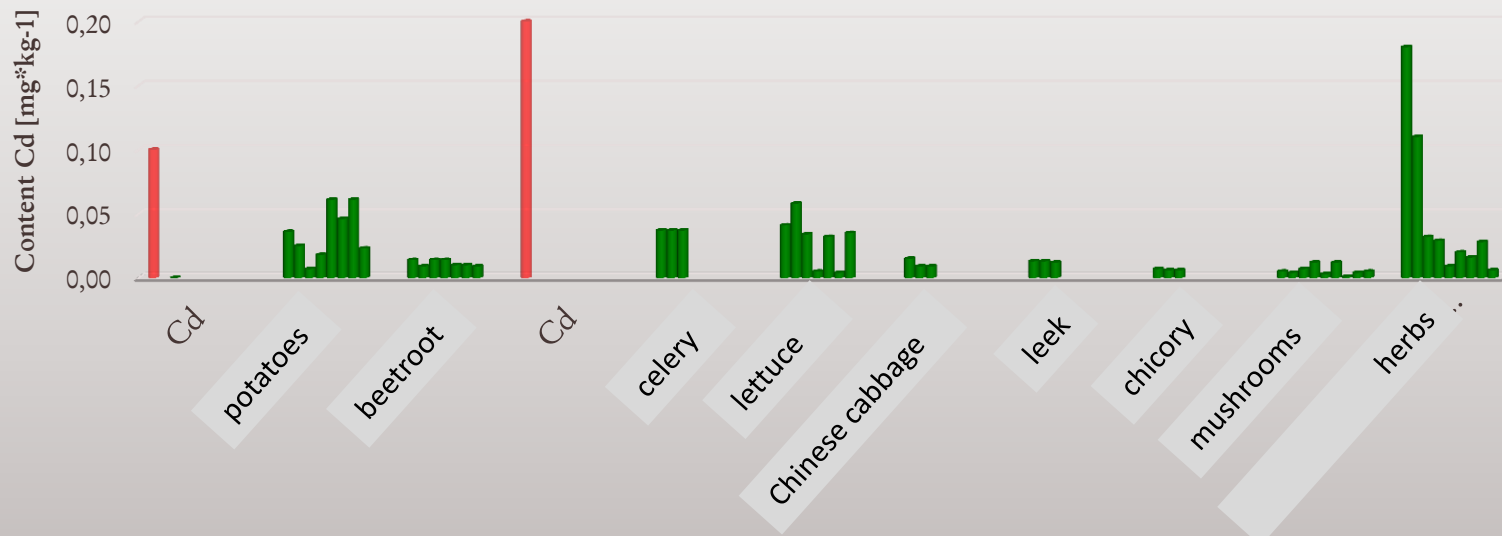
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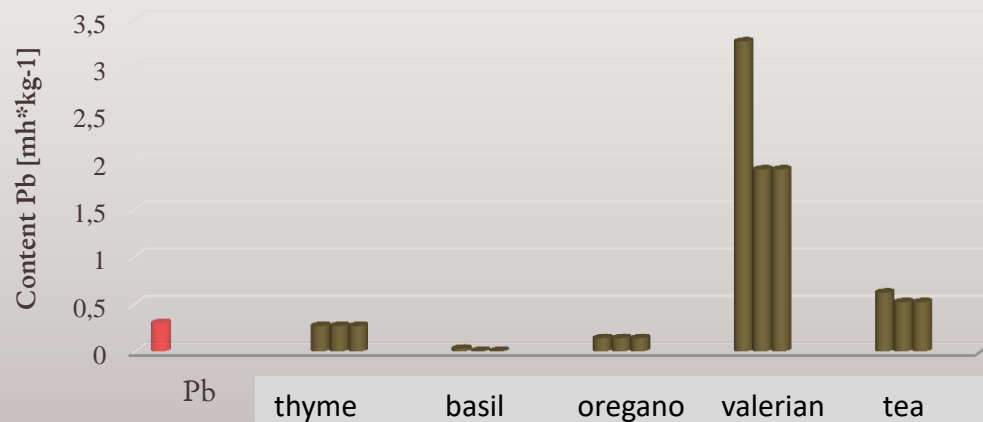
Determination of cadmium (Cd), lead (Pb) and arsenic (As) content by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)

Mercury analyzer AMA 254

Cadmium content in vegetables and mushrooms



Lead content in herbs and tea



ACCREDITED ANALITICAL METHODS



Determination of dietary fiber content (TDF) by the enzymatic-weight method with division into the insoluble fraction (IDF) and the soluble fraction (SDF)

Fiber analyzer Foss Fibertec™ 1023

ACCREDITED ANALITICAL METHODS

Determination of total nitrogen by the Dumas method



TruSpec CN total nitrogen analyzer

Determination of dry matter content by weight method



Determination of total fat content by the extraction-weight method (optimization stage)



ANALYZES NOT COVERED BY THE SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

- determination of pH, salinity, the content of available or total forms of macro and micronutrients and organic matter in mineral and organic soils, horticultural substrates intended for fruit and vegetable crops and flowers
- determination of water used for irrigation and fertigation in horticultural crops
- determination of the mineral composition of horticultural medium
- determination of the mineral composition of calcium, mineral and organic fertilizers



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3. Sensory Evaluation Laboratory

Presented by PhD Anna Wrzodak

THANK YOU

Near future ...

