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#### **Abstract**

Developments over the past 100 years in the USA in fruit and vegetable production practices (principally harvest mechanization, effects of plant breeding and biotechnology, and organic production), processing practices (drying, canning, freezing, irradiation, and fresh-cut produce), packaging (glass, cans, plastics, and aseptic packaging), quality control and evaluation, issues concerning the safety of fruits and vegetables, and recognition of the role of produce in human nutrition are reviewed.