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11	Abstract
12	Usually, the thermophysical parameters of bananas available in the literature refer to the
13	flesh of the product. However, to prolong the shelf life avoiding injuries, product cooling
14	should be performed for bananas with peel (from room temperature to 13 °C). Thus, the
15	main objective of this article was to determine thermal properties of banana with peel
16	during its cooling. A solver was developed for the direct problem, using a two-
17	dimensional solution of the diffusion equation to describe heat transfer. For the inverse
18	problem, we used an experimental dataset of the temperature over time at the center of a
19	banana, and a ready-to-use optimizer software. Convective heat transfer coefficient and
20	thermal diffusivity were $h = (2.186 \pm 0.021) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and $\alpha = (1.45 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
21	¹ , respectively. Heat transfer coefficient and thermal conductivity were $h_H = (4.93 \pm 0.05)$
22	W m ⁻² K ⁻¹ and $k = (0.328 \pm 0.014)$ W m ⁻¹ K ⁻¹ , respectively. The chi-square and
23	determination coefficient of the optimization process were 3.5484×10 ⁻² and 0.999955,
24	respectively.

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