



# The Modern Mill

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# Mill Design



Open Work Areas







Elevated Equipment |







Space For Servicing





Get the Electrical  
Out of the Way











Standardize





Redundancy

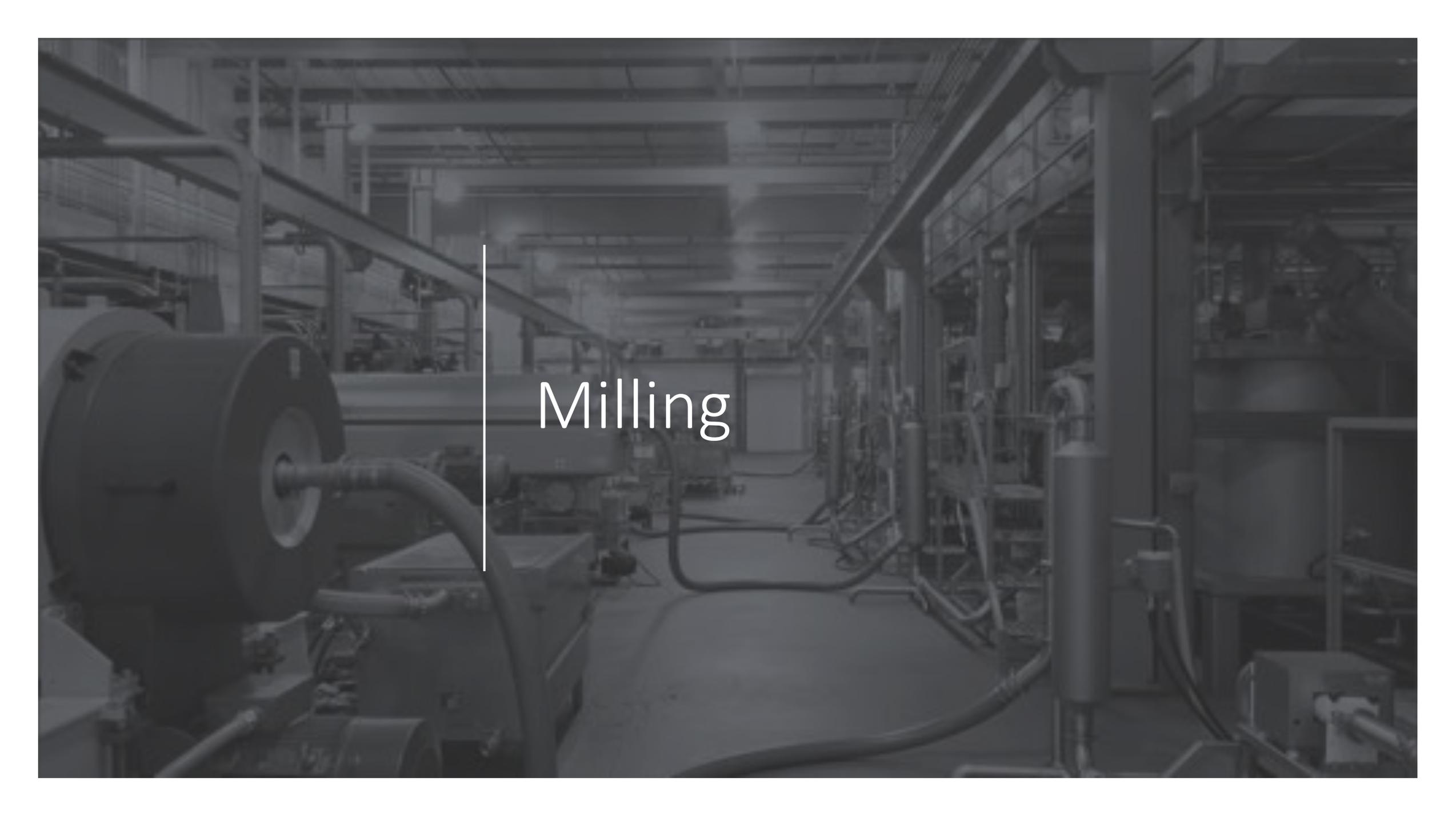






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# Milling

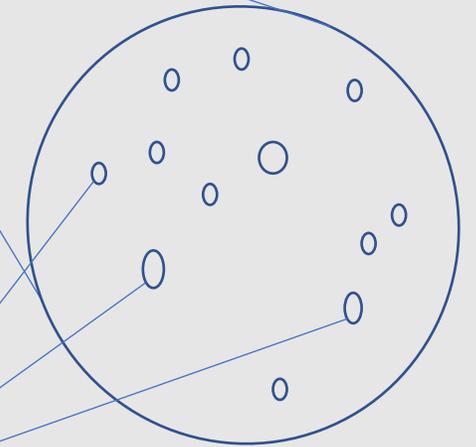
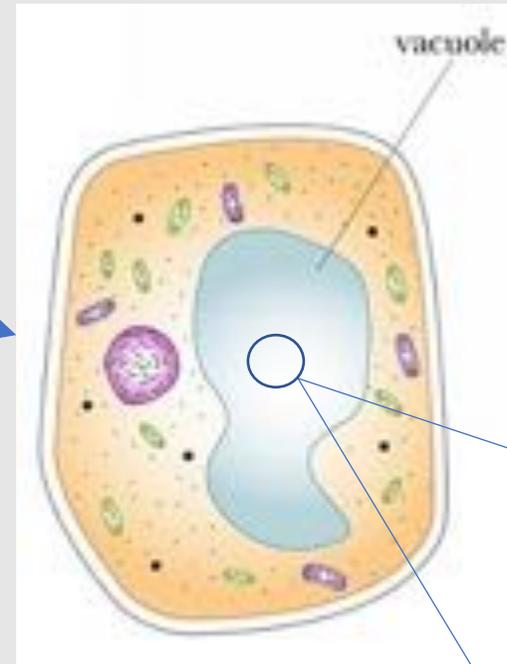
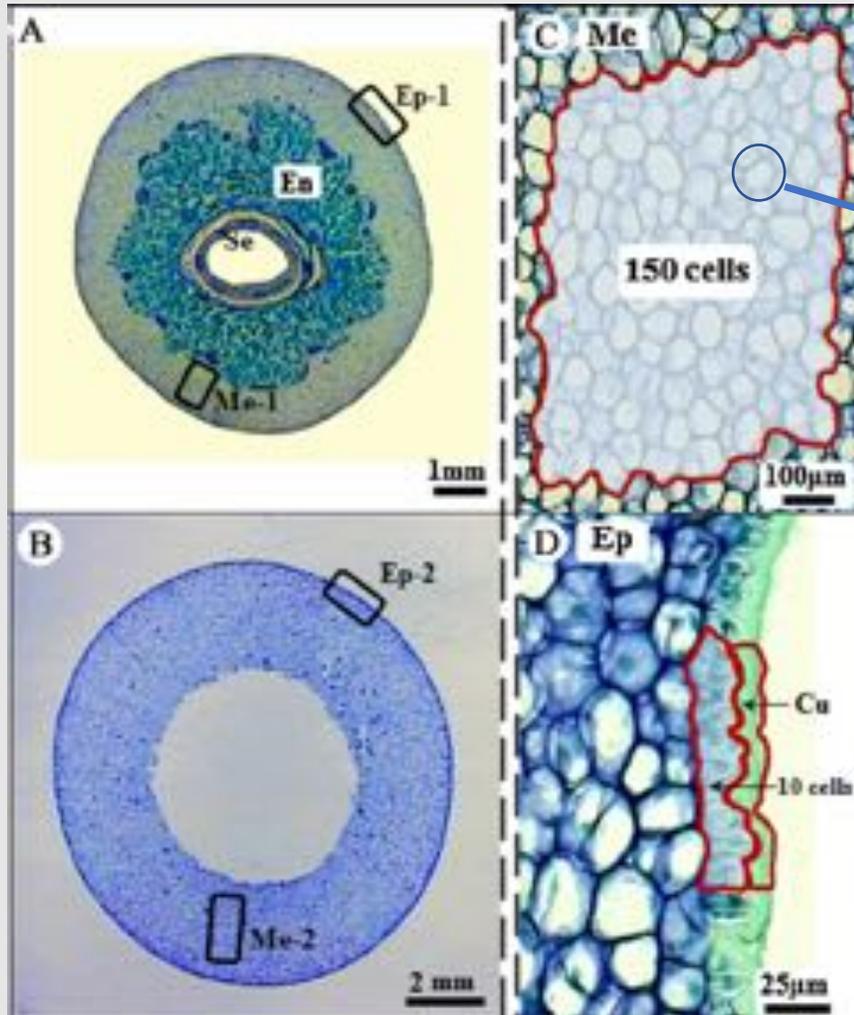


Objective: Extract *As Much Oil*  
of the *Highest Quality* Possible.

# A few assumptions first...

1. The Fruit is in excellent Condition on the tree.
2. The Fruit is harvested at the right time in the right conditions.
3. The oil is extracted within hours of harvest.

# Where is the Oil?

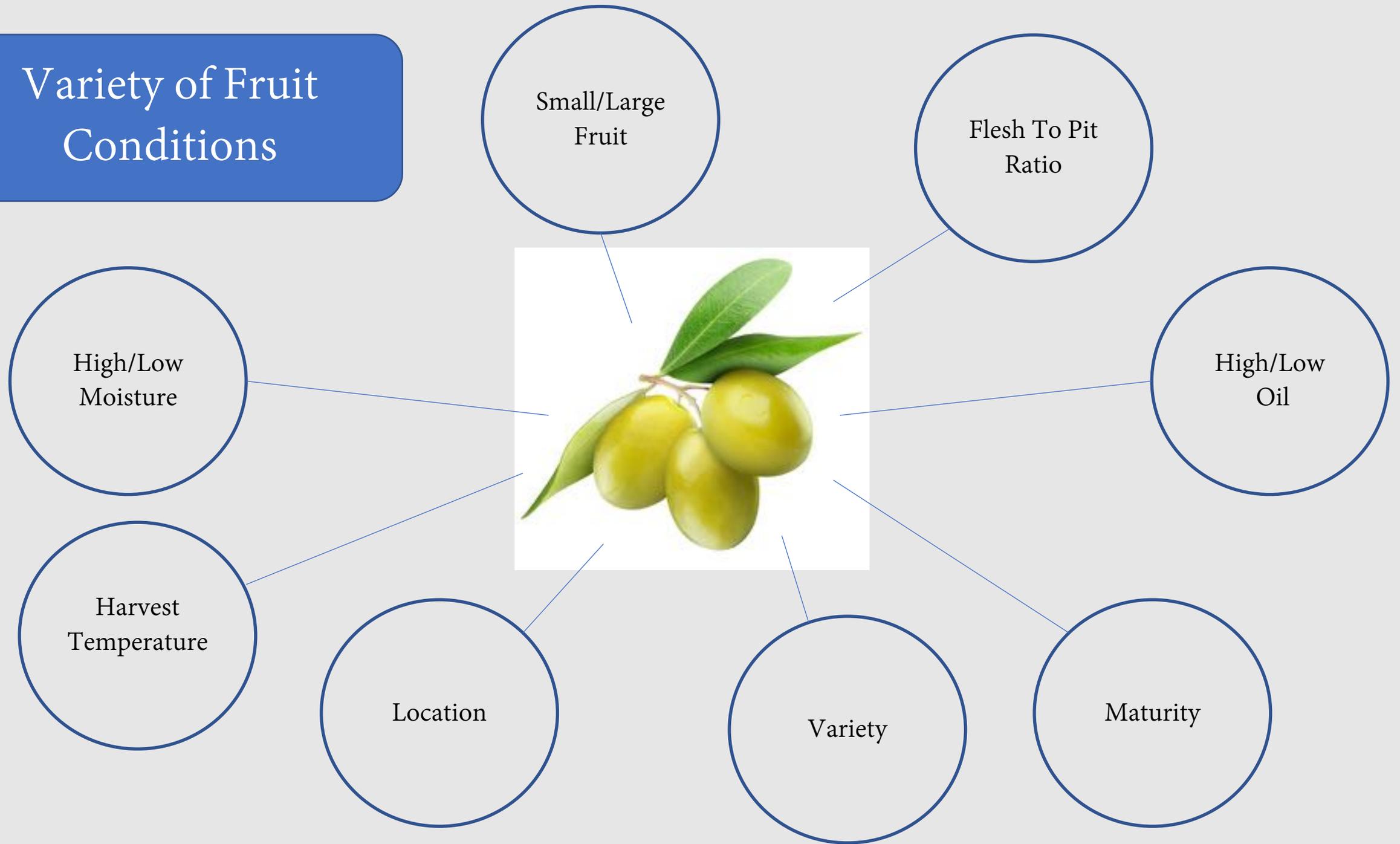


Microscopic droplets of Oil have no **Color, Aroma, or Flavor**

How it's Extracted...



# Variety of Fruit Conditions



# The Tools We Have

Small/Large Fruit

**Crusher Grid,  
Agitator Speed**

Flesh To Pit Ratio

**Crusher Grid,  
Agitator Speed,  
Pump Speed**

High/Low  
Oil

**Process Aids,  
Crusher Speed,  
Decanter Weir**

High/Low Moisture

**Process Aids,  
Grid Size,  
Crusher Speed**

Harvest  
Temperature

**Malaxation Temp/  
Time**

Location

**Process Aids,  
Malaxation Temp/  
Time**

Variety

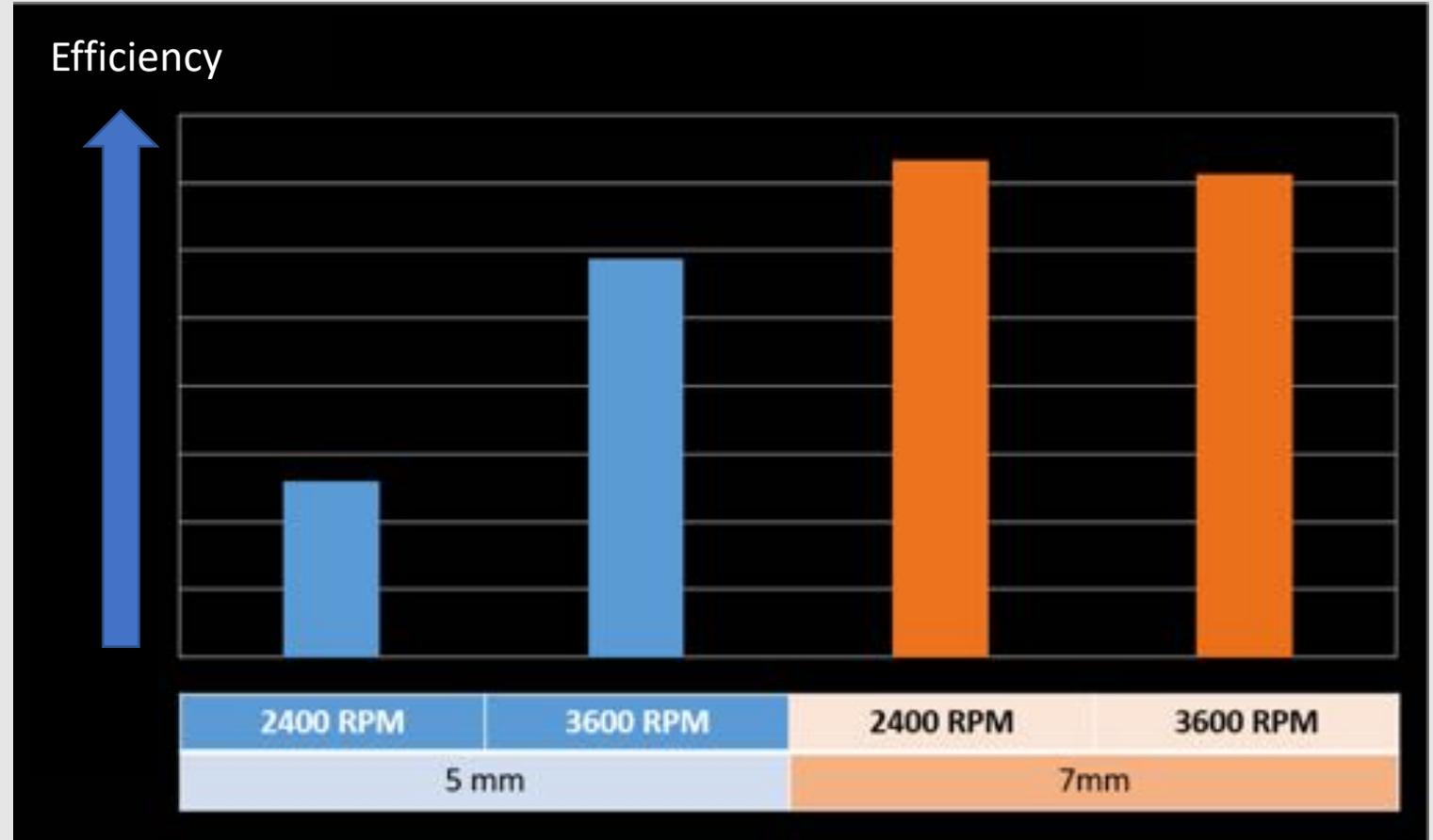
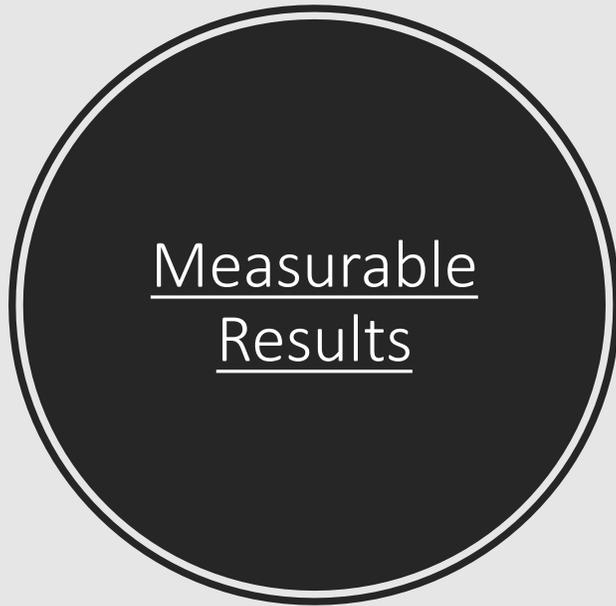
**Process Aids,  
Malaxation Temp/  
Time,**

Maturity

**Process Aids,  
Grid Size,  
Crusher Speed**

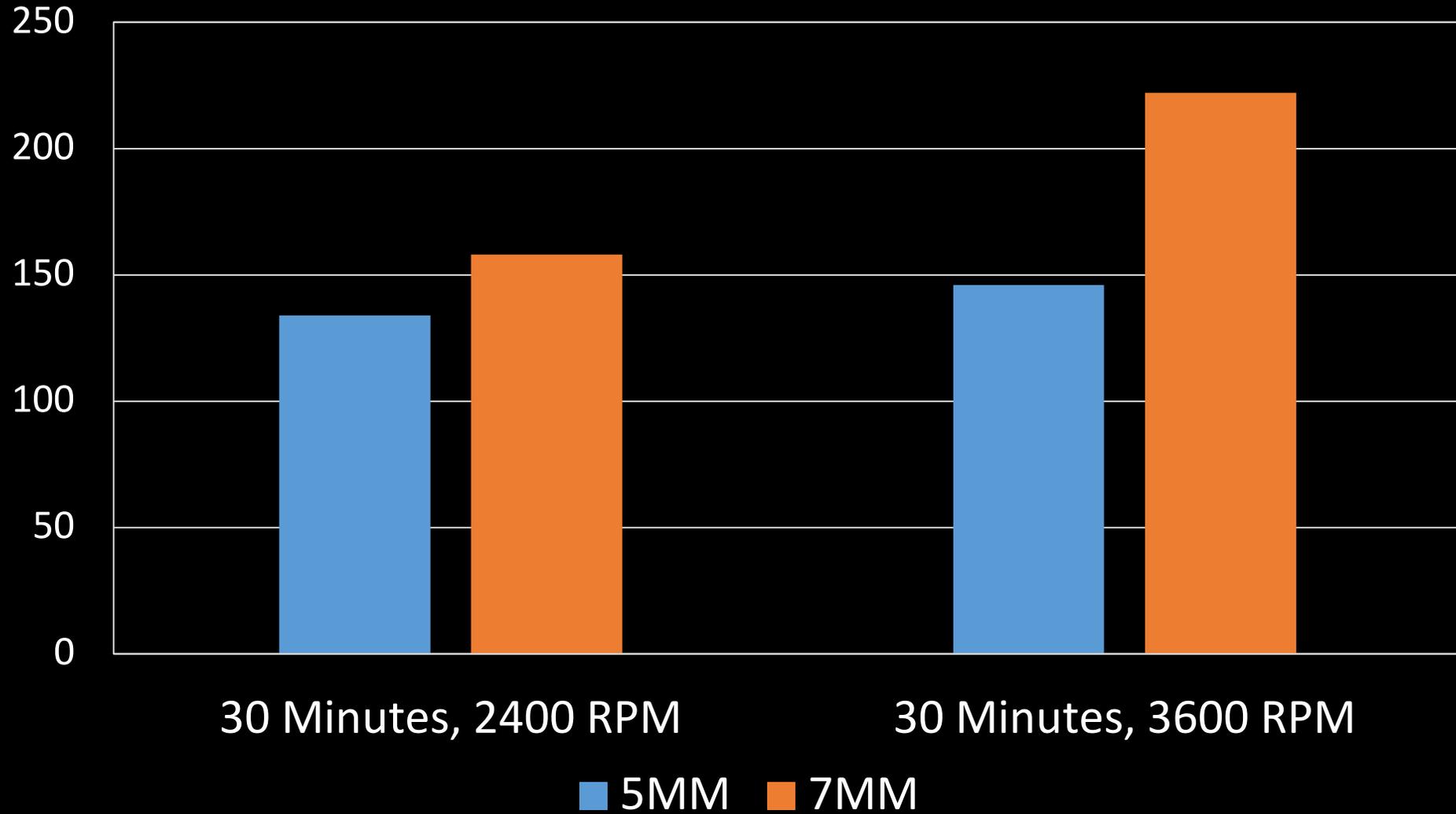


Fruit Condition: Arbequina, Delta Region, Average Fruit Size, 64% moisture, 21% oil



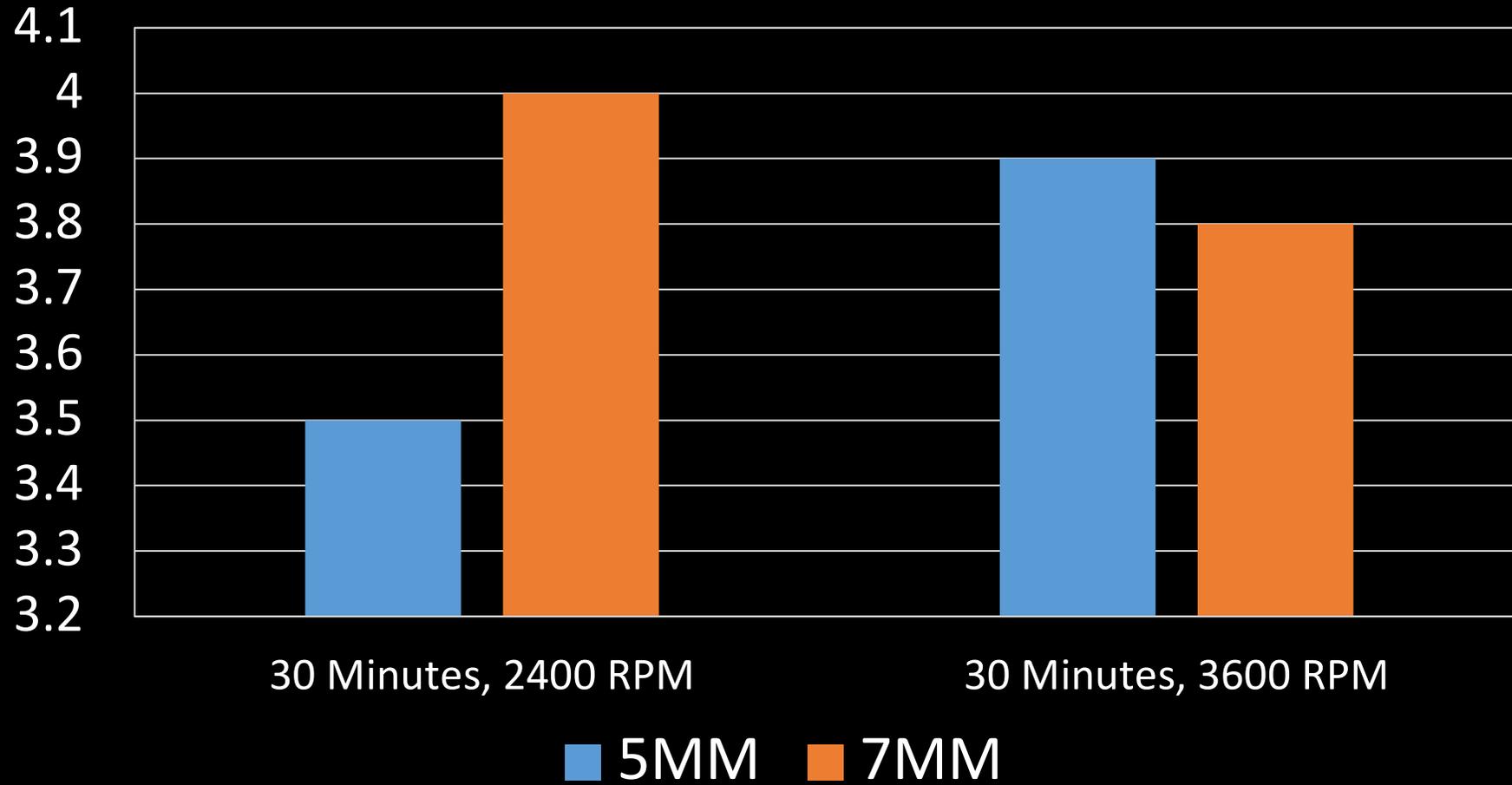
# Impact of Milling

## Total Phenols



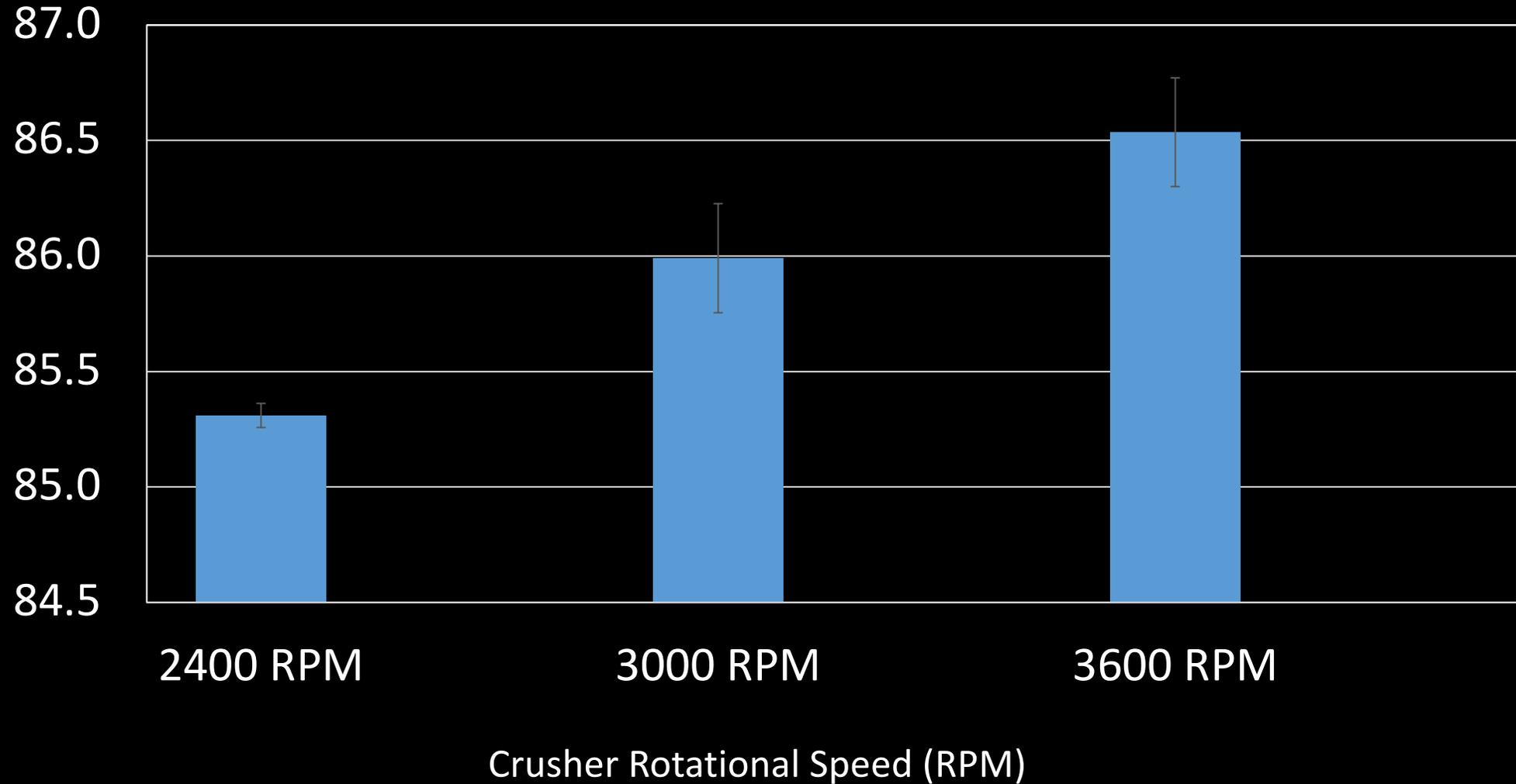
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## Fruit Complexity



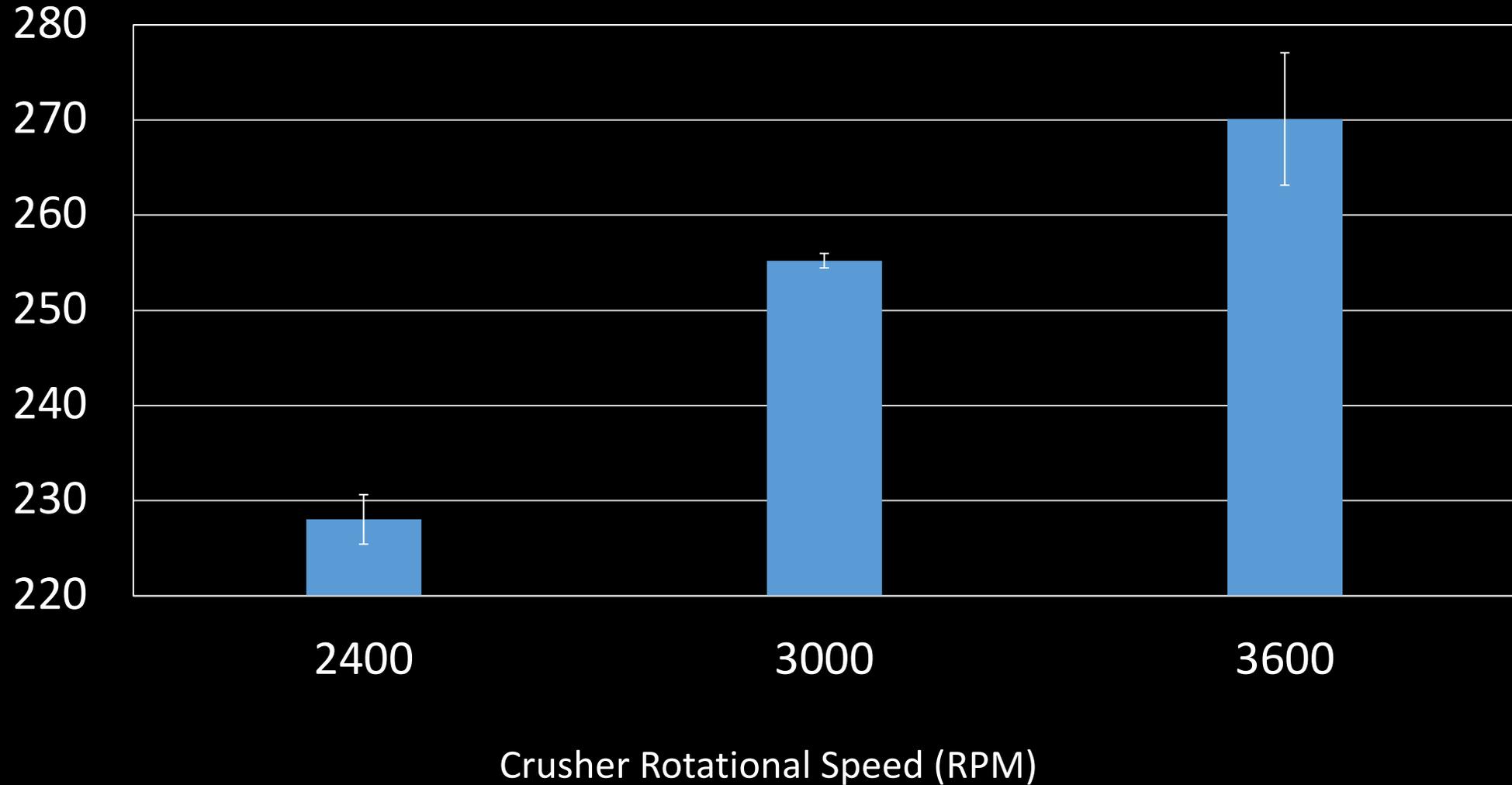
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Efficiency (%)



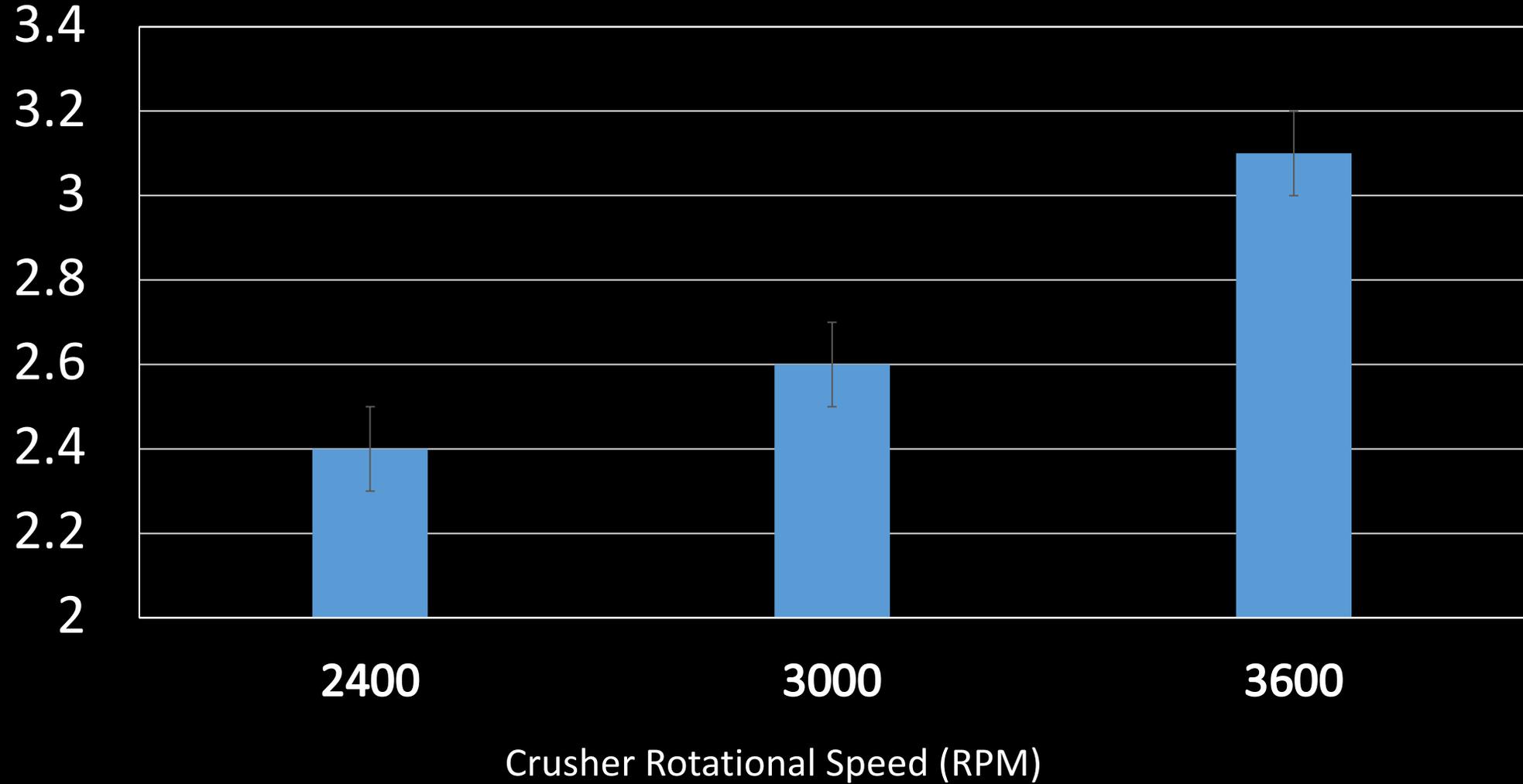
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## Total phenols (ppm)



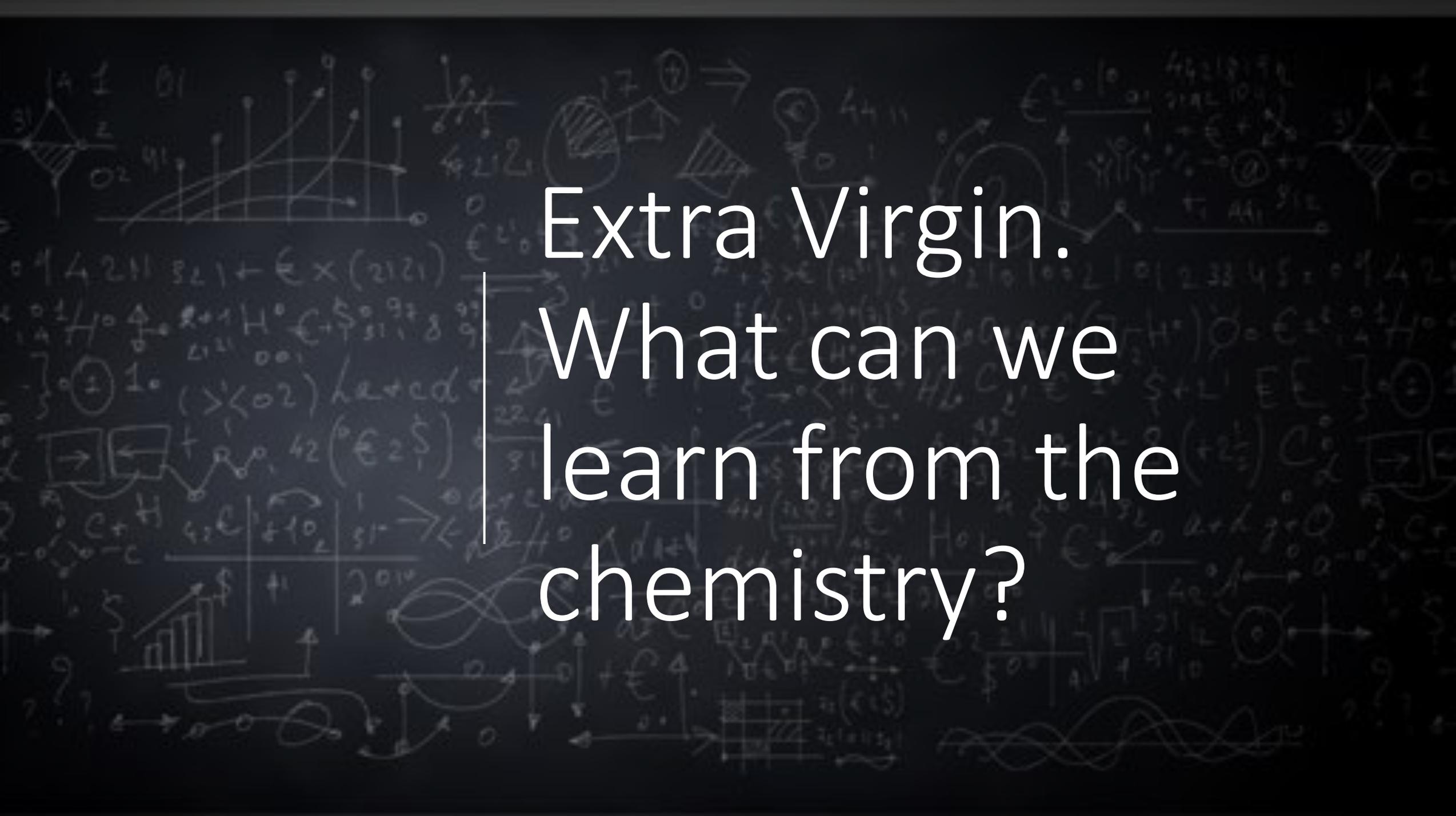
# Impact of Milling

## Pungency



How we mill has a significant  
impact on the oil we make!

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Extra Virgin.  
What can we  
learn from the  
chemistry?

The Higher the Initial Quality, and the better the storage conditions,  
the longer the shelf life!



Millers should try to Prevent two things:

1. Fermentation of Olives

2. Oxidation of Olive Paste and Finished Oil

# Fermentation

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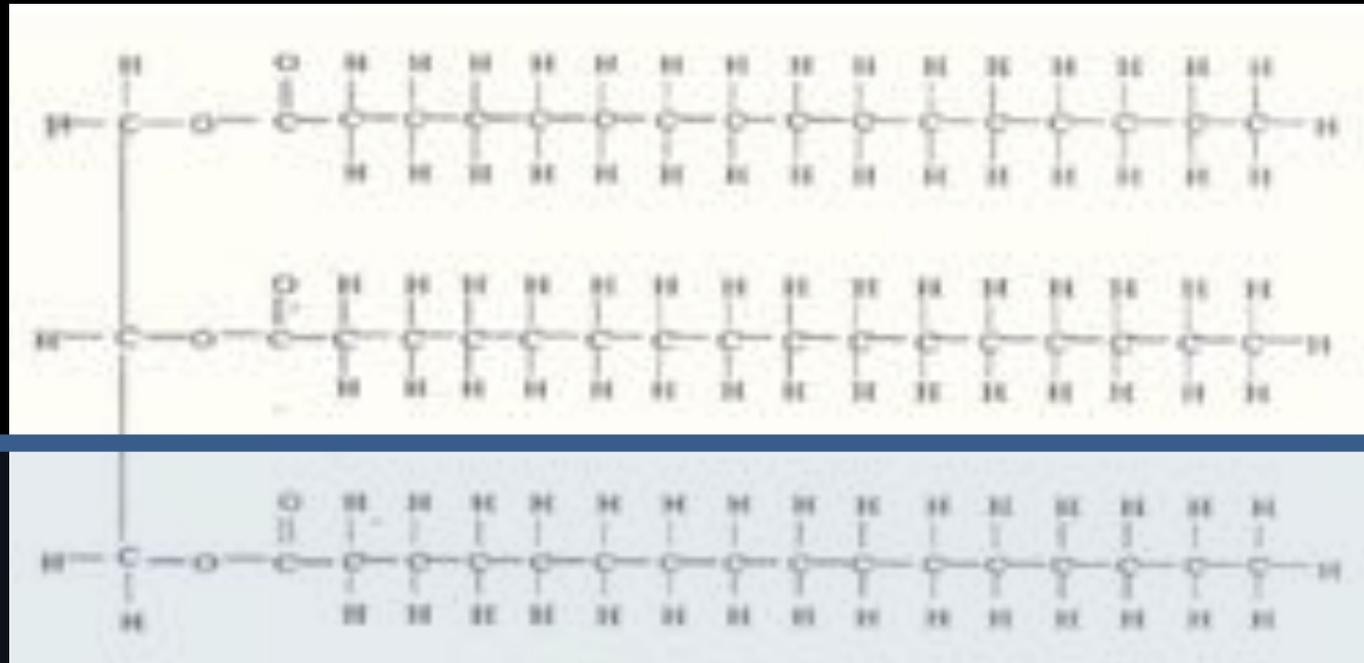
4 Hours



15 Hours



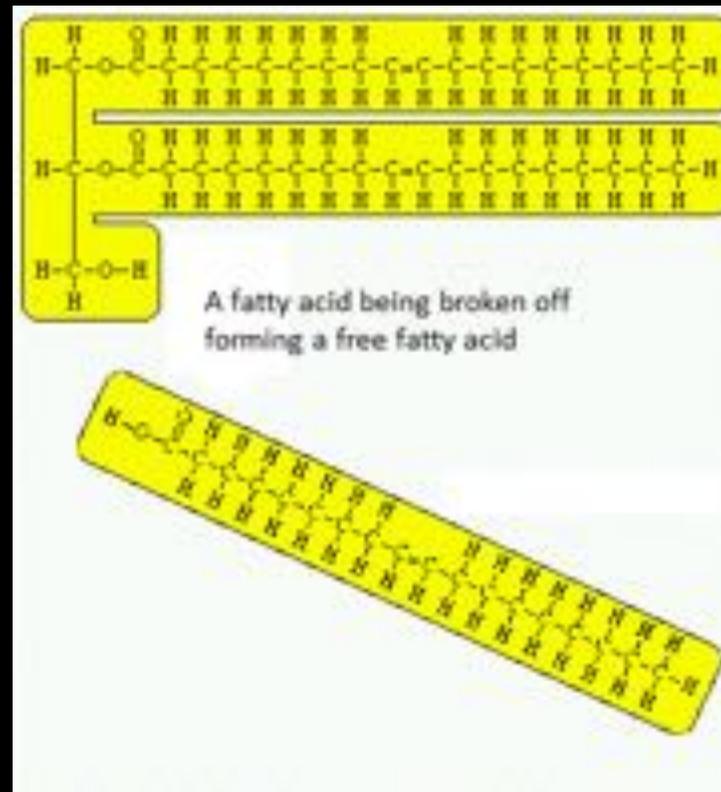
Olive Oil is made up of 3 fatty acids



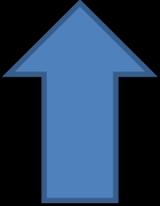
Fatty Acid

# Fermentation

Fermentations Cause Free Fatty Acids (FFA)



# Fermentations Cause:

-  FFA
-  DAG's
- Heat
- Flavor Defects

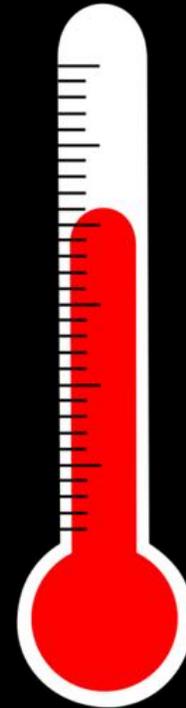
Oxidation:



# Oxidation is accelerated by:



4 things



# Oxidation Causes:



PV



K232



K270



PPP

# Where can oxidation occur in milling?

	Malaxation Time	Malaxation Temperature
PV	↑	↑
K232	↑	↑
Delta K	↑	↑
DAGS	↓	↓

The Longer the Paste is Exposed to Oxygen and temperature, the more degradation occurs.

# In Conclusion...

1. A properly Designed Mill will keep you focused on Milling (instead of putting out fires !)
2. A miller must be able to adjust to variations in Fruit Conditions.
3. Milling has a significant impact on the flavor, the quality, and the amount of oil extracted.
4. Fresh oils MUST be held to higher standards in order to meet Extra Virgin standards later on.



Thank You!