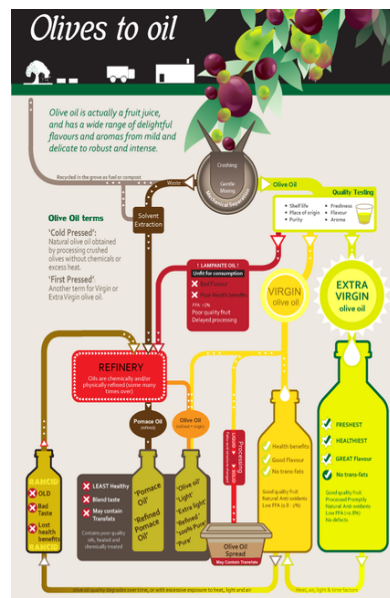


UNDERSTANDING OLIVE OIL GRADES AND QUALITY PARAMETERS



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Olive oil: is the oil obtained solely from the fruit of the olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.) by mechanical or other physical means under conditions that do not lead to alteration in the oil .

Pomace Oil: Olivepomace oil is the oil obtained by treating olive pomace with solvents or other physical treatments.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil is the highest quality of Olive Oil



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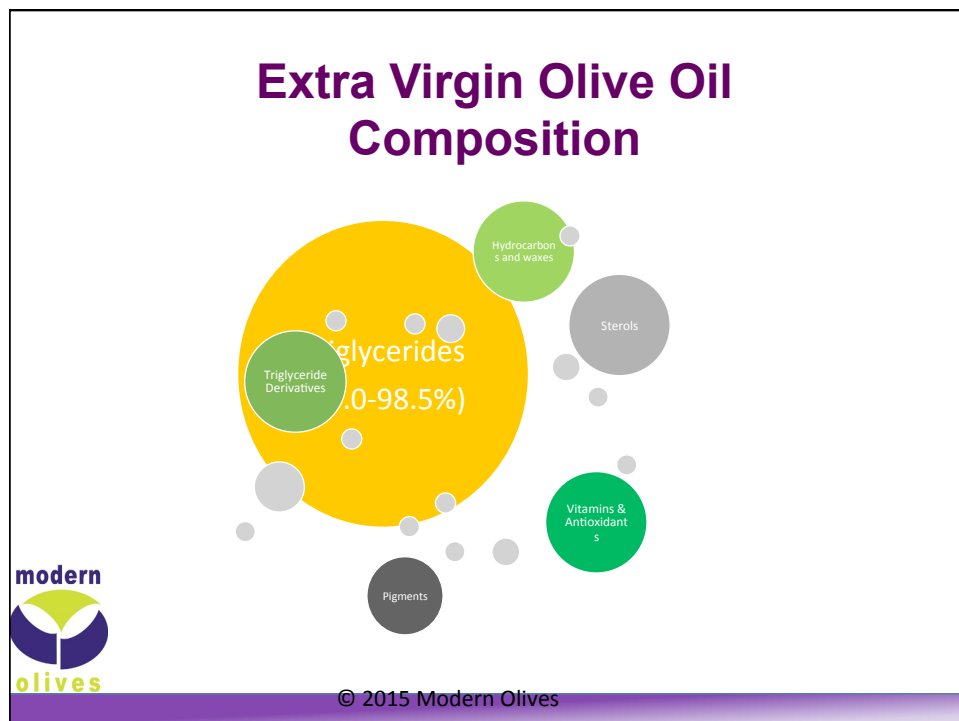
EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY PARAMETERS ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT STANDARDS

PARAMETER		IOC	USDA	CDFA	COOC	AS 5264
Free Fatty Acid (FFA)(%m/m)		≤0.8	≤0.8	≤0.5	≤0.5	≤0.8
Peroxide Value (PV)(meq O ₂ /Kg Oil)		≤20.0	≤20.0	≤15.0	≤15.0	≤20.0
Absorbency in ultraviolet	K232	≤2.50	≤2.50	≤2.40	≤2.50	≤2.50
	K270	≤0.22	≤0.22	≤0.22	≤0.22	≤0.22
	Delta K	≤0.01	≤0.01	≤/0.01/	≤/0.01/	≤/0.01/
Moiture and Volatil matter (MOI) (%m/m)		≤0.2	≤0.2*	≤0.2	N/A	≤0.2
Insoluble Impurities (INI)(%m/m)		≤0.1	≤0.1*	≤0.1	N/A	≤0.1
Pyropheophytin(PPPs)%		N/A	N/A	≤17	N/A	≤17
1,2-Diacylglycerols (DAGs)%		N/A	N/A	≤35	N/A	≤35
Organoleptic Analysis	Median of Defects(MeD)	=0.0	=0.0	=0.0	N/A	=0.0
	Median of fuitness (MeF)	>0.0	>0.0	>0.0	N/A	>0.0

*Optional

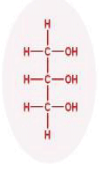
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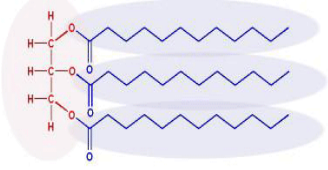


Triglycerides

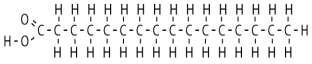
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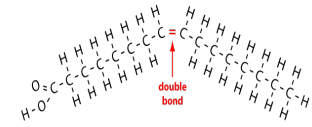
Triglyceride



saturated fatty acid



unsaturated fatty acid



Olive Oil

C 16:0 = Palmitic Acid
(7% – 20%)

C 18:1 = Oleic Acid
(53% – 85%)

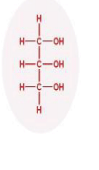
C 18:2 = Linoleic Acid
(3% - 22%)

C 18:3 = Linolenic Acid
(< 1.5%)

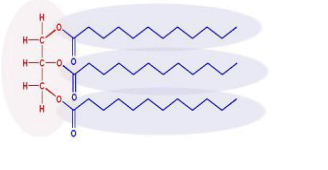
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FREE FATTY ACID (FFA)


Glycerol



Triglyceride



A "free" Fatty Acid



Represents the hydrolytic activities.

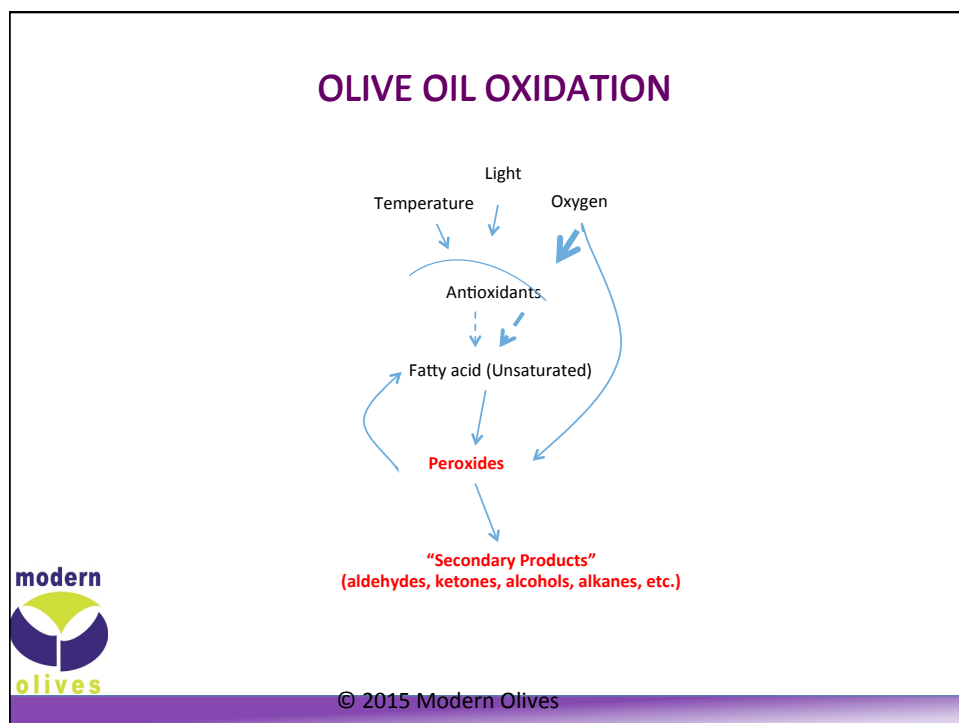
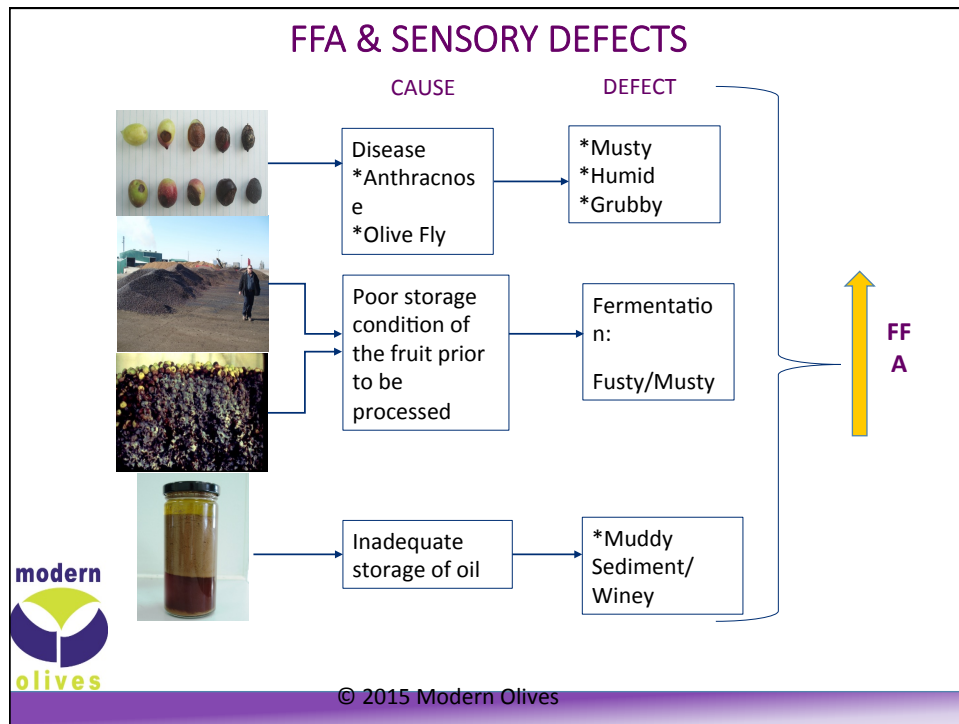
Gives a good indication of:

- Fruit Condition before processing
- Time between harvesting and processing
- Storage conditions of the oil

(Sediments)

It is expected that sound fruit processed immediately should produce oil with less than 0.4% FFA.

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PEROXIDE VALUE (PV)

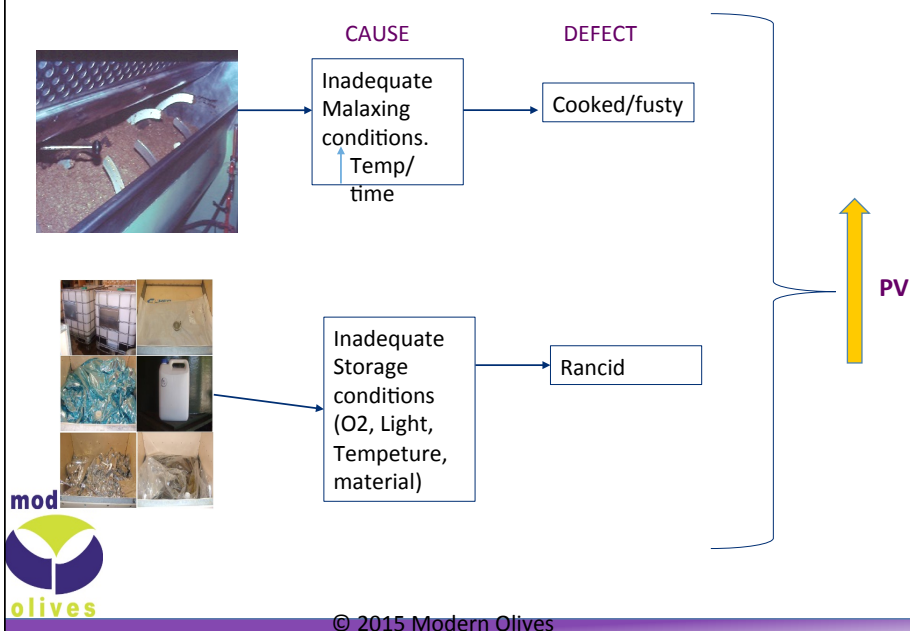
Measures the quantity of Hydroperoxides present in the oil formed through oxidation that occurs during the processing and storage of the oil, gives us an idea of oils' freshness, processing conditions and storage conditions.

It is expected that sound fruit processed immediately should produce oil with less than 12 meq/kg.



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PV & SENSORY DEFECTS



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Frost Damage

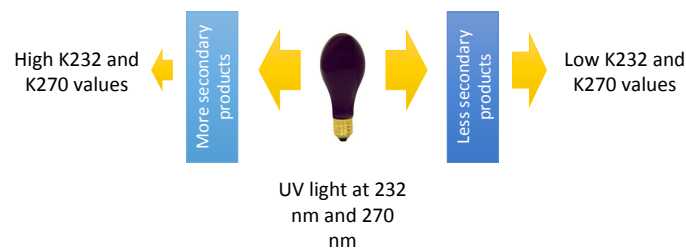
- No significant problems with chemical quality parameters up to 2-3 weeks after frost event.
- Chemical parameters significantly affected but within the EV category 4 weeks after frost event.
- Peroxides above EV limits 5 weeks after frost event.
- Acidity above EV limits 6 weeks after frost event.
- Organoleptic issues almost immediate.



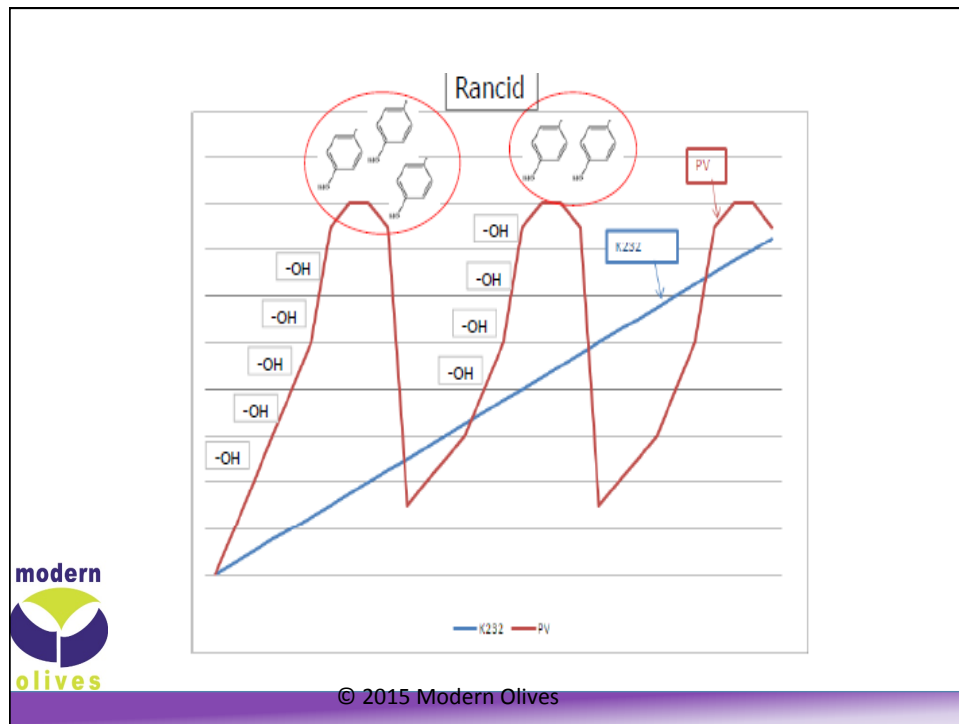
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UV COEFFICIENTS (K232, K270, DK)

- These values are the primary measurements of oils secondary oxidation and they give us an idea of oils' freshness, processing conditions and storage conditions.
- **Extra virgin olive oils must have K232 and K270 values of less than 2.50 and 0.22 respectively.** Nonetheless, it is expected that sound fruit processed immediately should produce oil with K values under 2.00 and 0.18 respectively.

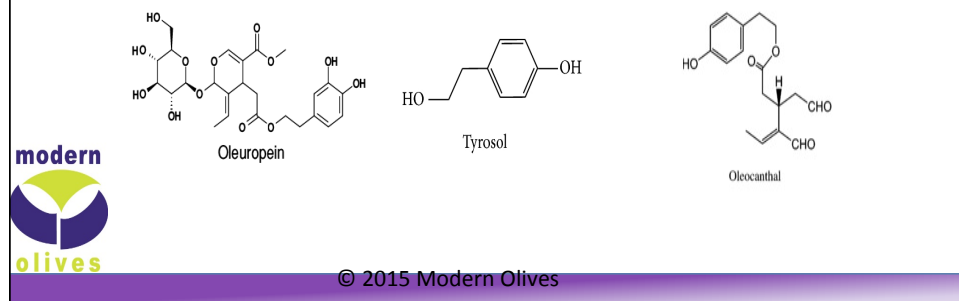


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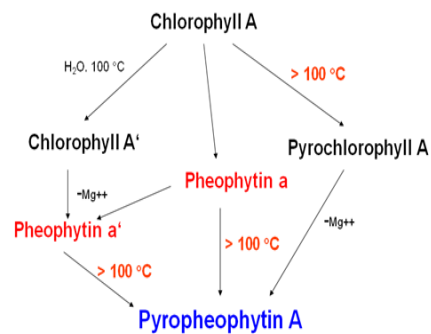
Olive Oil Phenol Fraction: Are an important class of antioxidants in olive oil. Phenolic Compounds are related to the stability of the oil but also to its biological properties.



Pyropheophytins

Measures the dynamics of some chlorophyll pigments:
Pyropheophytin a and pheophytins a and a'

Chlorophyll Degradation Products in Olive Oil (Lit. K. Aizetmüller. Fett/Lipid 1986)



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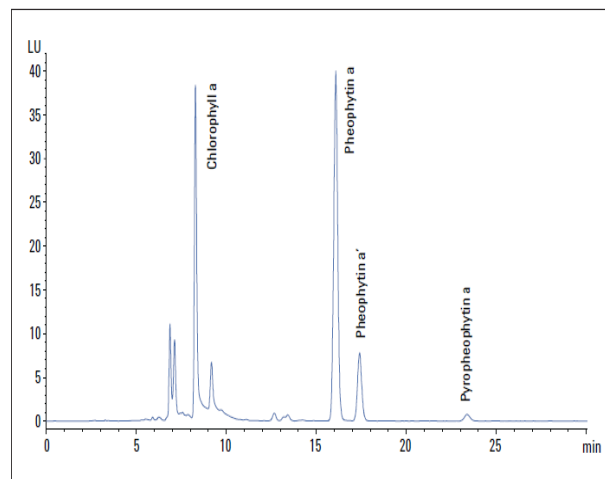


Figure 2
Separation of chlorophyll a and its degradation products.



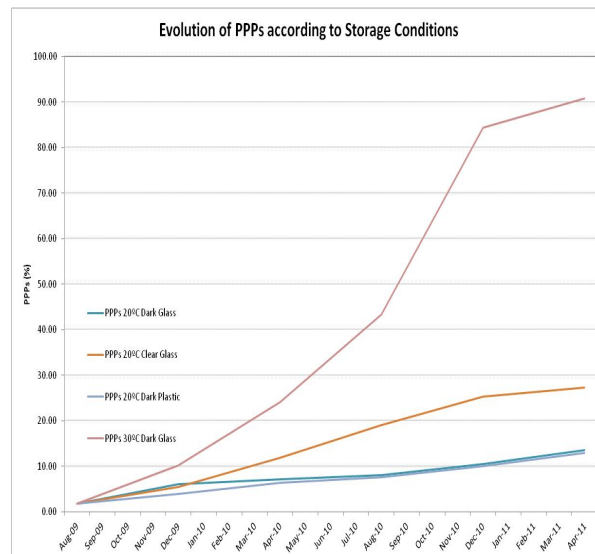
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PPP's are a good indication of:

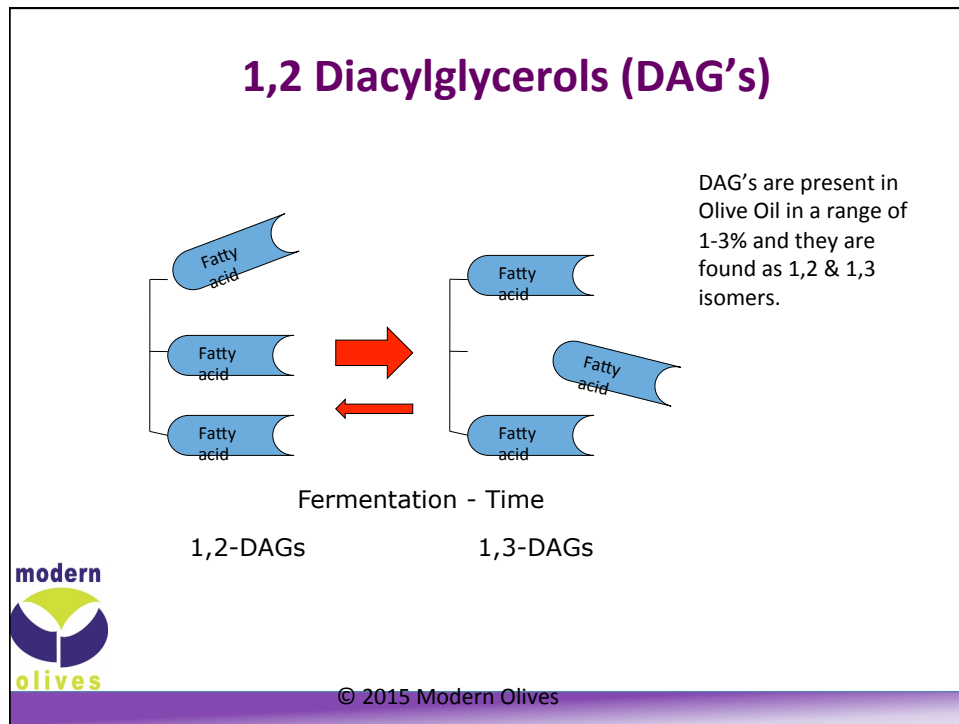
- Age of the oil
 - A fresh oil will have <1% of PPP's and will increase 6-8% per year under the proper storage conditions
- Storage Condition
- Freshness
- Can highlight the presence of deodorized oils.



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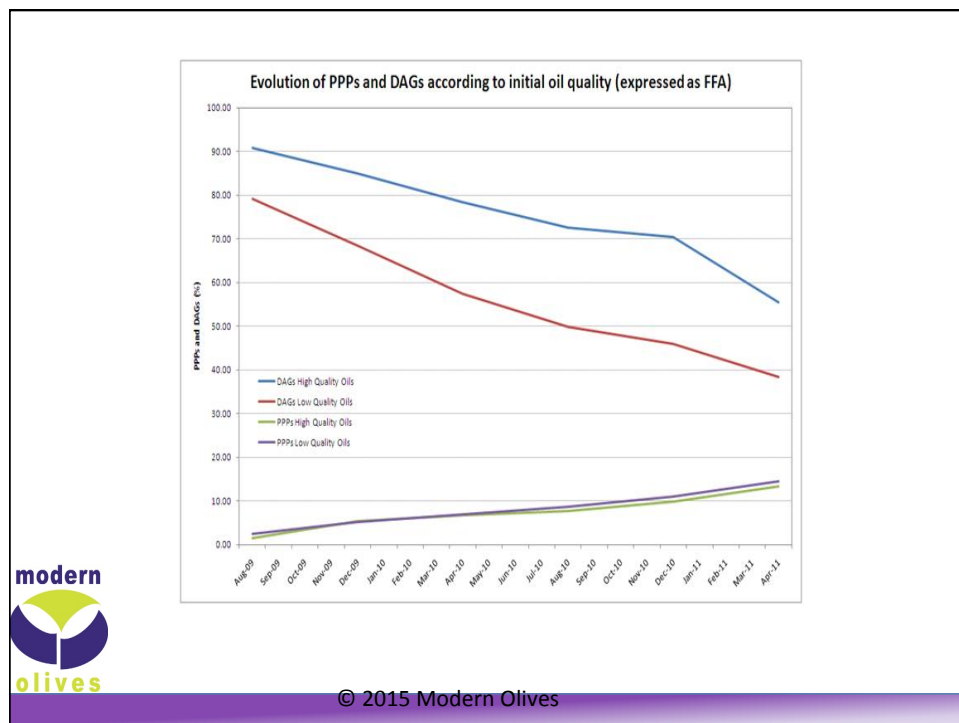
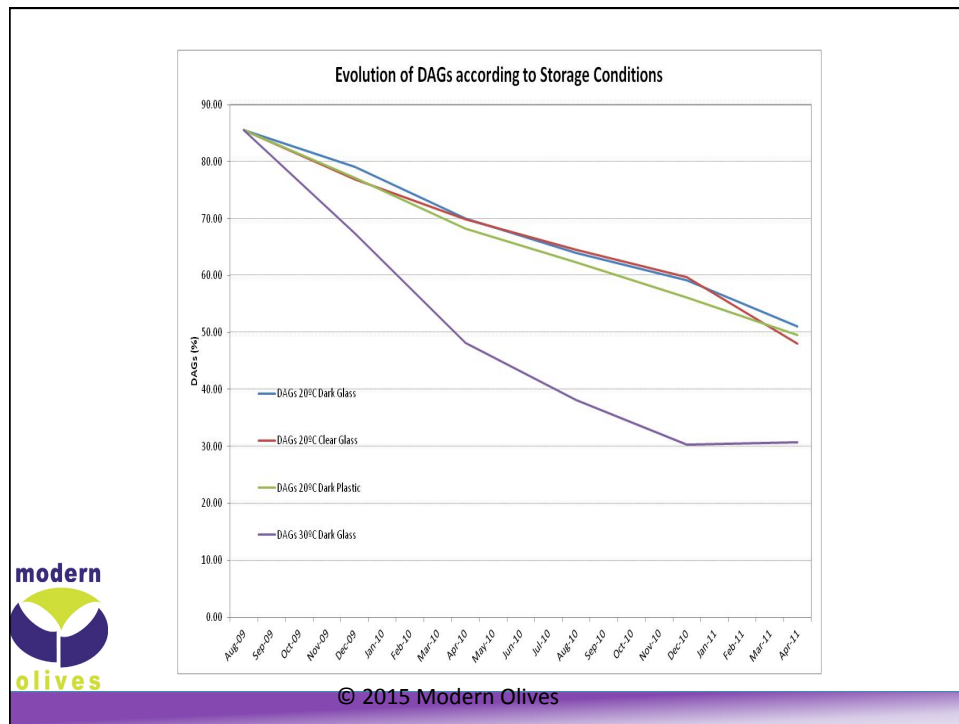


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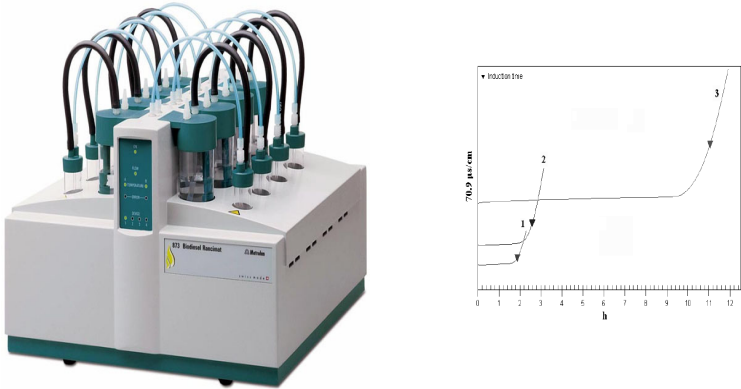
DAG's are a good indication of:

- Initial quality of the oil
 - A fresh oil will have > 90% of DAG's and will decrease 20-25% per year under the proper storage conditions
- Storage Condition
- Freshness



Determining Shelf Life

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Determining Shelf Life

- PPP increases 6 – 8 % per year
- DAG decreases 20 – 25 % per year
- IND equals to 1 month/hour at 110°C

OIL #1	
FFA	0.21
PPP	0.5
DAG	94.1
Defect	0.0
IND	37.2

BBD (months)	
PPP	28.3
DAG	35.5

BBD: 28 months (24 months labelling requirements)

OIL #2	
FFA	0.45
PPP	0.5
DAG	61.5
Defect	0.0
IND	28.8

BBD (months)	
PPP	28.3
DAG	15.9

BBD: 15 months

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WINNING OILS 2013

2013

	FFA	PV	K232	K270	DK
Sample 1	0.2	6.0	2.048	0.101	-0.003
Sample2	0.1	6.0	1.615	0.123	-0.004
sample3	0.2	2.4	1.613	0.142	-0.004

TODAY

	FFA	PV	K232	K270	DK
Sample 1	0.2	12.8	2.543	0.195	0.001
Sample2	0.3	11.2	2.532	0.223	-0.001
sample3	0.3	8.7	2.108	0.157	0.000



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