# PECTIN PROPERTIES AND USAGE

• **Pectin:** A natural substance found in the peels and cores of many fruits, especially apples and citrus fruits.

**Pectin NH:** A modified form of pectin derived from citrus peels. NH undergoes a process to make it non-heat-reversible.

## • Thickening Properties:

Pectin: When combined with sugar and heated, pectic thickens jellies and jams.
Pectin NH: Known for its ability to gel without extensive boiling, unlike regular pectin. This characteristic helps preserve the flavor and colors of fruit ingredients.

## Setting Process:

**Pectin:** Heat is required for pectin to set. This process occurs during cooking and subsequent cooling.

**Pectin NH:** Can be melted and set many times without losing its gelling ability. Pectin NH sets faster and more easily than regular pectin.

## Applications:

**Pectin:** Used commonly in traditional jelly and jam applications where heat is applied during cooking.

**Pectin NH:** Ideal for glazes, mirror glazes, and fillings that require a clear, shiny finish. Recommended when the freshness of the fruit's flavor needs to be maintained.

### • Versatility:

**Pectin:** Versatile but generally associated with traditional jelly and jam making. **Pectin NH:** Versatile beyond traditional jams applications, especially in a nonheat setting situation.