It is אטור to use סכך that either smells, or whose leaves will fall off.

Bundles that are only tied together for convenience when sold may be placed on top of the סוכה (as since they are generally not laid out as a bundle to dry, they do not fall under the גוירה of bundles).

Food is מקבל טומאה and thus cannot be used for סכך.

Food that dries out quickly cannot be used as סכך, but it does not have the טפחים (which if it is four שכך פסול wide and goes along the complete length of the סוכה, invalidates if it is in the middle of the סוכה), but has the דין of open space in the (שוכה which invalidates if there is three טפחים of open space in the סוכה which spans across the סוכה).

Branches that still have fruits upon them may be used provided that the branch is the רוב and the fruits are the מיעוט (the stem that holds the fruit--which is defined as three -טפחים is considered as part of the food).