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Organic raspberry production in tunnel





Aim

To evaluate a new cultivation system in tunnel Tunnel production has several advantages

- Slightly higher temperature
- Protected from precipitation
- Fertilisation and irrigation optimised
- Biological control of pests and diseases
- Organic production possible





Materials & methods

Raspberry grown in the soil in raised beds in tunnel

Pruned to 10 canes per meter

Covered from April to October

Irrigation and liquid fertiliser/pellets 3 times (March,

May, June)

Annual and biannual cultivars

Pests and diseases

biological control in the season (several times)

soap against aphids several times

Spruzit used once against pests

Feromones against raspberry beetle





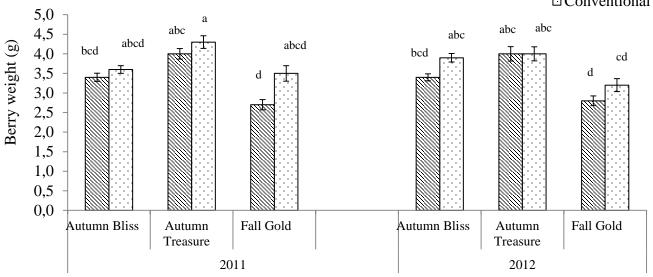


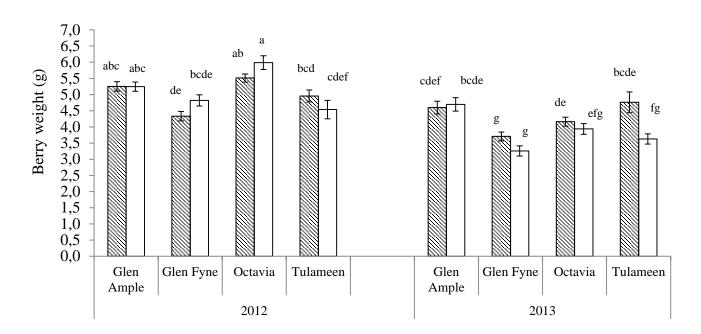


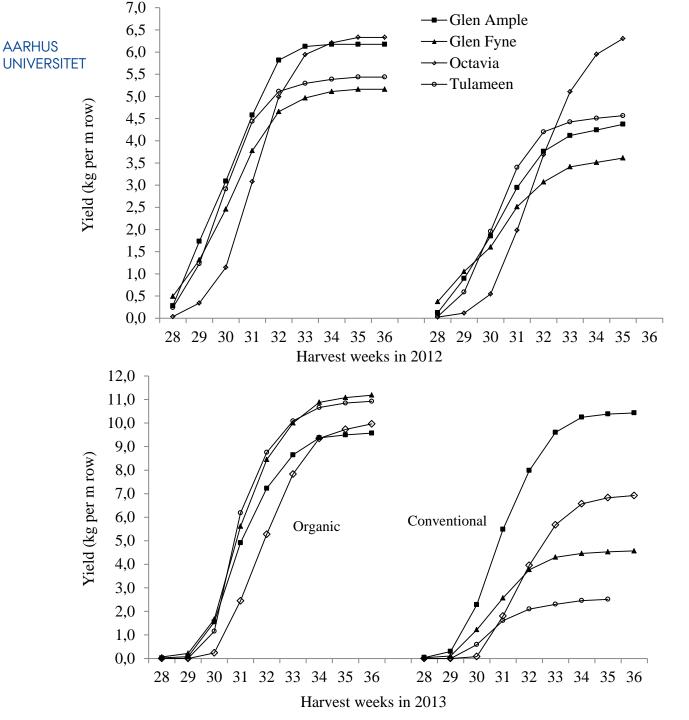




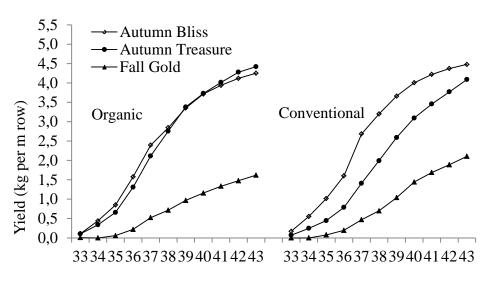
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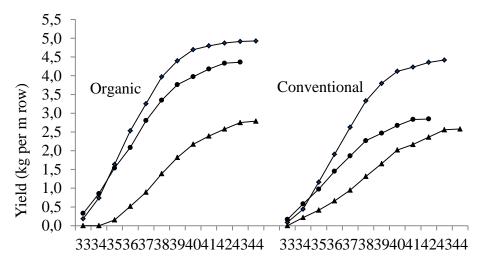








Harvest weeks in 2011



Harvest weeks in 2012



- > Raspberry can be grown as organic in high tunnels with yield as high as conventional
- > High tunnels with natural air ventilation can be used
- > Plastic covering from late May to end of season
- > Cultivar is important
- > Raspberry beetle should be controlled
- > Pruning of the canes to ex. 10 canes per meter
 - > Decreases density and maybe grey mold problems

