

Du Sol à L'assiette

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organic site must be certified as organic/or strictly follow NOSB⁶ protocols
conventional production protocols should adhere to current crop
management standards
identical soil textures throughout the root growth profiles
similar soil qualities (e.g., mineral, organic matter, cation exchange
capacity)
identical previous crops or field with a similar history for all plots; similar
crop rotation/overwintering crop if utilized
similar irrigation source, amount, and scheduling
study sites should be as close as legally allowed by NOSB;⁶ if conducted in a
greenhouse, a suitable barrier to inhibit pesticide drift
identical cultivars
same aged plants (e.g., fruit trees)
number of years or growing seasons must be identified
repeat study by season if crop is commonly grown/harvested in different
seasons (i.e., spring and autumn); establish appropriate replications with
a statistician prior to conducting the study
record and report production system's inputs (e.g., fertilizers and mineral
amounts, herbicide/weed controls, insecticide controls)

harvest¹⁷

same method of harvesting
same size of fruit or vegetable
same time of day
same location on plant(s) or canopy
same size and maturity of fruit or vegetable
hold/transport identically

postharvest²⁶

wash/clean identically
store for the same period of time, under identical atmospheres
process under identical temperatures, humidities, and light (both intensity
and quality) and time of day

Figure: Preharvest, Harvest,
and Postharvest Factors To
Be Paired in both Organically
and Conventionally Grown
Production Systems That
Allow for a Comparable
Produce Quality Study
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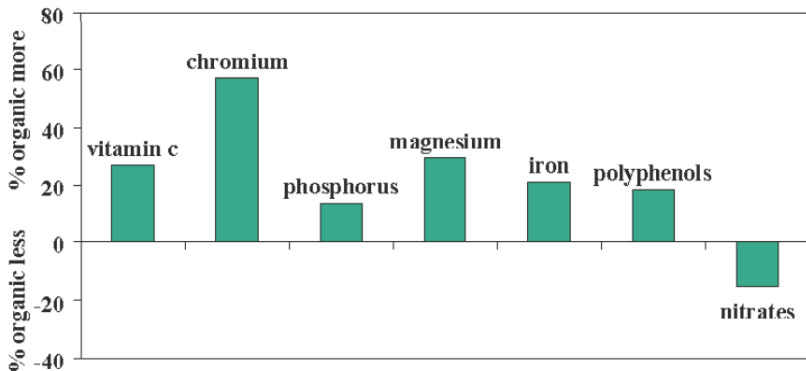


Figure: [Worthington, 1998] Review of the literature produced over the last 50 years comparing the nutritional quality of organic with conventional crops.

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- Slight advantage for organically grown produce
[Tauscher et al., 2003]

Conclusion

CCL : No consistent / significant differences in taste and organoleptic quality between organic and conventional vegetables, but of studies reporting differences, organic produce is superior or preferred. [C.Theuer, 2001].

Also, "several researchers have concluded that maturity at harvest and storage methods generally have a **greater impact** on organoleptic quality **than** production systems. However, most research in this area has been conducted with conventional foods" [C.Theuer, 2001].

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No study on sensory analysis has been found, except on the impact of wheelings on carrot sensory quality [Taksdal, 1984]. The results are as follows:

- Wheelings modified the shape of carrots.
- Wheelings deteriorated the sensory quality of carrots in multiple aspects.

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Project Progress

So far :

- 480 data.
- Divided into three different events: MSV/Bio, Bio/Conv, MSV/Conv.
- Involves 5 vegetables.

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Triangle Test

Reminder: Two samples are the same, and one is different.

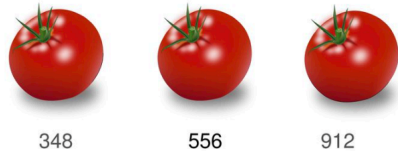


Figure: Triangle test

Triangle Test Analysis: Test-Based Approach

Objective determine whether a panel is able to differentiate between two products.

H_0 : A tester cannot differentiate between the two products.
 $\mathbb{P}(\text{picking the right sample}) = 1/3$.

- X : random variable representing the number of correct answers.
- n : total number of answers.
- $X \rightsquigarrow B(p = \frac{1}{3}, n)$.
- x : observed number of correct answers.

If $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x) < 5\%$, H_0 is rejected.

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Probability of observing 0/3 correct answer: $B(k = 0; n = 3, p = \frac{1}{3})$ that is $\mathbb{P}(X = 2 \mid Y = 2) = 0.296$

These two approaches can sometimes provide contradictory results.

Example :

Table: Data from 2 events

Test	MSV/conv	MSV/bio
Sample size	85	54
Correct answers	35	22
p-value triangle test	0.08	0.156
Est. correct answers not due to chance	10	7
Preferences 1	23	12
Preferences 2	12	10
p-value preference	0.044	0.416
Est. preferences	10 / 0	4.5 / 2.5

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Hedonic Test I

Compute p-value for preference?

If an individual is unable to differentiate (even if they believe otherwise) between products A and B, they attribute their preference to chance, meaning with a probability of $1/2$ for each product.

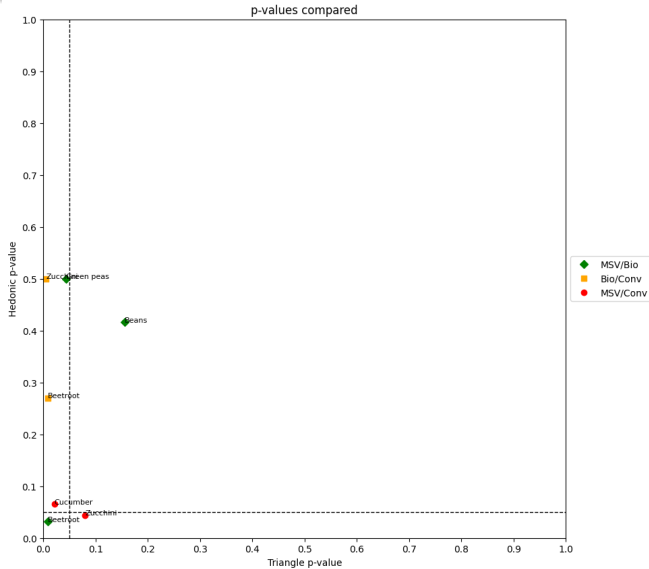
Hedonic Test II

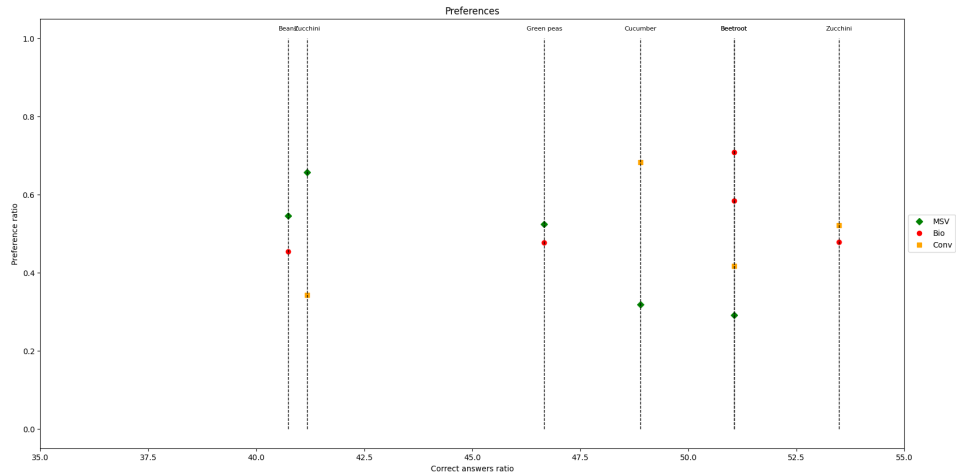
Objective: determine the preferences of testers who were able to distinguish between the two products.

Subtract from the number of preferences for products A and B the portion attributable to chance. Therefore, the corrected number of preferences for A is:

$$R_{CA} = R_A - \frac{1}{2} \times Y \quad (1)$$

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