

Supplementary Material to the Article:

The profile of selected antioxidants in two courgette varieties from organic and conventional production

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Table S1. The effects of cultivation year, variety and agronomic system on the content of dry matter, vitamin C and selected groups of phenolic compounds in courgette fruits.

CY	AS	dry matter ¹	DHA ²	L-ASC ³	vitamin C ⁴	polyphenols (sum) ⁵	phenolic acids (sum) ⁵	flavonoids (sum) ⁵
Variety Astra Polka								
2016	conventional	4.93 ± 0.22 ⁶ bc ⁷	0.87 ± 0.14 b	3.09 ± 0.25 ab	3.96 ± 0.34 c	15.18 ± 0.69 d	14.52 ± 0.68 d	0.66 ± 0.03 c
2016	organic	5.56 ± 0.28 ab	0.72 ± 0.14 b	3.97 ± 0.46 a	4.69 ± 0.50 c	24.19 ± 1.59 cd	23.28 ± 1.54 cd	0.91 ± 0.06 c
2017	conventional	5.44 ± 0.15 abc	1.29 ± 0.18 b	4.13 ± 0.37 a	5.42 ± 0.53 bc	31.48 ± 2.14 c	28.20 ± 1.71 c	3.28 ± 0.47 b
2017	organic	6.05 ± 0.37 a	0.88 ± 0.08 b	4.40 ± 0.78 a	5.29 ± 0.80 bc	59.13 ± 6.22 a	52.92 ± 5.14 a	6.22 ± 1.13 a
2018	conventional	3.89 ± 0.16 d	6.76 ± 0.46 a	2.00 ± 0.26 bc	8.76 ± 0.53 a	21.71 ± 1.56 cd	19.35 ± 1.25 cd	2.36 ± 0.33 bc
2018	organic	4.49 ± 0.20 cd	6.43 ± 0.96 a	1.07 ± 0.12 c	7.51 ± 0.91 ab	46.49 ± 2.51 b	41.77 ± 2.06 b	4.73 ± 0.68 ab
Variety Nimba								
2016	conventional	4.86 ± 0.19 bc	1.02 ± 0.11 b	3.90 ± 0.34 a	4.92 ± 0.37 b	13.36 ± 0.80 d	12.69 ± 0.78 d	0.66 ± 0.04 d
2016	organic	5.80 ± 0.24 a	0.91 ± 0.17 b	4.01 ± 0.45 a	4.93 ± 0.52 b	23.92 ± 1.93 cd	23.21 ± 1.90 cd	0.71 ± 0.05 d
2017	conventional	5.71 ± 0.20 ab	1.87 ± 0.11 b	4.72 ± 0.58 a	6.58 ± 0.62 ab	34.60 ± 3.10 bc	31.41 ± 2.66 bc	3.18 ± 0.48 bc
2017	organic	5.88 ± 0.28 a	1.17 ± 0.09 b	4.33 ± 0.77 a	5.50 ± 0.82 b	59.45 ± 6.36 a	51.67 ± 5.17 a	7.78 ± 1.22 a
2018	conventional	3.99 ± 0.20 c	7.25 ± 0.40 a	1.31 ± 0.10 b	8.56 ± 0.43 a	23.86 ± 1.98 cd	21.69 ± 1.75 cd	2.17 ± 0.28 cd
2018	organic	4.18 ± 0.23 c	7.78 ± 0.54 a	0.93 ± 0.16 b	8.71 ± 0.53 a	43.94 ± 4.46 b	38.48 ± 3.65 b	5.46 ± 0.86 ab

¹ g/100g f.w.; ² Dehydroascorbic acid (mg/100g f.w.); ³ L-Ascorbic acid (mg/100g f.w.); ⁴ mg/100g f.w.; ⁵ µg/g f.w.; ⁶ Data are presented as means ± standard errors; ⁷ Within each variety, values in the same column followed by different letters are significantly different at the 5 % level of probability, with 'a' always representing the highest value.

Table S2. The effects of cultivation year, variety and agronomic system on the content of phenolic acids and flavonoids ($\mu\text{g/g f.w.}$) in courgette fruits.

CY	AS	gallic acid	chlorogenic acid	caffeic acid	<i>p</i> -coumaric acid	ferulic acid	quercetin-3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside	kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -glucoside
Variety Astra Polka								
2016	conventional	$2.54 \pm 0.27^1 \text{ e}^2$	$0.38 \pm 0.05 \text{ c}$	$0.70 \pm 0.06 \text{ b}$	$10.48 \pm 0.54 \text{ a}$	$0.43 \pm 0.04 \text{ c}$	$0.16 \pm 0.03 \text{ c}$	$0.50 \pm 0.03 \text{ c}$
2016	organic	$10.10 \pm 1.26 \text{ cd}$	$0.60 \pm 0.07 \text{ c}$	$3.29 \pm 0.62 \text{ a}$	$8.77 \pm 0.91 \text{ a}$	$0.51 \pm 0.04 \text{ c}$	$0.30 \pm 0.05 \text{ c}$	$0.61 \pm 0.04 \text{ c}$
2017	conventional	$14.03 \pm 0.74 \text{ bc}$	$4.41 \pm 0.35 \text{ b}$	$2.15 \pm 0.28 \text{ ab}$	$5.55 \pm 0.54 \text{ b}$	$2.05 \pm 0.32 \text{ bc}$	$2.00 \pm 0.33 \text{ b}$	$1.28 \pm 0.17 \text{ bc}$
2017	organic	$23.83 \pm 1.66 \text{ a}$	$9.06 \pm 1.13 \text{ a}$	$3.62 \pm 0.64 \text{ a}$	$11.09 \pm 1.18 \text{ a}$	$5.32 \pm 0.96 \text{ a}$	$3.49 \pm 0.68 \text{ a}$	$2.72 \pm 0.46 \text{ a}$
2018	conventional	$8.65 \pm 0.56 \text{ d}$	$3.29 \pm 0.22 \text{ b}$	$2.00 \pm 0.38 \text{ ab}$	$3.92 \pm 0.38 \text{ b}$	$1.48 \pm 0.23 \text{ c}$	$1.44 \pm 0.24 \text{ bc}$	$0.92 \pm 0.11 \text{ c}$
2018	organic	$16.79 \pm 0.99 \text{ b}$	$7.45 \pm 0.47 \text{ a}$	$4.24 \pm 0.99 \text{ a}$	$9.51 \pm 0.64 \text{ a}$	$3.78 \pm 0.51 \text{ ab}$	$2.50 \pm 0.38 \text{ ab}$	$2.23 \pm 0.32 \text{ ab}$
Variety Nimba								
2016	conventional	$2.88 \pm 0.33 \text{ d}$	$0.48 \pm 0.05 \text{ d}$	$0.56 \pm 0.06 \text{ c}$	$8.30 \pm 0.55 \text{ a}$	$0.47 \pm 0.05 \text{ d}$	$0.21 \pm 0.03 \text{ d}$	$0.45 \pm 0.02 \text{ b}$
2016	organic	$8.65 \pm 1.15 \text{ c}$	$0.68 \pm 0.08 \text{ d}$	$4.45 \pm 0.83 \text{ a}$	$8.96 \pm 0.79 \text{ a}$	$0.47 \pm 0.03 \text{ d}$	$0.22 \pm 0.04 \text{ d}$	$0.49 \pm 0.02 \text{ b}$
2017	conventional	$13.76 \pm 1.01 \text{ bc}$	$6.12 \pm 0.67 \text{ bc}$	$2.17 \pm 0.31 \text{ bc}$	$7.01 \pm 0.57 \text{ ab}$	$2.36 \pm 0.35 \text{ bc}$	$1.81 \pm 0.31 \text{ bc}$	$1.37 \pm 0.18 \text{ b}$
2017	organic	$24.32 \pm 2.64 \text{ a}$	$8.56 \pm 0.74 \text{ a}$	$3.82 \pm 0.57 \text{ ab}$	$9.45 \pm 1.12 \text{ a}$	$5.53 \pm 0.87 \text{ a}$	$4.37 \pm 0.73 \text{ a}$	$3.41 \pm 0.50 \text{ a}$
2018	conventional	$8.68 \pm 0.85 \text{ c}$	$4.44 \pm 0.40 \text{ c}$	$2.23 \pm 0.47 \text{ abc}$	$4.65 \pm 0.31 \text{ b}$	$1.69 \pm 0.23 \text{ cd}$	$1.20 \pm 0.18 \text{ cd}$	$0.97 \pm 0.11 \text{ b}$
2018	organic	$15.30 \pm 1.40 \text{ b}$	$8.04 \pm 0.56 \text{ ab}$	$4.17 \pm 0.96 \text{ ab}$	$8.36 \pm 0.79 \text{ a}$	$3.95 \pm 0.66 \text{ ab}$	$3.03 \pm 0.50 \text{ ab}$	$2.60 \pm 0.38 \text{ a}$

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Table S3. The main effects of cultivation year, variety and agronomic system on the content of carotenoids and chlorophylls (mg/100g f.w.) in courgette fruits.

CY	AS	carotenoids (sum)	lutein	zeaxanthin	β -carotene	chlorophylls (sum)	chlorophyll <i>a</i>	chlorophyll <i>b</i>
Variety Astra Polka								
2016	conventional	0.63 $\pm$ 0.03 ¹ c ²	0.102 $\pm$ 0.005 ab	-	0.53 $\pm$ 0.03 c	2.34 $\pm$ 0.11 bc	1.79 $\pm$ 0.10 ab	0.55 $\pm$ 0.03 ab
2016	organic	0.77 $\pm$ 0.04 bc	0.115 $\pm$ 0.006 a	-	0.66 $\pm$ 0.04 bc	2.78 $\pm$ 0.12 ab	2.16 $\pm$ 0.10 a	0.62 $\pm$ 0.03 a
2017	conventional	0.80 $\pm$ 0.04 bc	0.105 $\pm$ 0.003 ab	0.036 $\pm$ 0.001 a	0.65 $\pm$ 0.04 bc	2.46 $\pm$ 0.14 abc	1.86 $\pm$ 0.13 ab	0.6 $\pm$ 0.02 ab
2017	organic	1.09 $\pm$ 0.05 ab	0.097 $\pm$ 0.003 ac	0.036 $\pm$ 0.002 a	0.96 $\pm$ 0.05 ab	2.87 $\pm$ 0.11 a	2.22 $\pm$ 0.09 a	0.62 $\pm$ 0.03 ab
2018	conventional	0.84 $\pm$ 0.08 bc	0.081 $\pm$ 0.003 c	0.025 $\pm$ 0.001 b	0.73 $\pm$ 0.08 bc	1.62 $\pm$ 0.10 d	1.17 $\pm$ 0.08 c	0.44 $\pm$ 0.02 c
2018	organic	1.22 $\pm$ 0.14 a	0.094 $\pm$ 0.005 bc	0.029 $\pm$ 0.001 b	1.15 $\pm$ 0.13 a	2.19 $\pm$ 0.15 c	1.67 $\pm$ 0.13 b	0.52 $\pm$ 0.03 bc
Variety Nimba								
2016	conventional	0.56 $\pm$ 0.03 c	0.097 $\pm$ 0.004 bc	-	0.47 $\pm$ 0.02 b	1.97 $\pm$ 0.09 c	1.48 $\pm$ 0.07 b	0.48 $\pm$ 0.02 b
2016	organic	0.69 $\pm$ 0.04 c	0.115 $\pm$ 0.005 a	-	0.58 $\pm$ 0.04 b	2.99 $\pm$ 0.13 a	2.31 $\pm$ 0.12 a	0.68 $\pm$ 0.03 a
2017	conventional	0.68 $\pm$ 0.03 bc	0.106 $\pm$ 0.005 ab	0.037 $\pm$ 0.002 a	0.54 $\pm$ 0.03 b	2.14 $\pm$ 0.11 bc	1.55 $\pm$ 0.09 b	0.59 $\pm$ 0.03 ab
2017	organic	1.23 $\pm$ 0.06 a	0.103 $\pm$ 0.004 abc	0.037 $\pm$ 0.002 a	1.09 $\pm$ 0.06 a	2.56 $\pm$ 0.18 ab	1.92 $\pm$ 0.16 ab	0.64 $\pm$ 0.03 a
2018	conventional	1.09 $\pm$ 0.13 a	0.084 $\pm$ 0.004 c	0.026 $\pm$ 0.001 b	0.98 $\pm$ 0.13 a	1.98 $\pm$ 0.16 c	1.49 $\pm$ 0.13 b	0.49 $\pm$ 0.03 b
2018	organic	1.08 $\pm$ 0.18 ab	0.088 $\pm$ 0.005 bc	0.027 $\pm$ 0.001 b	0.96 $\pm$ 0.18 a	1.94 $\pm$ 0.13 c	1.44 $\pm$ 0.11 b	0.5 $\pm$ 0.03 b

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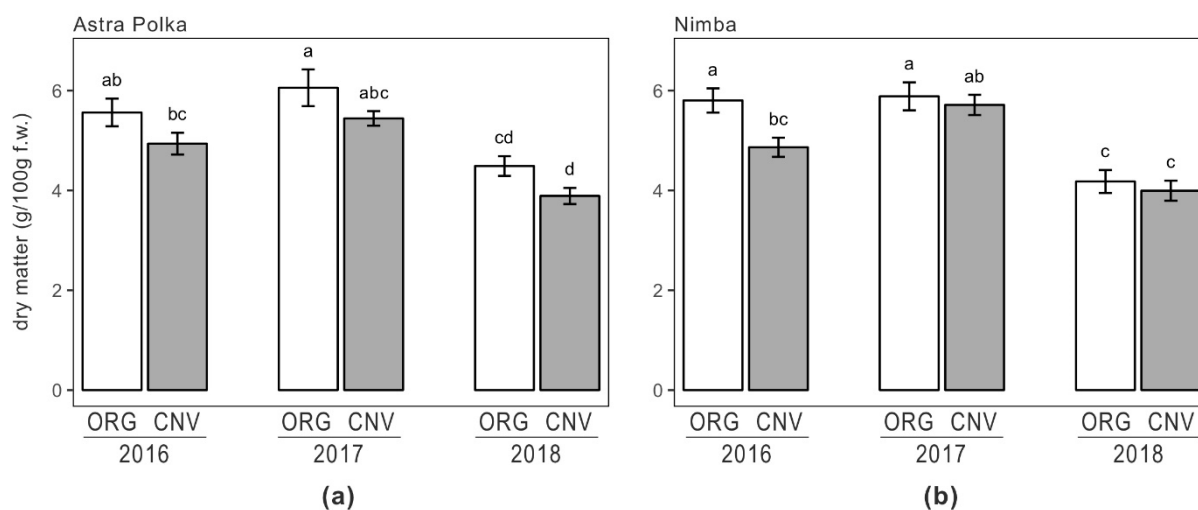


Figure S1. Dry matter in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

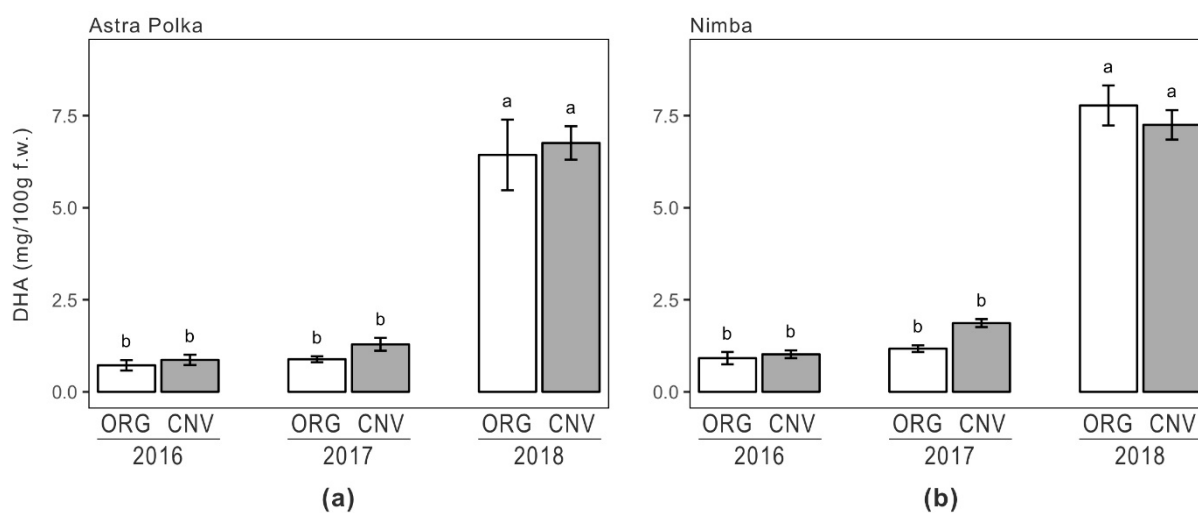


Figure S2. Dehydroascorbic acid (DHA) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

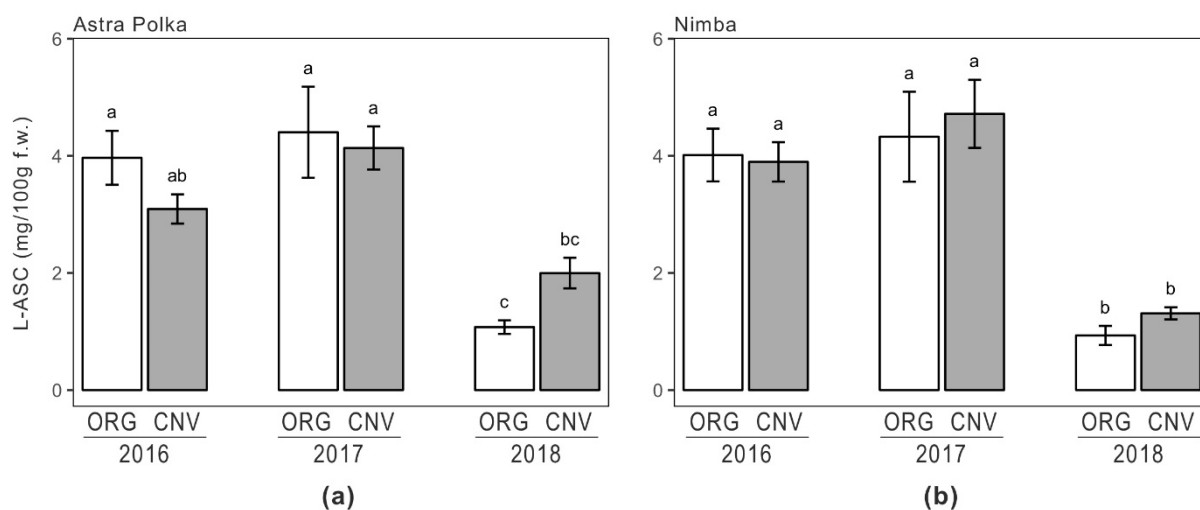


Figure S3. L-ascorbic acid (L-ASC) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

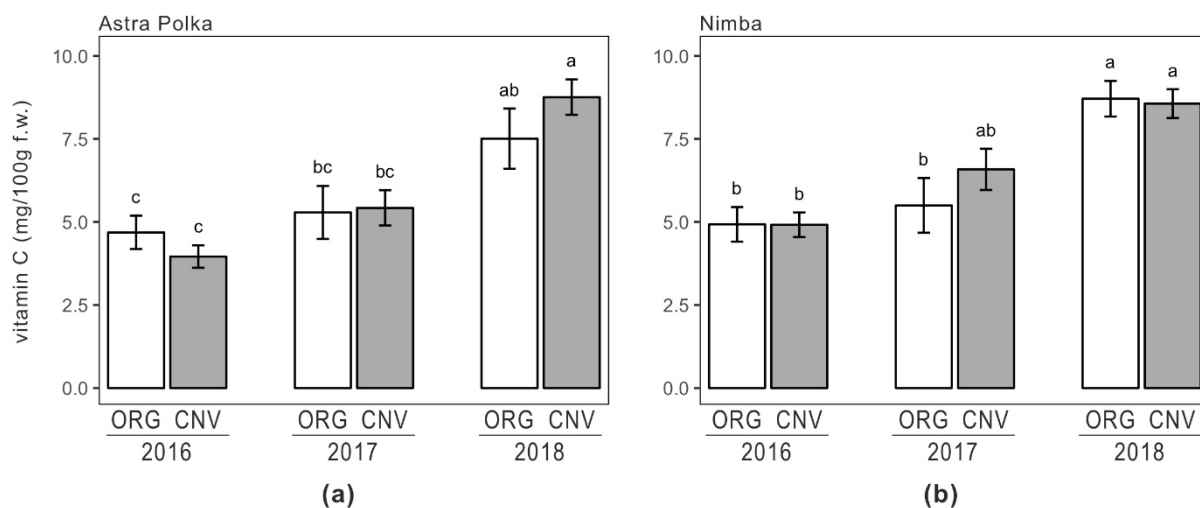


Figure S4. Vitamin C content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

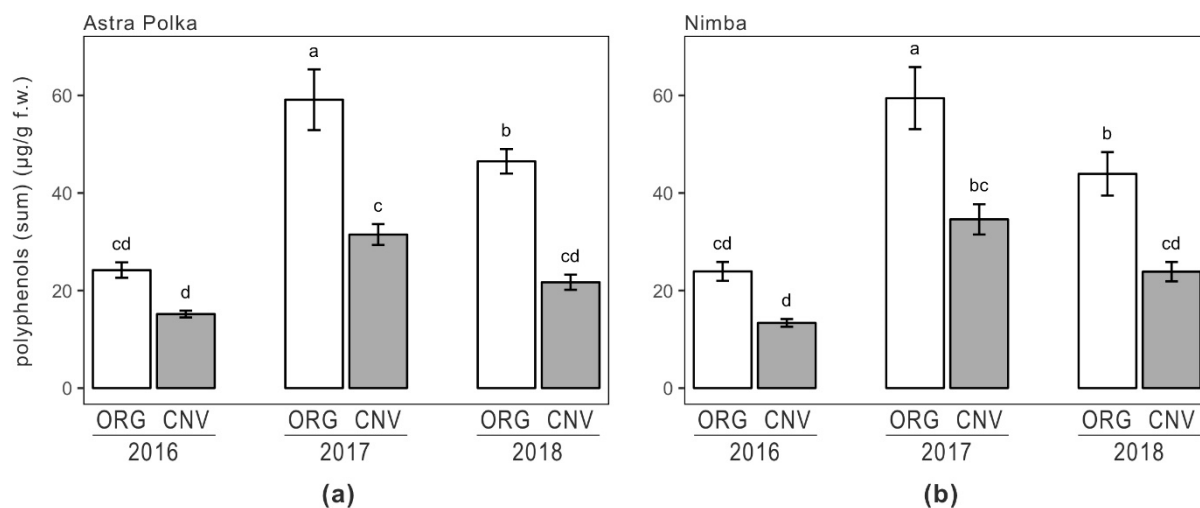


Figure S5. Polyphenols content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

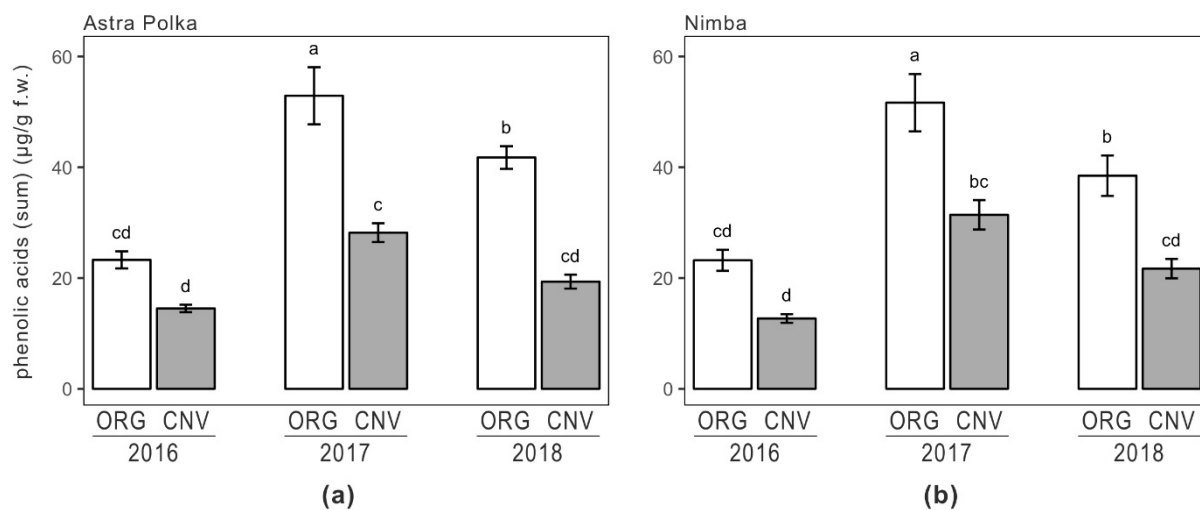


Figure S6. Phenolic acids (sum) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

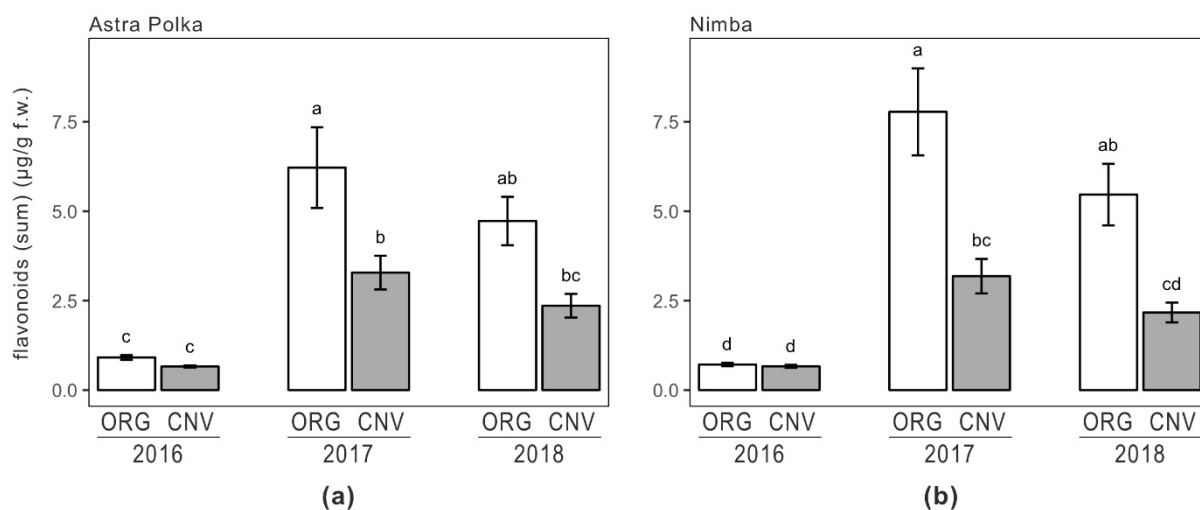


Figure S7. Flavonoids (sum) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

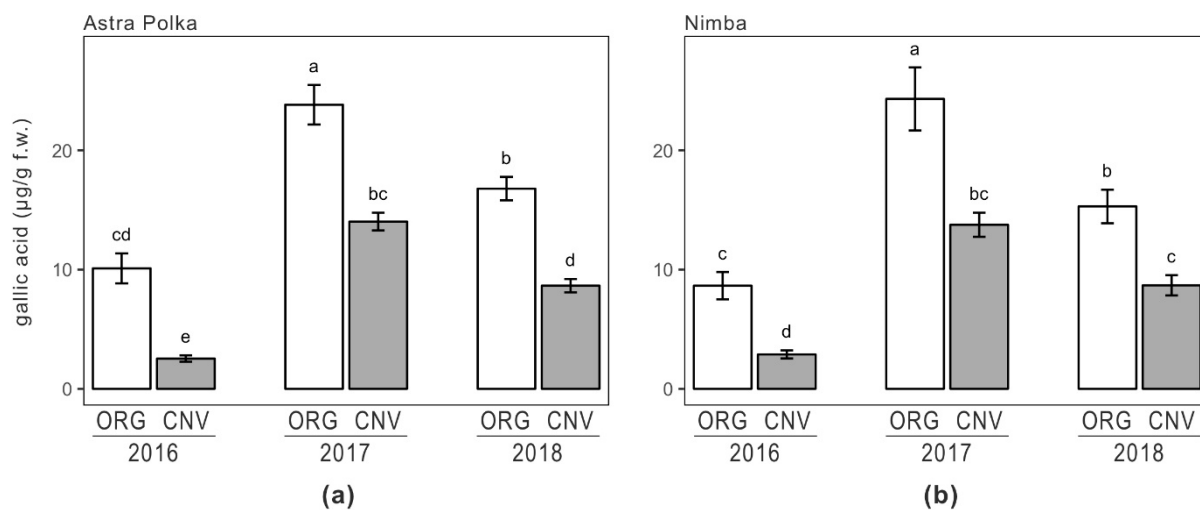


Figure S8. Gallic acid content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

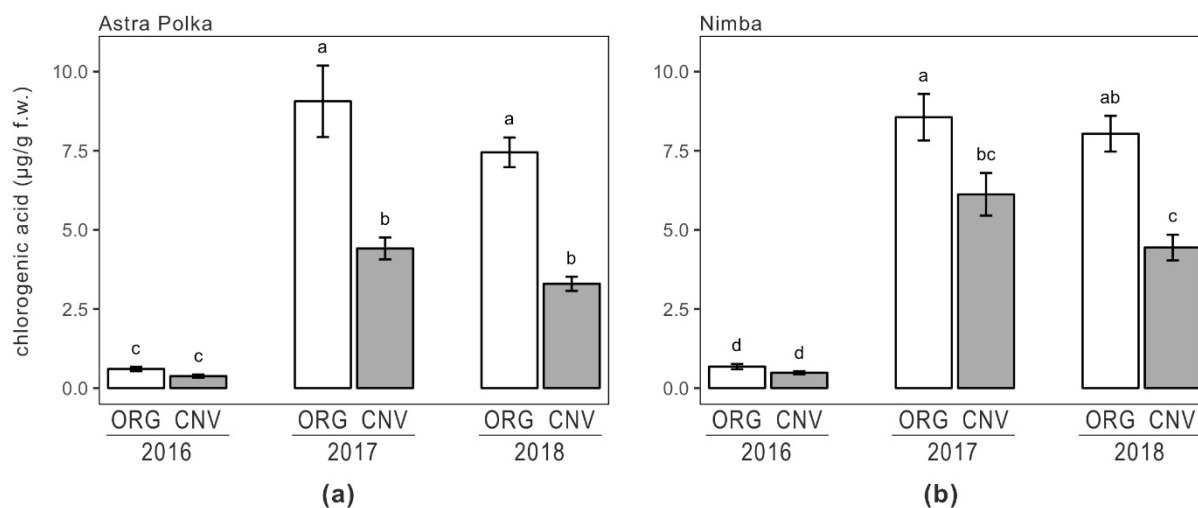


Figure S9. Chlorogenic acid content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

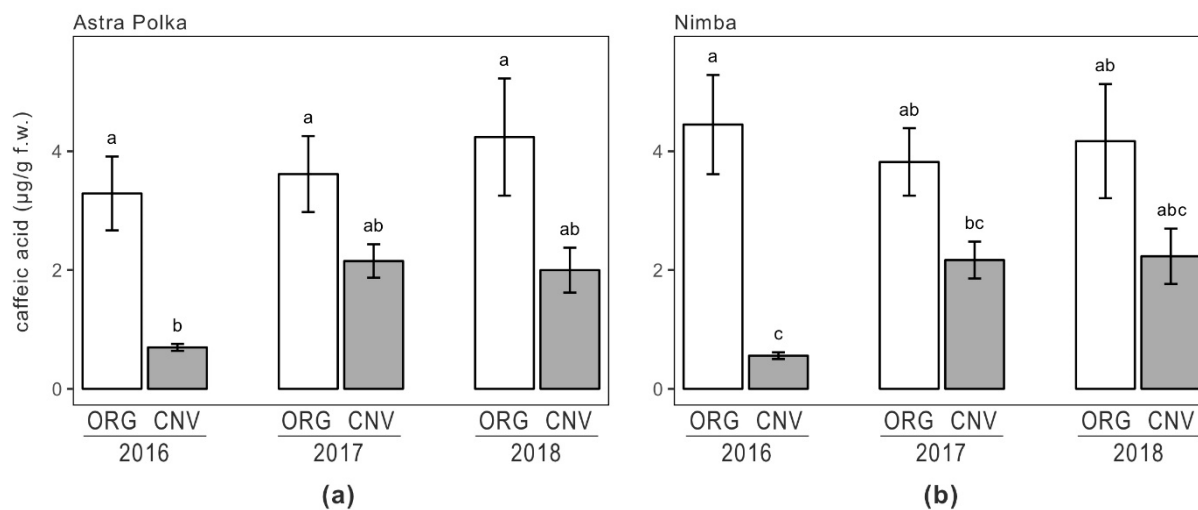


Figure S10. Caffeic acid content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

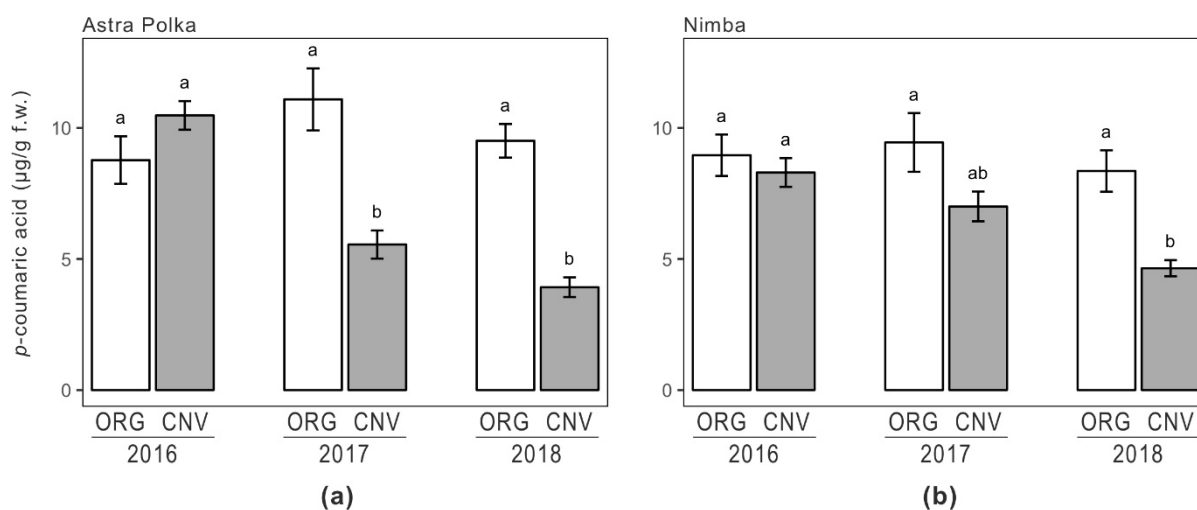


Figure S11. *p*-coumaric acid content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

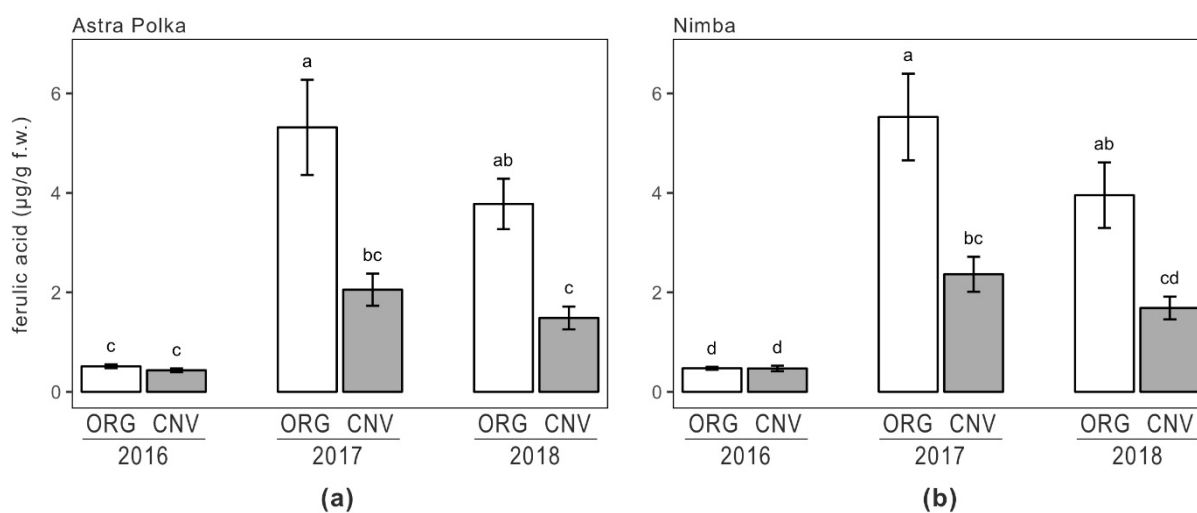


Figure S12. Ferulic acid content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

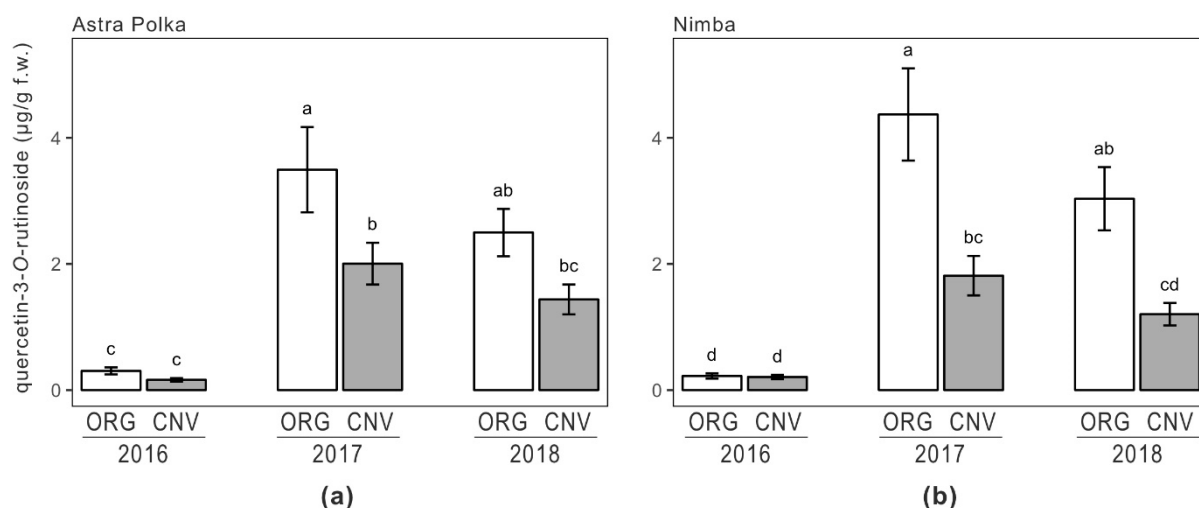


Figure S13. Quercetin-3-*O*-rutinoside content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

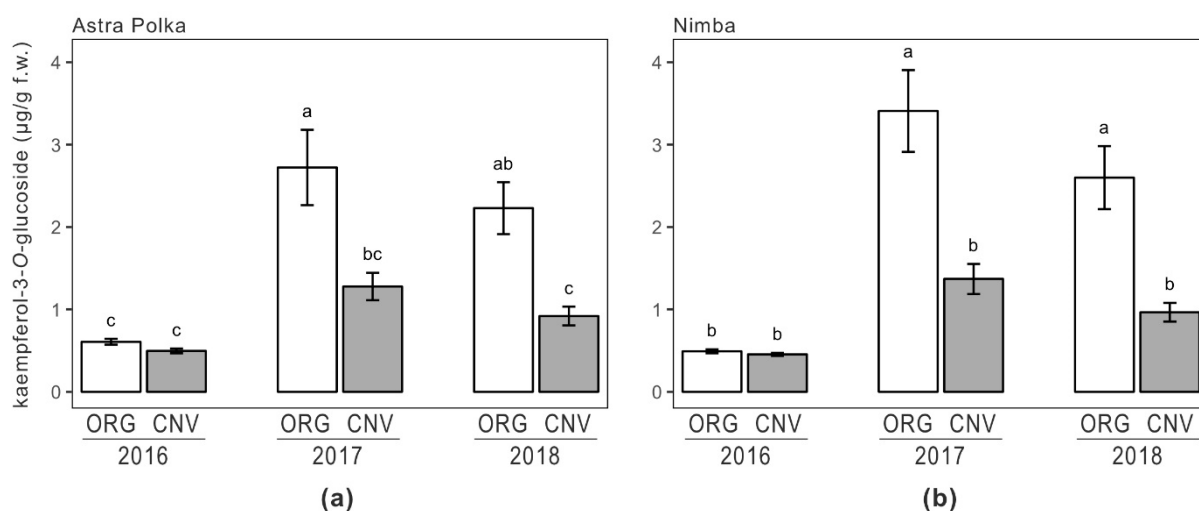


Figure S14. Kaempferol-3-*O*-glucoside content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

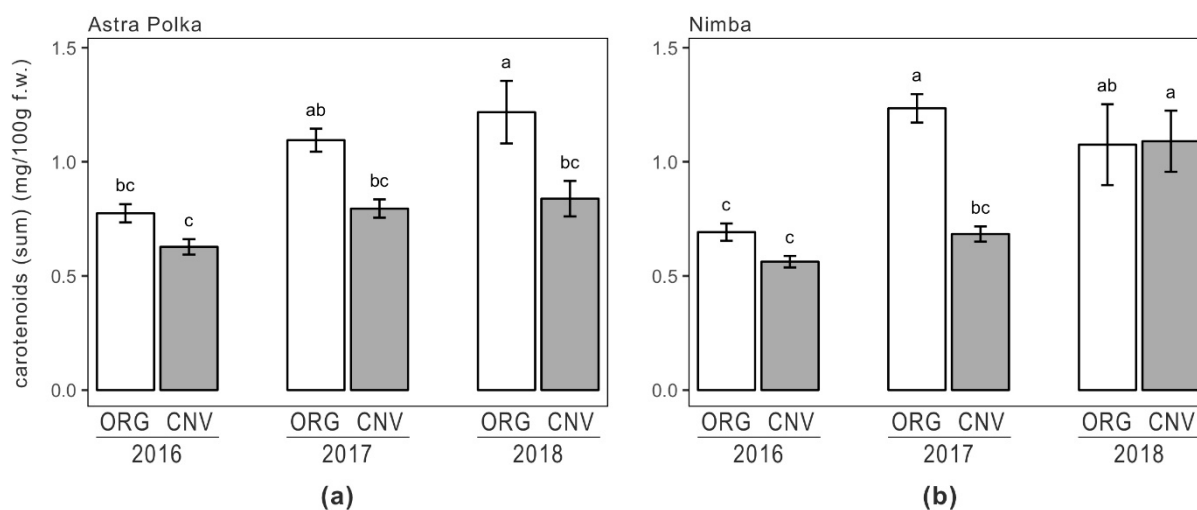


Figure S15. Carotenoids (sum) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

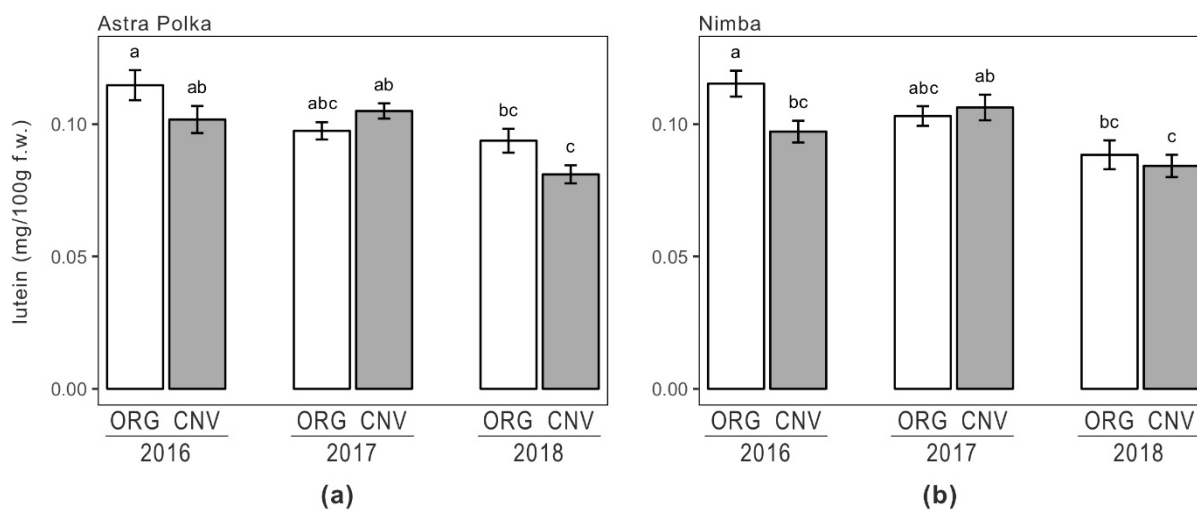


Figure S16. Lutein content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

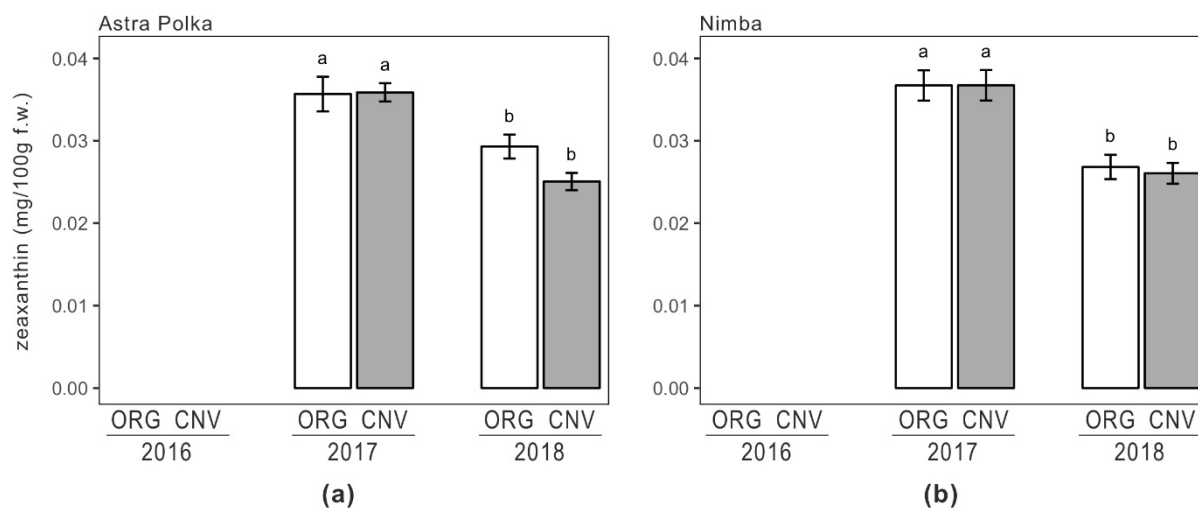


Figure S17. Zeaxanthin content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

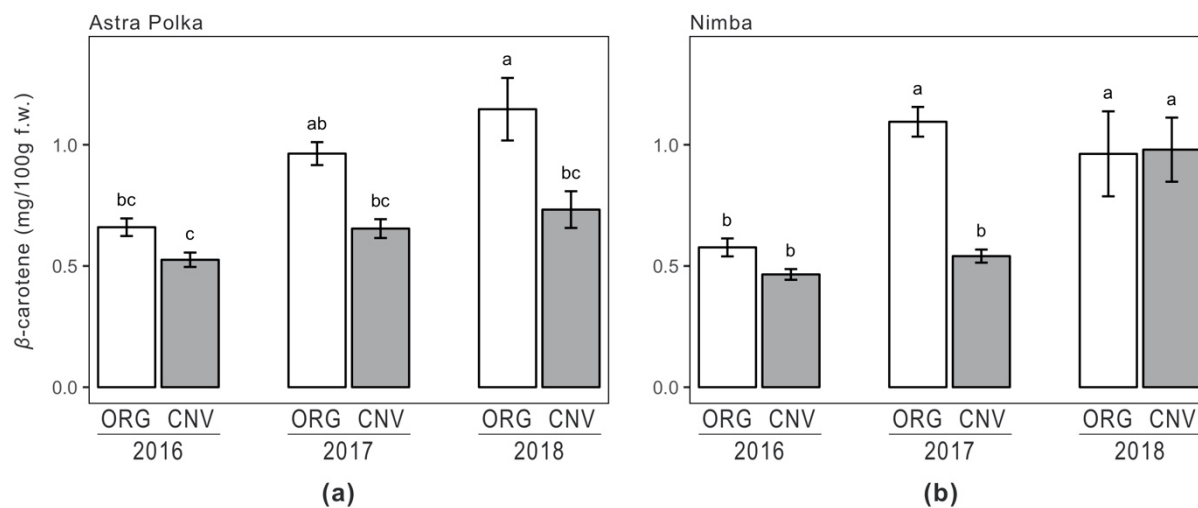


Figure S18. β-carotene content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

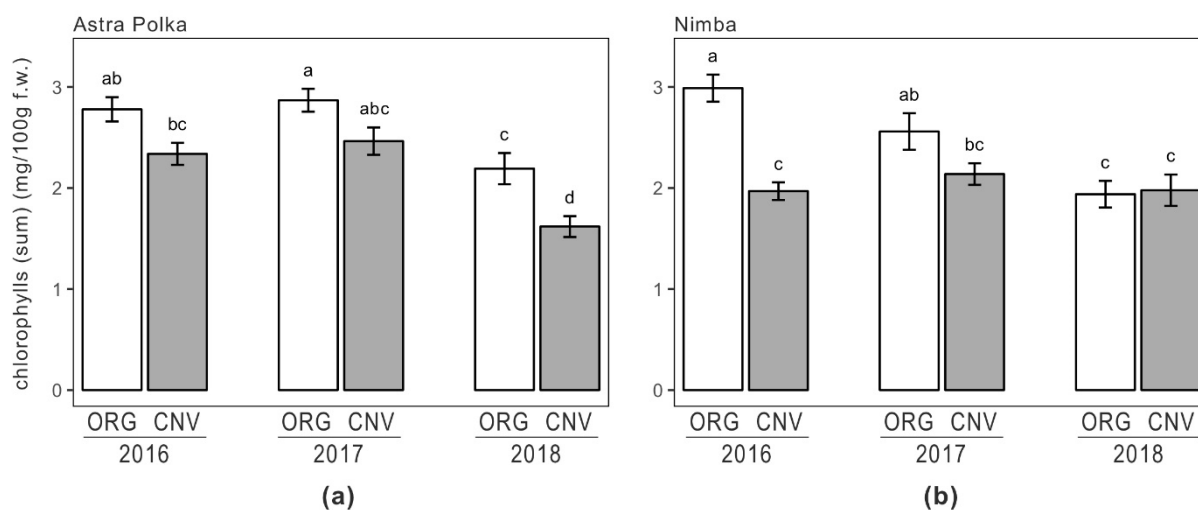


Figure S19. Chlorophylls (sum) content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

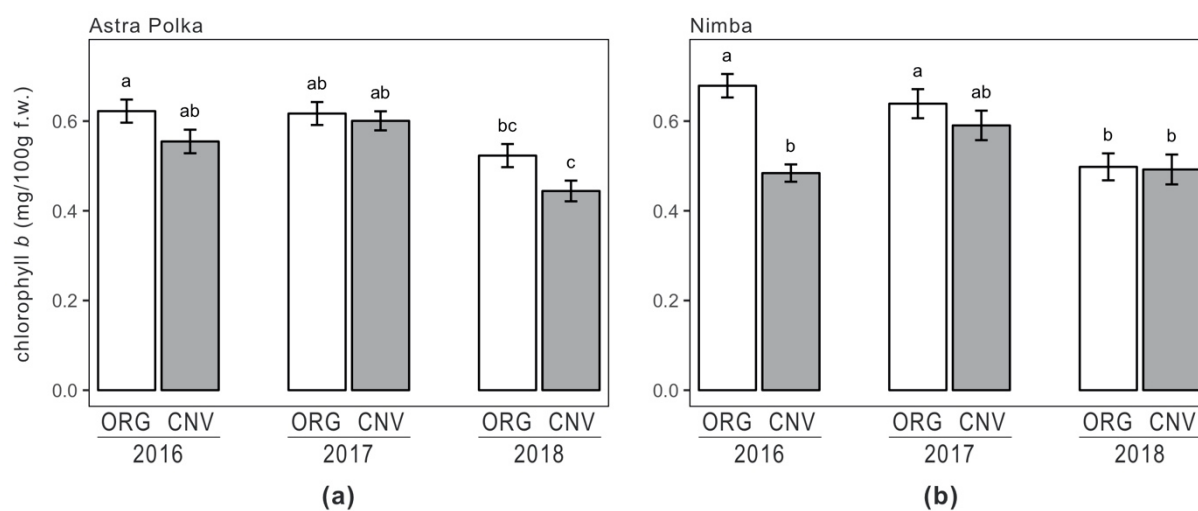


Figure S20. Chlorophyll *b* content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.

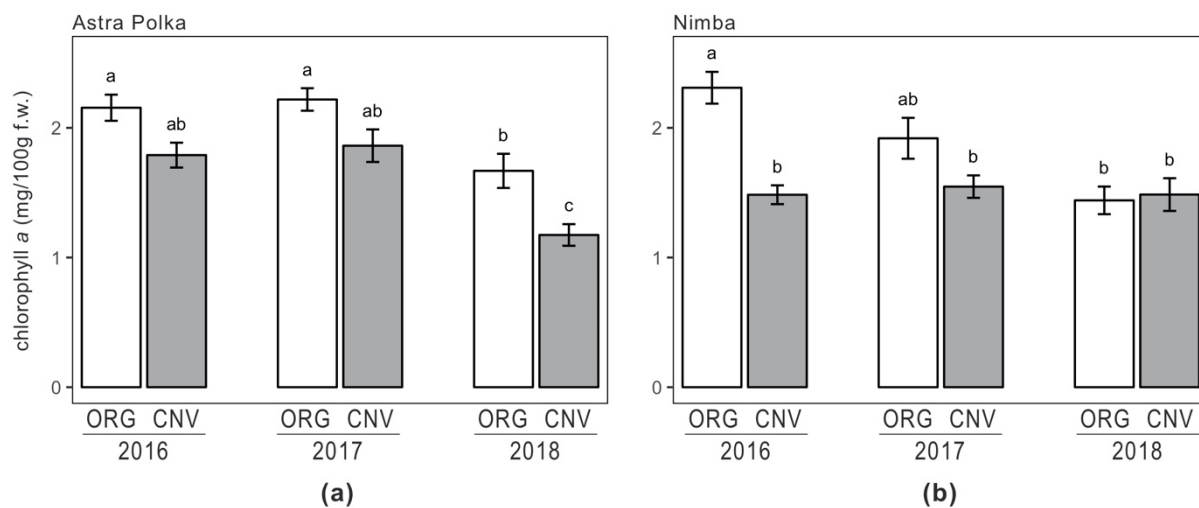


Figure S21. Chlorophyll *a* content in organic (ORG) and conventional (CNV) courgette fruits of (a) Astra Polka and (b) Nimba varieties in three years of cultivation. Data are presented as means with standard errors. Within each variety, bars marked with the same letters are not significantly different at the 5% level of probability.