

# The influence of cover crops and double harvest on storage of fresh hazelnuts (*Corylus avellana* L.)

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**Abstract:** Hazelnuts were grown on a naturally cover-cropped plot rather than tilled soil and then harvested either with a single or a double harvest. The data collected showed that the double harvest technique with cover crops enhanced the quality and state of preservation of the hazelnuts. The costs regarding both growing techniques were estimated and it was determined that the double harvest and single harvest had the same costs, while cover cropping was economically advantageous in comparison to tillage. The fresh hazelnuts were stored for six months in order to evaluate their qualitative characteristics.