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Side-by-side comparison of the alternative, low-input production system and the standard raised bed-plastic mulch system for fresh market tomatoes. Photograph taken during a grower field day on 19 June 1997 by Dan O. Chellemi.