

**METHYL BROMIDE CRITICAL USE NOMINATION FOR PREPLANT SOIL USE FOR FRUIT, NUT
AND FLOWER NURSERIES**

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Part A: Summary

1. NOMINATING PARTY:

The United States of America (U.S.)

2. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF NOMINATION:

Methyl Bromide Critical Use Nomination for Preplant Soil Use for Fruit, Nut and Flower Nurseries (Submitted in 2006 for the 2008 Use Season)

3. CROP AND SUMMARY OF CROP SYSTEM

This nomination is based on requests for critical use of methyl bromide (MB) by producers of nursery-grown raspberry, roses, and deciduous tree planting material. Nursery producers must provide stock plants that are pest-free to allow the establishment of plantings that are of the highest initial quality and optimize the longevity of orchards or other producing plots. Nurseries provide plants used by commercial growers of fresh and processed raspberries, rose bushes, and such diverse fruit crops as apricots, peaches, prunes, nectarines, cherries, plums, apples, pears, Asian pears (as well as ornamental pears), and nut crops such as almonds, walnuts, pistachios, pecans, and chestnuts. Approximately 95% of the trees are fruiting varieties sold to commercial producers (although residential consumers are also a market); the other 5% are ornamental types used for landscaping. Nurseries are concentrated in areas conducive to early plant growth—deciduous trees are primarily produced in California in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys in a Mediterranean climate, many large raspberry nurseries are located in eastern San Joaquin valley and western Washington where pest-free stock can be grown for markets in the cooler production areas of northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

Raspberry nurseries in the western U.S. provide raspberry stock to most of the growers in North America. Dry climates and soils make these areas ideal for production of high quality plant stock. Although there are relatively few raspberry nurseries, they provide all of the stock used by commercial growers, and therefore, have a large impact on raspberry production overall. MeBr is used on a total area of approximately 200 hectares of field beds. There is a large return in the benefits of certified pest-free stock to numerous commercial growers throughout the continent. The raspberry nursery industry uses flat fumigation techniques similar to that of the strawberry industry. Raspberry nursery stock is grown using a two-year production cycle beginning with tissue culture and moving to foundation planting the first year. Winter dormant plants are replanted in commercial nurseries and harvested after one year.

Deciduous tree nurseries range from 15 to over 600 hectares in field beds. A typical operation in California ranges between 80 and 120 hectares. The climate and soil make this region an ideal area for tree nurseries (as well as a major fruit and nut producing region). While some nurseries concentrate on specific tree crops, most nurseries grow and sell a variety of different trees. Nursery stock is grown on a cropping system that includes crop rotation or cover cropping between tree production cycles; therefore, not all of the nursery area is in tree production in a given year. The tree production cycle can be anywhere from a single year to several years

depending on the type of tree crop being produced. Nursery production of trees takes from one to four years in the ground depending on the type being produced. Almonds take one year and walnuts take at least two years. Also, target tree size determines how long plants are grown in the nursery. The most common cycle is for the tree crop to be in the ground for either one or two years. A typical nursery cycle starts by digging the current tree crop (to be sold) then planting a cover crop for one or two years, followed by replanting with a tree crop. In order to prepare the ground for planting, the fields are disked, deep ripped, leveled, and then fumigated to meet certification standards set by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA, 2001). MeBr is applied by shank and treated area is usually covered with a high barrier tarp. The fumigation is carried out around August and September, and planting begins in October, and may continue through January. The deciduous nurseries are subject to mandates set forth by the CDFCA (2001) that trees must be pest free. The nomination is for the portion of tree nurseries in California that are in areas where alternatives are either unsuitable for meeting certification standards or subject to regulatory restrictions.

Nursery roses are grown in open field plots. A typical crop rotation for a two-year rose crop includes one year fallow, followed by one or two years of rotational crops, and then a two-year rose crop. The two-year rose crop cycle begins with land preparation (removing the cover crop, deep cultivation, and fumigation with methyl bromide), followed by planting the rootstock and T-bud grafting. In late winter of the first year, the rootstock tops are removed. The rose crop matures by the second autumn and is then harvested. This cycle varies depending on the type of rose crop being produced (e.g., two-year roses, one-year minis and patio trees, or 18-month mini bushes).

METHYL BROMIDE NOMINATED

TABLE 4.1: METHYL BROMIDE NOMINATED

YEAR	NOMINATION AMOUNT (KG)*	NOMINATION AREA (HA)
2008	51,102	185

* Includes research amount of 1,506 kgs, See Appendix A for complete description of how the nominated amount was calculated.

5. BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NEED FOR METHYL BROMIDE AS A CRITICAL USE

TABLE A.1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

Region	Western Raspberry Nurseries	California Deciduous Fruit & Nut Tree Growers	California Nursery Roses
AMOUNT OF APPLICANT REQUEST			
2008 Kilograms	37,229	11,289	1,998
AMOUNT OF NOMINATION			
2008 Kilograms	36,309	11,289	1,998

6. SUMMARIZE WHY KEY ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT FEASIBLE:

Nurseries must provide stock that is pest-free in order to meet state mandated certification requirements for plant material (CDFA, 2001). Use of products with 1,3-D can provide an effective alternative to MeBr for nematode control where allowed by township cap regulation and where soil type and moisture are acceptable, (e.g., Schneider et al., 2004). Moisture restrictions for 1,3-D may be more limiting than township caps. Nurseries with heavy soils or moisture greater than 12% (especially common in clay soils at depths of 1 to 1.5 meters) may not receive certification of nursery stock, because of failure to reduce populations of nematodes or pathogens. In these situations MeBr is critical.

7. (i) PROPORTION OF CROPS GROWN USING METHYL BROMIDE

TABLE 7.1: PROPORTION OF CROPS GROWN USING METHYL BROMIDE

REGION WHERE METHYL BROMIDE USE IS REQUESTED	TOTAL CROP AREA 2001 – 2002 AVERAGE (HA)	PROPORTION OF TOTAL CROP AREA TREATED WITH METHYL BROMIDE (%)
Western Raspberry Nurseries	Not available	Not available
California Deciduous Fruit & Nut Tree Growers	Not available	Not available
California Nursery Roses	Not available	Not available
NATIONAL TOTAL:	Not available	Not available

7. (ii) IF ONLY PART OF THE CROP AREA IS TREATED WITH METHYL BROMIDE, INDICATE THE REASON WHY METHYL BROMIDE IS NOT USED IN THE OTHER AREA, AND IDENTIFY WHAT ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES ARE USED TO CONTROL THE TARGET PATHOGENS AND WEEDS WITHOUT METHYL BROMIDE THERE.

Nurseries must provide pathogen- and nematode-free stock. They rely on MeBr for certification when 1,3-D is not allowed because of soil or moisture conditions or township caps. Some areas with light, sandy soil-types, appropriate soil moisture, and no legal restrictions should be able to replace MeBr with 1,3-D alternatives.

7. (iii) WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO EXPAND THE USE OF THESE METHODS TO COVER AT LEAST PART OF THE CROP THAT HAS REQUESTED USE OF METHYL BROMIDE? WHAT CHANGES WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENABLE THIS?

The critical need for MeBr exists for nurseries that are limited by state certification requirements or soil conditions where 1,3-D formulations are unacceptable.

8. AMOUNT OF METHYL BROMIDE REQUESTED FOR CRITICAL USE

TABLE 8.1. AMOUNT OF METHYL BROMIDE REQUESTED FOR CRITICAL USE

REGION:	Western Raspberry Nurseries	California Deciduous Fruit & Nut Tree Growers	California Nursery Roses
YEAR OF EXEMPTION REQUEST	2008	2008	2008
KILOGRAMS OF METHYL BROMIDE	37,229	11,289	1,998
USE: FLAT FUMIGATION OR STRIP/BED TREATMENT	Flat Fumigation	Flat Fumigation	Flat Fumigation
FORMULATION (ratio of methyl bromide/chloropicrin mixture) TO BE USED FOR THE CUE	67:33	75:25	98:2
TOTAL AREA TO BE TREATED WITH THE METHYL BROMIDE OR METHYL BROMIDE/CHLOROPICRIN FORMULATION (ha)	142	35	7
APPLICATION RATE* (kg/ha) FOR THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT	263	321	309
DOSAGE RATE* (g/m²) OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT USED TO CALCULATE REQUESTED KILOGRAMS OF METHYL BROMIDE	26.3	32.1	30.9

9. SUMMARIZE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO CALCULATE METHYL BROMIDE QUANTITY NOMINATED FOR EACH REGION:

The amount of MeBr nominated by the U.S. was calculated as follows:

- The percent of regional hectares in the applicant’s request was divided by the total area planted in that crop in the region covered by the request.
- Hectares counted in more than one application or rotated within one year of an application to a crop that also uses MeBr were subtracted. There was no double counting in this sector.
- Growth or increasing production (the amount of area requested by the applicant that is greater than that historically treated) was subtracted.
- Quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) hectares is the area in the applicant’s request subject to QPS treatments. QPS amount of MeBr is not included in the nomination.
- Only the hectares experiencing one or more of the following impacts were included in the nominated amount: moderate to heavy key pest pressure, regulatory impacts, and unsuitable terrain.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES - PART B: CROP CHARACTERISTICS AND METHYL BROMIDE USE

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 10. KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS FOR WHICH METHYL BROMIDE IS REQUESTED AND SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THIS REQUEST

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 10.1: KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS AND REASON FOR METHYL BROMIDE REQUEST

REGION WHERE METHYL BROMIDE USE IS REQUESTED	KEY PESTS	SPECIFIC REASONS WHY METHYL BROMIDE IS NEEDED
Western Raspberry Nurseries	Primarily pathogens: <i>Phytophthora fragariae</i> var. <i>Rubi</i> (root rot), <i>Verticillium</i> spp. (wilt), others including <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.	To meet certification requirements for sale of nursery stock.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 11. (i) CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM AND CLIMATE

Raspberry nurseries in the western U.S. provide raspberry stock to most of the growers in North America. Raspberry nurseries have a large impact on raspberry production overall. USDA organic standards specifically allow the use of nursery stock propagated using MeBr for organic production in recognition of the vital role vigorous planting stock plays in organic and integrated pest management systems. This exemplifies that the use of MeBr in propagation nurseries reduces the need for MB, and other chemical inputs, in fruiting fields. MeBr use is concentrated within nurseries having a total area of approximately 200 hectares.

According to this consortium, "...fallow is part of the two-year cycle. The production of one acre of raspberry nursery is a 24-month process. It begins with land preparation in January of year 1. A cover crop is then grown during the winter, spring and early summer of year 1. In the summer the cover crop is incorporated into the soil and the land is prepared for fumigation. There is a brief fallow period in June of year 1 prior to fumigation. The field is fumigated in August of year 1. The planting beds are constructed in September of year 1. These beds lay "fallow" through the winter, until February of year 2. The planted crop will grow until harvest in November and December of year 2. Following the harvest we begin another cycle in January.

Although the nursery is a 24-month process, some land is fumigated each year to provide an annual supply of planting stock for our farmers. Therefore, the amount stated in the application refers to an annual usage."

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 11.1: CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM

CHARACTERISTICS	WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES
CROP TYPE: (e.g. transplants, bulbs, trees or cuttings)	Raspberry cane stock
ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL CROP: (# of years between replanting)	2-3 years
TYPICAL CROP ROTATION (if any) AND USE OF METHYL BROMIDE FOR OTHER CROPS IN THE ROTATION: (if any)	1 year in foundation nursery, 1 year in commercial nursery. The raspberry nursery industry utilizes flat fumigation techniques similar to that of the strawberry industry. Raspberry nursery stock are grown using a two year production cycle beginning with tissue culture and moving to foundation nurseries the first year. Winter dormant plants are replanted in commercial nurseries and harvested after one year. Ten hectares of plants in a foundation nursery will serve to plant 100 hectares of a commercial nursery. A commercial nursery produces enough plants to provide 1200 hectares of commercial fields; therefore, pest infestation of nursery plants can impact significant areas of commercial fields.
SOIL TYPES: (Sand, loam, clay, etc.)	Typically light or medium
FREQUENCY OF METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION:	Once in 2-3 years
OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS:	None identified

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 11.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF CLIMATE AND CROP SCHEDULE

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
CLIMATIC ZONE	USDA zones 8a, 9a, 9b											
RAINFALL (mm)	16	72.1	17.3	0	trace	1.0	trace	0	44.7	56.9	9.9	30.5
OUTSIDE TEMP. (°C)	14.4	14.8	20.8	25.7	30.3	27.4	25.1	18.4	13.4	9.6	10.3	10.6
FUMIGATION SCHEDULE						X						
PLANTING SCHEDULE												X

*For Fresno, California.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 11. (ii) INDICATE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS IN 11. (i) PREVENT THE UPTAKE OF ANY RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES?

Soil moisture is an important determinant of capacity of 1,3-D efficacy (McKenry, 1999). Moisture above 12% is common below 1 meter depth and reduction of 1,3-D nematicidal activity results at this moisture level; this is especially a problem with nurseries with heavier soils. It is critical that nurseries control pests in the top 1 meter of soil because the plant roots extend to this depth.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 12. HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE, AND/OR MIXTURES CONTAINING METHYL BROMIDE, FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS REQUESTED

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 12.1 HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE

FOR AS MANY YEARS AS POSSIBLE AS SHOWN SPECIFY:	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AREA TREATED (<i>hectares</i>)	103	111	103	131	151	134
RATIO OF FLAT FUMIGATION METHYL BROMIDE USE TO STRIP/BED USE IF STRIP TREATMENT IS USED	Flat Fumigation					
AMOUNT OF METHYL BROMIDE ACTIVE INGREDIENT USED (<i>total kilograms</i>)	26,671	26,937	24,188	30,570	37,680	34,937
FORMULATIONS OF METHYL BROMIDE (<i>methyl bromide /chloropicrin</i>)	67:33	67:33	67:33	67:33	67:33	67:33
METHOD BY WHICH METHYL BROMIDE APPLIED)	Shank injected, with tarp					
APPLICATION RATE [ACTIVE INGREDIENT] (kg/ha*)	258	242	235	234	249	260
ACTUAL DOSAGE RATE OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT (g/m²)*	25.7	25.8	24.2	23.5	23.4	25.2

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. PART C: TECHNICAL VALIDATION

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 13. REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 13.1: REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES		
Chloropicrin	Not sufficiently effective to meet standards for pest-free nursery stock	No
1,3-dichloropropene (1,3-D)	In areas with moisture restrictions (e.g., >12% at 1-1.5 meters) (or under township caps) would not be able to meet standards for pest-free nursery stock; nurseries with no such restrictions should be able to use 1,3-D as an alternative	Possibly, where soil conditions and township caps allow use
Metam-sodium	Not sufficiently effective to meet standards for pest-free nursery stock	No
Dazomet	As with metam-sodium, would not meet standards for nursery. The use of dazomet in combination with 1,3-D was examined in a study submitted by the applicant. The study showed that although weed populations were suppressed, nematode populations were not controlled, causing stock to be commercially unacceptable. When dazomet was used in combination with 1,3-D, nematode populations were 15 times greater when compared to that of a dual application of 1,3-D.	No
NON CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES		

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
Containerized production	<p>A field is planted with tissue culture plugs. The wide, flat planting beds allow these plants to grow laterally in all directions and to produce long straight roots. The nursery is watered using overhead irrigation, this creates optimal growing conditions over the entire surface area of the beds.</p> <p>At the end of the growing season when plants are dormant they are mowed to about 20 cm long. The canes are chopped into small pieces and later they are incorporated into the soil to increase the organic matter. Then the beds are “lifted” and shaken, this removes soil from the plants and makes it easier to pick the plants up and place them in a box for transfer to the trimming operation. This system is efficient because the crews can move up each row with a mower, then the lifter followed by several workers who transfer the plants into the bin for movement to the trimming operation (Maybe add a sentence such as: Containerized production would change this efficient harvesting system and require different equipment.).</p> <p>Plants are produced with long straight roots, which are trimmed from the canes. The trimmed roots provide the root planting material used by the growers. Generally, container-grown plants produce shorter or curved roots. New canes are produced from adventitious root buds, it is likely that any reduction in surface area would reduce the number and/or quality (size, strength) of these new adventitious canes.</p> <p>Nursery managers have observed that when raspberries are grown in pots, the south, or hot, side of the pot has a reduced or absent root system, which reduces yield and increases water demands. Some of the largest nurseries are located in the eastern San Joaquin Valley of California where temperatures can reach over 40° C in the summer. Roots are not as large or healthy as what is produced in field systems.</p>	No
Virtually Impermeable Film (VIF)	May have a role in reducing MeBr use rates while maintaining efficacy due to reduced emissions (Guillino et al., 2002; Martin, 2003). Ongoing studies may help assess value of VIF with MeBr and chemical alternatives (VIF use is restricted in California).	No

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
Biofumigation, solarization, steam heat, biological control, cover crops/mulches, crop rotation, flooding and water management, grafting/resistant rootstocks, organic amendments, sanitation, and resistant cultivars	Some of these alternatives are important components of an IPM system and are currently employed by the industry. These practices include field sanitation to reduce inoculum, crop rotation to reduce hosts, and attempts to breed resistance to pathogens. However, these alternatives will not meet requirements of CDFA for nursery stock certification either individually or in combinations. Use of flooding is not practical because of the topographic features of many production areas and requirements for excessive water use. The use of steam also requires large quantities of water and is slow and expensive to perform, which would impact planting and production intervals for this industry. Use of solarization is not practical due to the depth of heating required to eliminate propagules; environmental constraints at high altitude nurseries, including high winds, are of concern.	No
COMBINATIONS OF ALTERNATIVES		
(1,3-D) + chloropicrin	In areas with moisture restrictions (e.g., >12% at 1-1.5 meters) (or under township caps) would not be able to meet standards for pest-free nursery stock; nurseries with no such restrictions should be able to use 1,3-D as an alternative	Where soil conditions and township caps allow use
(1,3-D) + metam-sodium	In areas with moisture restrictions (e.g., >12% at 1-1.5 meters) (or under township caps) would not be able to meet standards for pest-free nursery stock; nurseries with no such restrictions should be able to use 1,3-D as an alternative Metam-sodium may be helpful where weeds are problems.	Where soil conditions and township caps allow use

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. 14. LIST AND DISCUSS WHY REGISTERED (and Potential) PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES ARE CONSIDERED NOT EFFECTIVE AS TECHNICAL ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE:

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES - TABLE 14.1: TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	DISCUSSION
As listed in Table 13.1	As listed in Table 13.1

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES - 15. LIST PRESENT (and Possible Future) REGISTRATION STATUS OF ANY CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES:

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 15.1: PRESENT REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALTERNATIVES

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	Present Registration Status	REGISTRATION BEING CONSIDERED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES? (Y/N)	DATE OF POSSIBLE FUTURE REGISTRATION:
Sodium azide	No registration has been requested	No	Unknown
Propargyl bromide	No registration has been requested	No	Unknown
Iodomethane	Not registered in U.S.	Yes	Unknown
Muscador albus Strain QST 20799	Registration package has been received.	Yes	Registered but not yet for sale in the U.S.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES - 16. STATE RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES COMPARED TO METHYL BROMIDE FOR THE SPECIFIC KEY TARGET PESTS AND WEEDS FOR WHICH IT IS BEING REQUESTED

As with other nursery commodities, yield is not the only (and possibly not the most important) factor in the production of raspberry nursery stock. What is of primary importance is pest-free stock that is of sufficient quality to meet government standards and comply with standards for intra- and interstate plant transit. Consequently, for nurseries restricted in the use of 1,3-D, there is a critical need for MeBr for the 2008 use season.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE 16.1: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – DISEASES

KEY PEST: DISEASES	AVERAGE DISEASE % OR RATING AND YIELDS IN PAST 3~5 YEARS				
	# OF TRIALS	DISEASE (% OR RATING)	# OF TRIALS	ACTUAL YIELDS (T/HA)	CITATION
[1] MB (263 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (129 kg/ha) [2] chloropicrin (140 kg/ha) [3] no fumigation		No pests identified	12 reps	Runners/mother plant (strawberry) [1] 18.0a [2] 15.7b [3] 7.9c	Larson and Shaw, 2000
[1] MB (314 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (78 kg/ha) [2] chloropicrin (191 kg/ha) [3] chloropicrin (303 kg/ha) [4] no fumigation		No pests identified	4 reps	Runners/mother plant (strawberry) [1] 29.7a [2] 27.0a [3] 29.7a [4] 11.2b	Larson and Shaw, 2000
[1] MB (263 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (129 kg/ha) [2] chloropicrin (157 kg/ha) [3] chloropicrin (314 kg/ha) [4] no fumigation		No pests identified	24 reps	Runners/mother plant (strawberry) [1] 18.8a [2] 16.7b [3] 18.9a [4] 10.3c	Larson and Shaw, 2000
[1] MB (263 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (129 kg/ha) [tarped, noble plow] [2] chloropicrin (168 kg/ha) [3] chloropicrin (336 kg/ha) [4] 1,3-D (134 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (314 kg/ha) [5] 1,3-D (361 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (155 kg/ha) [6] no fumigation		No pests identified	12 reps (MB trt, 11 reps)	Runners/mother plant (strawberry) [1] 39.2a [2] 28.6bc [3] 33.8abc [4] 35.8ab [5] 33.0bc [6] 15.8d	Larson and Shaw, 2000

N.B.: some studies were with strawberry research, a crop with similar pest problems and because of the large size of the industry, a greater resource for research data.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES. TABLE C.1: ALTERNATIVES YIELD LOSS DATA SUMMARY

ALTERNATIVE	LIST TYPE OF PEST	RANGE OF YIELD LOSS	BEST ESTIMATE OF YIELD LOSS
1,3-D (225 kg/ha)+ chloropicrin (123 kg/ha)	(fungal) pathogens (strawberry nursery)	2-15% (ref.: CDFA, 2001; Gullino et al., 2002)	14%
Chloropicrin (300 kg/ha)	(fungal) pathogens (strawberry nursery)	5-16% (ref.: CDFA, 2001; Gullino et al., 2002)	9%
Metam-sodium (350 kg/ha)	(fungal) pathogens (strawberry nursery)	13-57% (Gullino et al., 2002)	30%
OVERALL LOSS ESTIMATE FOR ALL ALTERNATIVES TO PESTS			9% plus certification issues

More important than yield for raspberry nurseries, as well as other nurseries, is their dependence on certification of stock as ‘pest-free’ in order to meet state requirements to sell to commercial outlets.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES - 17. ARE THERE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES UNDER DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO REPLACE METHYL BROMIDE?

Raspberry nurseries have spent \$100,000 on research, including \$20,000 on screening resistance for *Phytophthora* and *Verticillium*, and over \$60,000 over the last decade studying various alternatives in the large Watsonville, California area. Studies are also ongoing to discover how application methods can improve efficacy of chemical alternatives such as 1,3-D and metam-sodium, and mixes of chemicals. Moisture constraints, both too much and too little, can reduce efficacy of effective chemicals such as 1,3-D, especially when soil textures are not optimal for their physical chemistry. Iodomethane is a potential replacement for MB, but it has not been registered in the U.S.

The use of virtually impermeable film (VIF) may offer a means of reducing fumigant use rates while maintaining efficacy and production goals, although VIF use is currently restricted in California. There is also interest in examining the effects of certain fertilizer salts (e.g., ammonium thiosulfate, see Gan and Yates, 1998), which may act as barriers to volatile compounds (e.g., 1,3-D, MB) when applied to the soil surface, thus reducing emissions and improving efficacy.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES 18. ARE THERE TECHNOLOGIES BEING USED TO PRODUCE THE CROP WHICH AVOID THE NEED FOR METHYL BROMIDE?:

Under some conditions (where soils are appropriate and regulations do not prohibit use) alternative chemicals are used and research is ongoing to increase efficacy, as has been described above.

WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY

The raspberry nursery industry faces the same problems that other nurseries face in their need to produce nearly pest-free plant stock to their respective growers. Quality of stock plants may have a greater place in the requirements of the nursery managers than quantity since there can be an exponential increase in pest pressure when infested nursery stock is transferred to production fields. Therefore, the threshold for nurseries to manage pest problems is higher than might be for field production and critical need for effective pest management tools is paramount. Because locations of nurseries vary and soil, climate, and water situations are variable, alternatives such as 1,3-D, may be acceptable substitutes for MeBr under some conditions. Results of meta-analyses (Larson and Shaw, 2000; Shaw and Larson, 2000) of numerous research studies indicate that for the nurseries unable to use 1,3-D, other alternatives are not sufficiently effective to meet their production needs.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - PART B: CROP CHARACTERISTICS AND METHYL BROMIDE USE

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 10. KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS FOR WHICH METHYL BROMIDE IS REQUESTED AND SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THIS REQUEST

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS. TABLE 10.1: KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS AND REASON FOR METHYL BROMIDE REQUEST

REGION WHERE METHYL BROMIDE USE IS REQUESTED	KEY PESTS	SPECIFIC REASONS WHY METHYL BROMIDE IS NEEDED
California Deciduous Fruit & Nut Tree Growers	<p>Nuts: Nematodes—<i>Pratylenchus vulnus</i> (root lesion), <i>Meloidogyne</i> spp. (root knot), <i>Helicotylenchus dihystera</i> (spiral), <i>Xiphinema americanum</i> (dagger).</p> <p>Stone Fruit: Nematodes—<i>Helicotylenchus dihystera</i> (spiral), <i>Tylenchus mexicanus</i> (Tylenchus), <i>Tylenchorhynchus</i> spp. (stunt), <i>Trichodorus</i> spp. (stubby root)</p>	<p>Nurseries providing stock for orchards are required to provide the stock that is pest-free (and particularly nematode-free). 1,3-D is an effective nematicide, but its use is restricted in California. Compounds producing methyl isothiocyanate (MITC) have been tested as possible alternatives (e.g., metam-sodium and dazomet) but nematode control was not sufficient to meet certification requirements.</p> <p>The goal in the orchard nursery industry is 99.9% control when sampled within 30-60 days after treatment, so certification can be met when stock is harvested 18 months later (McKenry, 2000). Generally, less than 98% control in the 30-60 day sampling period will yield unacceptable stock plants. Field moisture is a carefully monitored factor. A site (e.g., walnut nursery in Davis, California) with silty clay loam over sandy loam or clay loam has moisture differential with the lighter textured soils holding more moisture (>12%), which can impede distribution of an alternative such as 1,3-D (McKenry, 2000) and make it ineffective. In California deciduous tree nurseries, approximately 30% have silt or clay loam soils requiring MB. The remaining 70% have sand or sandy loam soils. Approximately one half of these areas have a critical need for MeBr due to moisture requirements. According to the applicant, approximately 65% of nursery soils in California have a critical need for MB. Township caps for 1,3-D may further limit the use of the best alternative.</p>

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 11. (i) CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM AND CLIMATE

Deciduous tree nurseries range from 15 to over 600 hectares. The median operation in California ranges between 80 and 120 hectares. While some nurseries concentrate on specific tree crops, most nurseries grow and sell a variety of different trees. Nursery stock is grown on a cropping system that includes crop rotation or cover cropping between tree production cycles; therefore, not all of the nursery land is in production in a given year.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE 11.1: CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM

CHARACTERISTICS	CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS
CROP TYPE: (e.g. transplants, bulbs, trees or cuttings)	Nursery tree stock
ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL CROP: (# of years between replanting)	Perennial (1 to 2 years in nursery)
TYPICAL CROP ROTATION (if any) AND USE OF METHYL BROMIDE FOR OTHER CROPS IN THE ROTATION: (if any)	The tree production cycle can be anywhere from 1 year to several years depending on the type of tree crop. Nursery production of trees takes from 1-4 years. Almonds take one year, walnuts take at least two years. Also, desired tree size determines how long it is grown in the nursery. A typical cycle is for the tree crop to be in the ground for either 1 or 2 years. A typical nursery cycle starts by digging the current tree crop (to be sold) then planting a cover crop for 1 or 2 years, followed by replanting with a tree crop. Fields are disked, deep ripped, leveled, and then fumigated to meet certification standards set by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA, 2001). A shank is used to apply a fumigation of 75% MeBr and 25% chloropicrin, typically at a rate of 340 kg per hectare. The treated area is covered with a high barrier tarp. The fumigation is carried out around August and September, and planting begins in October, and may continue through January. The deciduous nurseries are subject to mandates set forth by the CDFA, that trees must be pest-free.
SOIL TYPES: (Sand, loam, clay, etc.)	Mostly sandy loam (also sandy clay loam, sandy loam, silt loam, clay loam); light soils (20%), medium (50%), heavy (30%)
FREQUENCY OF METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION: (e.g. every two years)	Typically once in 3-5 years, depending on crop
OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS:	Nursery stock is inspected by county agricultural commissioners through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Stock must be “found free of especially injurious pests and disease symptoms” to qualify for the CDFA Nursery Stock Certificate for Interstate and Intrastate Shipments (CDFA, 2001). 1,3-D is a legally acceptable treatment where township restrictions and physical limitations (e.g., moisture greater than 12% in many soils reduces efficacy of 1,3-D) do not prevent its use.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE 11.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF CLIMATE AND CROP SCHEDULE

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
CLIMATIC ZONE	USDA zones 8a, 9a, 9b											
RAINFALL (mm)	16	72.1	17.3	0	trace	1.0	trace	0	44.7	56.9	9.9	30.5
OUTSIDE TEMP. (°C)	14.4	14.8	20.8	25.7	30.3	27.4	25.1	18.4	13.4	9.6	10.3	10.6
FUMIGATION SCHEDULE						X	X					
PLANTING SCHEDULE								X	X	X	X	

*For Fresno, California.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 11. (ii) INDICATE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS IN 11. (i) PREVENT THE UPTAKE OF ANY RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES?

Soil moisture content of greater than 12% reduces efficacy of 1,3-D. Soils that are so dry are unusual at 1.5 meters (the depth required to be nematode-free) (CDFA, 2001) especially with moderate to heavy subsoils. Approximately 65% of nurseries require MeBr to meet certification requirements (especially in wet years). Areas with light soils and dry conditions generally have good results from 1,3-D (where township caps allow its use) and combinations with chloropicrin and/or metam-sodium. (See Section 10, above.)

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 12. HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE, AND/OR MIXTURES CONTAINING METHYL BROMIDE, FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS REQUESTED

Approximately 30% of nursery soils are clay or silt loam and require MB, while one half of the remaining sand or sandy loam soils do not meet the moisture requirements of less than 12% for use of 1,3-D. Therefore, approximately 65% of the nurseries have a critical need for MB. MB, 1,3-D and some solarization treatments are the only approved fumigants for treatment of nematodes in nurseries to meet California Department of Food and Agriculture standards. However, MeBr is critical to the production of nematode-free stock where 1,3-D is not feasible (estimated by industry as approximately 65% of the area) because of incompatible soil moisture or soil type, or township cap limitations.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE 12.1 HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE

FOR AS MANY YEARS AS POSSIBLE AS SHOWN SPECIFY:	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AREA TREATED (hectares)	632	639	633	651	630	442
RATIO OF FLAT FUMIGATION METHYL BROMIDE USE TO STRIP/BED USE IF STRIP TREATMENT IS USED	Flat Fumigation					
AMOUNT OF METHYL BROMIDE ACTIVE INGREDIENT USED (total kg)	222,433	207,755	194,965	208,391	201,309	141,111
FORMULATIONS OF METHYL BROMIDE)	75:25	75:25	75:25	75:25	75:25	Unknown
METHOD BY WHICH METHYL BROMIDE APPLIED)	Shank injected with tarp					
APPLICATION RATE [ACTIVE INGREDIENT] (kg/ha*)	352	325	308	320	319	319
ACTUAL DOSAGE RATE OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT (g/m ²)*	35.2	32.5	30.8	32.0	31.9	31.9

* For Flat Fumigation treatment application rate and dosage rate may be the same.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS. PART C: TECHNICAL VALIDATION

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 13. REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS. TABLE 13.1: REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES		
Dazomet, metam-sodium	Not effective nematicides. The use of dazomet in combination with 1,3-D was examined in a study submitted by the applicant. The study showed that although weed populations were suppressed, nematode populations were not controlled, causing stock to be commercially unacceptable. When dazomet was used in combination with 1,3-D, nematode populations were 15 times greater when compared to that of a dual application of 1,3-D.	No
NON CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES <i>STANDARD NURSERY PRACTICES SEEK TO REDUCE PEST PROBLEMS WITH GENERAL IPM PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, FOR THIS SECTOR NON-CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF CALIFORNIA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEMATODE-FREE PLANT STOCK AND TOWNSHIP CAPS AND BUFFER ZONE RESTRICTIONS.</i>		
Virtually Impermeable Film (VIF)	May have a role in reducing fumigant use rates while maintaining efficacy (Gullino et al., 2002; Martin, 2003). Studies are being conducted to assess film with MeBr and chemical alternatives, although there are legal restrictions to use of VIF in California.	No
Biofumigation, solarization, steam heat, biological control, cover crops/mulches, crop rotation, flooding and water management, grafting/resistant rootstocks, organic amendments, sanitation, and resistant cultivars.	Some of these alternatives are important components of an IPM system and are currently employed by the industry. These practices include field sanitation to reduce inoculum, crop rotation to reduce hosts, and attempts to breed resistance to pathogens. However, these alternatives will not meet requirements of CDFA for nursery stock certification either individually or in combinations. Use of flooding is not practical because of the topographic features of many production areas and requirements for excessive water use. The use of steam also requires extremely large quantities of water and is very slow and expensive to perform which would impact planting and production intervals for this industry. Use of solarization is not practical due to the depth of heating required to eliminate viable weed seed and environmental constraints at high altitude nurseries including high winds.	No
COMBINATIONS OF ALTERNATIVES		
1,3-D + chloropicrin	In nominated areas, especially those with moderate to heavy soils or subsoils, moisture at depths of 1.5 meters (depth required for nematode-free certification) (CDFA, 2001) is usually >12%, which significantly reduces efficacy of 1,3-D. This situation might occur in 65% of affected soils. Research trials indicate that these alternatives can be effective in nematode control (e.g., Schneider et al., 2002b, 2004; Westerdahl et al., 2002). For areas unable to use 1,3-D, there is a critical need for MeBr for 2008. According to one calculation (Martin et al., 2003), overall in California 33% of the area previously fumigated with MeBr could not be treated with 1,3-D due to current township caps, regardless of efficacy.	No
1,3-D + chloropicrin + metam-sodium		No
1,3-D + metam-sodium		No
1,3-D + dazomet		No

* Regulatory reasons include local restrictions (e.g. occupational health and safety, local environmental regulations) and lack of registration.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 14. LIST AND DISCUSS WHY REGISTERED (and Potential) PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES ARE CONSIDERED NOT EFFECTIVE AS TECHNICAL ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE:

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE 14.1: TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	DISCUSSION
Discussed in Section 13	Discussed in Section 13

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 15. LIST PRESENT (and Possible Future) REGISTRATION STATUS OF ANY CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES:

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE 15.1: PRESENT REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALTERNATIVES

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	PRESENT REGISTRATION STATUS	REGISTRATION BEING CONSIDERED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES? (Y/N)	DATE OF POSSIBLE FUTURE REGISTRATION:
Sodium azide	No registration has been requested	No	Unknown
Propargyl bromide	No registration has been requested	No	Unknown
Iodomethane	Not registered in U.S.	Yes	Unknown
Muscador albus Strain QST 20799	Registration package has been received.	Yes	Registered but not yet for sale in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 16. STATE RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES COMPARED TO METHYL BROMIDE FOR THE SPECIFIC KEY TARGET PESTS AND WEEDS FOR WHICH IT IS BEING REQUESTED

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS. TABLE 16.1: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – NEMATODES.

KEY PEST: NEMATODES			
METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES	# OF TRIALS	DISEASE (% OR RATING)	CITATION
[1] untreated [2] MB (568 kg/ha) [Tarped] [3] 1,3-D (272 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (155 kg/ha) [Telone 35, Untarped] [4] 1,3-D (312 kg/ha) + chloropicrin (177 kg/ha) [Telone 35, Tarped] [5] chloropicrin (400 kg/ha) [Untarped] [6] chloropicrin (455 kg/ha) [Tarped]	Mean of 6 reps. in vine, tree, berry field nursery trial	Rootknot nematode population/cc soil sampled at 120-150 cm depth [1] 21.3a [2] 0b [3] 0b [4] 2.2b [5] 0b [6] 0b	Schneider et al., 2002b
[1] untreated [2] MB (285 kg/ha) [Tarped, Fall] [3] MB (285 kg/ha) [Tarped, Spring] [4] metam-sodium (425 kg/ha injected + 329 kg/ha overlay rotovate) [Tarped] [5] metam-sodium (425 kg/ha injected + 329 kg/ha overlay rotovate) [Untarped]	4 reps, trial Malin, Oregon, 2001; loamy sand; moisture 2% at surface, 19% at 1 meter)	Percent control of citrus nematode (bioindicator) compared to untreated: [2] 93% (some survival at 80 cm depth) [3] 93% (some survival at 80 cm depth) [4] 81% (survival at 65-80 cm depth) [5] 73% (survival below 5 cm depth)	Westerdahl et al., 2002
[1] untreated [2] MB (455 kg/ha) [shank, Tarped] [3] 1,3-D (445 kg/ha) [drip Telone II EC; Tarped]	4 reps, artificially inoculated soils with rootknot and citrus nematodes to depths of 30 cm, 90 cm, and 150 cm	Percent control of citrus and rootknot nematodes compared to untreated: [2] 100% (at all depths) [3] significant nematode populations at 150 cm; control at 30 cm was "excellent"	Schneider et al., 2003a

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - TABLE C.1: ALTERNATIVES YIELD LOSS DATA SUMMARY

ALTERNATIVE	LIST TYPE OF PEST	RANGE OF YIELD LOSS	BEST ESTIMATE OF YIELD LOSS
1,3-D (312 kg/ha)+ chloropicrin (177 kg/ha)	Nematodes	Not applicable	Not applicable
1,3-D (312 kg/ha) +chloropicrin (177 kg/ha) + metam-sodium (350 kg/ha)	Nematodes	Not applicable	Not applicable
1,3-D + metam-sodium (350 kg/ha)	Nematodes	Not applicable	Not applicable
OVERALL LOSS ESTIMATE FOR ALL ALTERNATIVES TO PESTS			Not applicable; certification issues

Yield is not a sufficient measure of critical need for MeBr for this industry or to determine economic feasibility in this sector since the issue is one of constraints due to the quality of the plant stock and the ability to have such stock certified as pest-free in order to sell to commercial users.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 17. ARE THERE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES UNDER DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO REPLACE METHYL BROMIDE?

Between 1999 and 2000, the California fruit, vine, and nut industries have spent \$378,467 on numerous research projects. From 2002-2003, researchers were granted \$262,002 by this industry. In addition, an equal amount of funding has been granted to these industries by government and universities.

Research for MeBr alternatives has been conducted by the nursery industry since at least 1990, initially to find alternatives to 1,3-D, whose registration had been cancelled (Martin, 2003). Upon reinstatement in 1994, studies began to examine 1,3-D formulations that could provide acceptable nematode control under conditions (especially critical moisture conditions) common to commercial nursery sites that would meet certification requirements and reduce or replace the use of MeBr (Martin, 2003; McKenry, 2000). Successful treatment with 1,3-D depends on enough surface moisture to allow penetration into the soil, but less than 12% moisture.

Studies with new emulsifiable formulations of 1,3-D and chloropicrin , such as Inline, may improve efficacy by removing technical limitations of shank injected 1,3-D. However, township caps, buffer zones, and limitations due to physical characteristics of soils are still important issues to successful nursery production.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - 18. ARE THERE TECHNOLOGIES BEING USED TO PRODUCE THE CROP WHICH AVOID THE NEED FOR METHYL BROMIDE?:

Nursery stock must meet pest-free certification criteria. In situations where restrictions and conditions do not constrain use, 1,3-D is an effective nematicide.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY

The primary concern for the deciduous tree nursery industry is the need for stock certification according to the standards for inter-and intrastate movement of plant material. According to the government oversight authorities (CDFA, 2001) MB, and where allowed, 1,3-D, are the treatments that are recognized effective nematicides, the primary pest of deciduous tree nurseries. The critical use of MeBr is the for nurseries whose soil type or other conditions (e.g., township caps, buffer zone limitations) precludes the use of 1,3-D formulations. For the 2008 use season, MeBr is considered a critical tool to maintain production and market goals. In areas with appropriate soils, moisture, and no legal restrictions, 1,3-D formulations are effective in meeting certification requirements.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - PART B: CROP CHARACTERISTICS AND METHYL BROMIDE USE

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 10. KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS FOR WHICH METHYL BROMIDE IS REQUESTED AND SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THIS REQUEST

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - TABLE 10.1: KEY DISEASES AND WEEDS AND REASON FOR METHYL BROMIDE REQUEST

REGION WHERE METHYL BROMIDE USE IS REQUESTED	KEY DISEASE(S) AND WEED(S) TO GENUS AND, IF KNOWN, TO SPECIES LEVEL	SPECIFIC REASONS WHY METHYL BROMIDE IS NEEDED
California Nursery Roses (primarily in the San Joaquin Valley – 55% to 65% of U.S. rose plant production is located around Wasco, Kern County, CA)	Root knot nematode (<i>Meloidogyne hapla</i>); lesion nematode (<i>Pratylenchus penetrans</i>); pin nematode (<i>Paratylenchus hamatus</i>); <i>Verticillium dahlia</i> ; <i>Pythium</i> spp.; <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> ; weeds (including <i>Cyperus</i> spp.)	California regulations state that nursery stock must be commercially clean with respect to established pests of general distribution. County agricultural officials may certify a crop based on the completion of a prescribed fumigation regime, such as the use of MeBr (CDFA, 2001).

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 11. (i) CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM AND CLIMATE

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - TABLE 11.1: CHARACTERISTICS OF CROPPING SYSTEM

CHARACTERISTICS	CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES
CROP TYPE:	Transplant production
ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL CROP:	Perennial (see below)
TYPICAL CROP ROTATION AND USE OF METHYL BROMIDE FOR OTHER CROPS IN THE ROTATION:	Typically, crop rotation for a two-year rose crop includes one-year fallow, followed by one or two years of rotational crops, and then a two-year rose crop. This rotation varies depending on the type of rose crop being produced (i.e., two-year roses, one-year minis and patio trees, or an 18-month mini bush).
SOIL TYPES:	Medium soil with 0 to 2% organic matter.
FREQUENCY OF METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION:	Once every 4 to 5 years (a typical grower fumigates and plants approximately 20-25% of the production area each year).
OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS:	The perennial nature of the crop requires pest control to a depth of 1.5 meters. Certification requires commercially clean stock. In tree nursery production, there must be 99.9% nematode control in the first 30 to 60 days to meet this requirement (McKenry, 2000).

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - TABLE 11.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF CLIMATE AND CROP SCHEDULE+

	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
CLIMATIC ZONE	USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 9a											
RAINFALL (mm)*	16.0	72.1	17.3	0	Trace	1.0	Trace	0	44.7	56.9	9.9	30.5
OUTSIDE TEMP. (°C)*	14.4	14.8	20.8	25.7	30.3	27.4	25.1	18.4	13.4	9.6	10.3	10.6
FUMIGATION SCHEDULE					Land prep	X						
PLANTING SCHEDULE									X	X		

+ The planting and fumigation schedule are for 1 year roses. The schedules vary for other rose crops.

*Data for Jan-Aug, 2003 and Sep-Dec 2002 for Fresno, California.

For a particular parcel of land, the overall cycle is shown below (Table 11.3). This schedule varies depending on the type of rose crop grown. For example, two year rose crops would be grown an additional year before harvesting.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - TABLE 11.3 MULTI-YEAR ROSE CROP SCHEDULE

	SPR*	SUM	FAL	WNT	SPR	SUM	FAL	WNT	SPR	SUM	FAL	WNT	SPR	SUM	FAL	WNT
FUMIGATION SCHEDULE		X														
PLANTING SCHEDULE			X													
HARVEST SCHEDULE						X	X									
FALLOW								X	X	X	X					
COVER CROP	X												X	X	X	X

* spr = spring; sum = summer; fal = fall; wnt = winter

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – 11. (ii) INDICATE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS IN 11. (i) PREVENT THE UPTAKE OF ANY RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES?

Restrictions due to soil moisture or structure.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 12. HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE, AND/OR MIXTURES CONTAINING METHYL BROMIDE, FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS REQUESTED

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - TABLE 12.1 HISTORIC PATTERN OF USE OF METHYL BROMIDE

FOR AS MANY YEARS AS POSSIBLE AS SHOWN SPECIFY:	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AREA TREATED (<i>hectares</i>)	600	609	647	584	576	459
RATIO OF FLAT FUMIGATION METHYL BROMIDE USE TO STRIP/BED USE IF STRIP TREATMENT IS USED	Flat Fumigation					
AMOUNT OF METHYL BROMIDE ACTIVE INGREDIENT USED (<i>total kilograms</i>)	204,933	217,588	219,938	196,496	161,479	144,286
FORMULATIONS OF METHYL BROMIDE (<i>methyl bromide /chloropicrin</i>)	98:2	98:2	98:2	98:2	98:2	
METHOD BY WHICH METHYL BROMIDE APPLIED (<i>e.g. injected at 25cm depth, hot gas</i>)	Shanked 25 cm and tarped					
APPLICATION RATE [ACTIVE INGREDIENT] (<i>kg/ha*</i>)	341	357	340	336	280	315
ACTUAL DOSAGE RATE OF ACTIVE INGREDIENT (<i>g/m²*</i>)	34.1	35.7	34.0	33.6	28.0	31.5

- For Flat Fumigation treatment application rate and dosage rate may be the same.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - PART C: TECHNICAL VALIDATION

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 13. REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 13.1: REASON FOR ALTERNATIVES NOT BEING FEASIBLE

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES		
1,3-Dichloropropene	<p>1,3-D is feasible in some situations, such as areas with sandy soils where the soil moisture can be reduced to 12% or less. According to California certification regulations, this alternative and MeBr are acceptable soil treatments (CDFA, 2001).</p> <p>In a tree nursery study, nematodes were controlled at deeper depths with 1,3-D and its combinations. Control is comparable to MeBr in sandier soils because the soil moisture can be reduced to 12 percent or less (McKenry, 2000; McKenry, 2001). In a nursery rose trial, 1,3-D with chloropicrin (Telone C-35) was comparable to MeBr (Schneider et al, 2004). Results with 1,3-D may be inconsistent when pests other than nematodes are major problems (Karlik et al, 1998).</p> <p>Township caps are in place for 1,3-D. California nursery growers are located within two townships in one county, and rose growers compete for the use of 1,3-D with growers of almonds, carrots, and other crops (Trout, 2001). Buffer zones reduce the amount of land that can be treated with 1,3-D.</p>	Possibly, if no restrictions apply; U.S. nomination is for areas where 1,3-D is not effective.
Dazomet (Basamid)	In a rose trial, dazomet did not adequately control target pests at the required depth in the soil (Schneider et al, 2002a). Dazomet and metam-sodium are both MITC generating substances and the inability of MITC to penetrate deep enough at the maximum allowed application rate is problematic for dazomet.	No.
Metam-sodium	Metam-sodium is not a feasible alternative alone because it results in nursery rose shipments that might not be certified. Research indicates that a non-certified crop occurs because metam-sodium did not move deep enough into the soil (at the 1.2 to 1.5 meter depth metam sodium did not control the nematodes) (Schneider et al, 2002a; McKenry, 1999; Karlik et al, 1998).	No.
NON CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES		
Solarization, Steam Sterilization, Biological Control	Under proper climatic conditions, solarization will control pests to a depth of 30 cm. However, control is necessary to a depth of 1.5 meters (Pizano, 2001; Braun and Supkoff, 1994).	No.
General IPM, Grafting/Resistant Rootstock/Plant Breeding, Physical Removal/Sanitation, Resistant Cultivars	Although these “not in-kind” alternatives are being used by nursery rose growers to reduce pest pressure, in general, by themselves and in combination, each have not been successful at achieving adequate pest control.	No.

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY* REASONS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NOT BEING FEASIBLE OR AVAILABLE	IS THE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED COST EFFECTIVE?
Substrates/Plug Plants	<p>Use of “plug plants” is not feasible for nursery growers because virtually all production is by grafting onto resistant rootstock, not by the use of cuttings.</p> <p>Bareroot shipments are usually in temperature controlled trucks of approximately 20,000 roses per truck. Container roses ship at approximately 2,000 roses per truck, resulting in a significant economic burden.</p> <p>Substrate production in CA is not acceptable for two reasons. One, roses are a deep rooted crop. Rose rootstock is grown for 18 months (called 1-year by the market) or 2 years resulting in root systems of 1 m. The containers do not allow full development of the root systems, which then reduces the vigor of the plant. Second, production in CA is not feasible based on the scale of production. Research will have to be conducted to determine the commercial feasibility of a change of this scale to soilless culture.</p>	No.
COMBINATIONS OF ALTERNATIVES		
1,3-Dichloropropene + chloropicrin and/or metam sodium	See the regulatory and technical limitations for 1,3-D above.	Possibly, if no restrictions apply; U.S. nomination is for areas where 1,3-D is not effective.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 14. LIST AND DISCUSS WHY REGISTERED (and Potential) PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES ARE CONSIDERED NOT EFFECTIVE AS TECHNICAL ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE:

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 14.1: TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	DISCUSSION
Iodomethane + chloropicrin	This alternative is not registered in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 15. LIST PRESENT (and Possible Future) REGISTRATION STATUS OF ANY CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES:

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 15.1: PRESENT REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALTERNATIVES

NAME OF ALTERNATIVE	PRESENT REGISTRATION STATUS	REGISTRATION BEING CONSIDERED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES? (Y/N)	DATE OF POSSIBLE FUTURE REGISTRATION:
Iodomethane	Not registered	Yes	Unknown
Sodium azide	Registration package not submitted	No	Unknown
Propargyl bromide	Registration package not submitted	No	Unknown
Muscador albus Strain QST 20799	Registration package has been received.	Yes	Registered but not yet for sale in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 16. STATE RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES COMPARED TO METHYL BROMIDE FOR THE SPECIFIC KEY TARGET PESTS AND WEEDS FOR WHICH IT IS BEING REQUESTED

Perennial Crop Nurseries—Performance of Methyl Bromide Alternatives in the Field (Schneider et al, 2004). “Rootknot nematode was found in the roots of plants grown in the untreated plots and in plots treated with MIDAS [iodomethane, 30% and chloropicrin, 70% @ 448 kg/ha drip applied], untarped Telone C35, chloropicrin [224 kg/ha, split application], metam sodium, and Iota [bacterial suspension]. Treatments resulting in nematode infested roots are not acceptable for certified nursery use. The largest plants were in plots treated with methyl bromide or tarped Telone C35”.

Evaluation of Alternatives to Methyl Bromide for Roses (Schneider et al, 2002a; Schneider et al, 2003b). Preliminary data from a study by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA were submitted. Nematodes were sampled in 250 cc soil at the following depths: 0-0.3 meters, 0.3-0.6 meters, 0.6-0.9 meters, 0.9-1.2 meters, and 1.2-1.5 meters. Stunt nematode (*Tylenchorhynchus spp.*) was predominantly found at the site, but populations of root knot nematode (*Meloidogyne spp.*) and stubby root nematode (*Paratrichodorus spp.*) were also present at low levels. The only alternatives that provided control to the lowest depth (1.2 to 1.5 meters) were MeBr and iodomethane drip applications, although these results were not statistically different from many of the other alternatives. The following year, additional data were collected, including weed ratings. MeBr had the best weed rating of all the alternatives. Additional data, including summer/fall nematode and fungal populations in the soil and plant quality at harvest, are yet to be collected. The results are shown in Tables 16.3 and 16.4.

Jackson and Perkins Fumigant Tests, 2003. Preliminary data submitted by Jackson and Perkins Operation, Inc. showed yield losses of 2–8% for metam-sodium (Vapam HL, 701 L/ha), yield losses of 5% for 1,3-D (Telone II, 309 L/ha), and for MeBr (336 kg/ha) yield gains of up to

10% to yield losses of 6% The data submitted gave yields compared to historic yields for numerous rose varieties. The first year results indicated that there was no nematode pressure in the trials. There was no statistical analysis on the results.

Other studies submitted were conducted on orchard and vineyard crops. Some the results are included in the tables below. These studies demonstrate that the alternatives do not provide the same level of nematode control as MeBr to the depth required.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 16.1: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – NEMATODES

KEY PEST: NEMATODES	AVERAGE DISEASE % OR RATING AND YIELDS IN PAST 3~5 YEARS		
METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES	# OF REPLICATIONS	TOTAL # NEMATODES AT A DEPTH ACROSS ALL REPLICATES (The results have been added across the 4 replicates – there is no statistical analysis on these results).	
		DEPTH	# OF NEMATODES
MB + CP (75/25) 535 lb/ac (599 kg/ha), tarped	4	0-1 feet (0-0.3 meters) 1-2 feet (0.3-0.6 meters) 2-3 feet (0.6-0.9 meters) 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 meters) 4-5 feet (1.2-1.5 meters)	0 0 0 2 15
Dual application Telone C-35 @ 65 gpa (608 L/ha) or approx. 650 lb/acre (728 kg/ha)	4	0-1 feet (0-0.3 meters) 1-2 feet (0.3-0.6 meters) 2-3 feet (0.6-0.9 meters) 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 meters) 4-5 feet (1.2-1.5 meters)	2 1 0 2 47
1,3-D (330 lb/ac (370 kg/ha)) then metam sodium drench (110 lb/ac (123 kg/ha))	4	0-1 feet (0-0.3 meters) 1-2 feet (0.3-0.6 meters) 2-3 feet (0.6-0.9 meters) 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 meters) 4-5 feet (1.2-1.5 meters)	5 0 1 40 103
1,3-D (330 lb/ac (370 kg/ha)) then Basamid drench (200 lb/ac (224 kg/ha))	4	0-1 feet (0-0.3 meters) 1-2 feet (0.3-0.6 meters) 2-3 feet (0.6-0.9 meters) 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 meters) 4-5 feet (1.2-1.5 meters)	0 0 0 2 16
Non-treated check	4	0-1 feet (0-0.3 meters) 1-2 feet (0.3-0.6 meters) 2-3 feet (0.6-0.9 meters) 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2 meters) 4-5 feet (1.2-1.5 meters)	98 455 416 836 216

McKenry, 2000 (this study was conducted on tree nurseries).

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 16.2: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – PHYTOPHTHORA

KEY PEST: PHYTOPHTHORA CITRICOLA	AVERAGE DISEASE % OR RATING AND YIELDS IN PAST 3~5 YEARS		
METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES	# OF REPLICATIONS	TOTAL NUMBER OF COLONIES FORMED OUT OF 10 INOCULUM PIECES PLATED AT CERTAIN DEPTHS ACROSS ALL REPLICATES (<i>max # is 40 – 4 reps x10 pieces. No statistical analysis on these results</i>)	
		DEPTH	# OF COLONIES
MB + CP (75/25) 535 lb/ac (599 kg/ha), tarped	4	0.5 feet (0.2 meters) 2.0 feet (0.6 meters) 4.0 feet (1.2 meters)	0 10 40
Dual application Telone C-35 @ 65 gpa (608 L/ha) or approx. 650 lb/acre (728 kg/ha)	4	0.5 feet (0.2 meters) 2.0 feet (0.6 meters) 4.0 feet (1.2 meters)	0 0 20
1,3-D (330 lb/ac (370 kg/ha)) then metam sodium drench (110 lb/ac (123 kg/ha))	4	0.5 feet (0.2 meters) 2.0 feet (0.6 meters) 4.0 feet (1.2 meters)	5 20 38
1,3-D (330 lb/ac (370 kg/ha)) then Basamid drench (200 lb/ac (224 kg/ha))	4	0.5 feet (0.2 meters) 2.0 feet (0.6 meters) 4.0 feet (1.2 meters)	0 0 40
Non-treated check	4	0.5 feet (0.2 meters) 2.0 feet (0.6 meters) 4.0 feet (1.2 meters)	37 30 30

McKenry, 2000 (This study was conducted on tree nurseries).

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 16.3: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – STUNT NEMATODE

KEY PEST: STUNT NEMATODE	Disease (% or rating) Mean of 6 replications			
METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES	# OF REPS	0 – 0.3 METERS (0-12 INCHES)	0.6-0.9 METERS (24-36 INCHES)	1.2 – 1.5 METERS (48-60 INCHES)
Untreated	6	1.0 b*	29.8 a	5.8 ab
Methyl bromide – 350 lb/acre (392 kg/ha), tarped – noble plow	6	0.0 b	0.0 b	0.0 c
30% Iodomethane 70% Chloropicrin – 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), tarped – noble plow	6	0.0 b	0.0 b	0.4 bc
Telone C35 – 48 gal/acre (449 L/ha) – noble plow	6	0.0 b	0.9 b	6.2 ab
Telone C35 – 48 gal/acre (449 L/ha); untarped – telone rig	6	0.0 b	0.3 b	3.5 abc
Inline – 50 gal/acre (468 L/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	0.3 b	2.4 abc
Telone EC – 35 gal/acre (327 L/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	0.9 b	6.9 ab
Chloropicrin – 200 lb/acre (224 kg/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	3.0 b	13.3 a
Chloropicrin – 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	1.4 b	4.8 abc
Chloropicrin – 200 + 200 lb/acre (224 + 224 kg/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	0.0 b	4.2 abc
30% Iodomethane 70% - 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), drip	6	0.0 b	0.0 b	0.0 c
50% Iodomethane 50% Chloropicrin – 300 lb/acre (336 kg/ha), drip	6	0.2 b	0.0 b	0.0c
Metam sodium – 75 gal/acre (701 L/ha) (42% a.i.), drip	6	0.2 b	0.0 b	10.0 a
Iota (a bacterial suspension from FUSION 360, Turlock, CA)	6	5.5 a	47.8 a	7.9 ab

Schneider et al, 2002b

* Statistical analysis conducted on log transformed (ln (n+1)) data. Data presented are the antilogs of the means. Stunt Nematode Populations per 250cc soil sampled at planting in a commercial rose trial. Results at other depths (12-24 inches (0.3-0.6 meters) and 36-48 inches (0.9-1.2 meters) are also available in the study.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE 16.4: EFFECTIVENESS OF ALTERNATIVES – ROOT KNOT NEMATODE

KEY PEST: ROOT KNOT NEMATODE	ROOT KNOT NEMTAODE POPULATIONS PER 100 CC SOIL SAMPLED AT PLANTING IN A COMMERCIAL ROSE TRIAL MARCH 2003		
METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES	# OF REPS	DISEASE (% OR RATING) # OF NEMATODES (SOIL SAMPLED TO A DEPTH OF 0.6 METERS (24 INCHES))	
		MEAN	RANGE
Untreated	6	18.0 a	0-805
Methyl bromide – 350 lb/acre (392 kg/ha), tarped – noble plow	6	0 c	0-0
30% Iodomethane 70% Chloropicrin – 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), tarped – noble plow	6	0 c	0-0
Telone C35 – 48 gal/acre (449 L/ha) – noble plow	6	0.8 bc	0-32
Telone C35 – 48 gal/acre (449 L/ha); untarped – telone rig	6	6.4 ab	0-354
Inline – 50 gal/acre (468 L/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
Telone EC – 35 gal/acre (327 L/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
Chloropicrin – 200 lb/acre (224 kg/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
Chloropicrin – 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
Chloropicrin – 200 + 200 lb/acre (224 + 224 kg/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
30% Iodomethane 70% - 400 lb/acre (448 kg/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
50% Iodomethane 50% Chloropicrin – 300 lb/acre (336 kg/ha), drip	6	0 c	0-0
Metam sodium – 75 gal/acre (701 L/ha) (42% a.i.), drip	6	0.5 bc	0-12
Iota (a bacterial suspension from FUSION 360, Turlock, CA)	6	10.8 a	0-213

Schneider et al, 2003b

Statistical analyses conducted on log transformed (log (n+1)) data. Data presented are antilogs of the means, as well as the range of values. Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at the $P=0.05$ level.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES – TABLE C.1: ALTERNATIVES YIELD LOSS DATA SUMMARY

ALTERNATIVE	LIST TYPE OF PEST	RANGE OF YIELD LOSS	BEST ESTIMATE OF YIELD LOSS
See paragraph below.	Nematodes	Not applicable	Not applicable
OVERALL LOSS ESTIMATE FOR ALL ALTERNATIVES TO PESTS			Not applicable; certification issues

Although yield and quality losses may occur due to key pests, the studies for nursery roses are ongoing. Because these studies are in progress and the crop is perennial, yield losses have not been determined. However, the crop must meet certification requirements or the stock will not be accepted. The pests must be controlled or the growers will not be able to sell their product.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 17. ARE THERE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES UNDER DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO REPLACE METHYL BROMIDE?

The industry is developing technologies to improve efficacy of alternatives such as deep injection methods, soil moisture management by improving drip technologies, experience with virtually impermeable films to increase efficacy and decrease emissions. Between 2001 and 2003, \$60,000 was devoted to nursery rose alternatives research at USDA and on farm research. A rose nursery trial (Schneider et al., 2004) conducted for two years resulted in rootknot nematode control comparable to MeBr with use of tarped Telone C35. However, soil moisture and township caps will limit use of 1,3-D, and cost of tarping can significantly increase prices of nursery stock.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - 18. ARE THERE TECHNOLOGIES BEING USED TO PRODUCE THE CROP WHICH AVOID THE NEED FOR METHYL BROMIDE?:

1,3-D may be an acceptable alternative to MeBr where restrictions do not apply. However, nurseries unable to use 1,3-D will have a critical need for MeBr in 2008. Some growers are able to control pests thus avoiding crops and weeds that are hosts to nematodes. However, re-infestation is always a threat through contaminated irrigation water, runoff water, or weeds. In addition, the income from the rotational crops, often cereal crops, is about a third of that received for roses.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY

Although 1,3-D with chloropicrin has been demonstrated as an effective alternative in some situations, it is not available for use in all nurseries. In soils with moisture levels above 12%, 1,3-D does not provide control of nematodes. In addition, 1,3-D does not control *Verticillium dahliae*, *Pythium* spp., or weeds. There are regulatory limitations to the use of 1,3-D, yet growers must meet certification requirements. Township caps may limit the availability of this alternative to growers, especially since nursery roses are primarily produced in two townships, where other crops that use 1,3-D are also grown. Other alternatives, such as metam sodium and dazomet do not provide consistent control of target pests to a depth of 1.5 meters.

PART D: EMISSION CONTROL

19. TECHNIQUES THAT HAVE AND WILL BE USED TO MINIMIZE METHYL BROMIDE USE AND EMISSIONS IN THE PARTICULAR USE

TABLE 19.1: TECHNIQUES TO MINIMIZE METHYL BROMIDE USE AND EMISSIONS

TECHNIQUE OR STEP TAKEN	VIF OR HIGH BARRIER FILMS	METHYL BROMIDE DOSAGE REDUCTION	INCREASED % CHLOROPICRIN IN METHYL BROMIDE FORMULATION	LESS FREQUENT APPLICATION
WHAT USE/EMISSION REDUCTION METHODS ARE PRESENTLY ADOPTED?	Currently some growers use HDPE tarps. VIF might be a feasible means of reducing emissions if physical properties of VIF can be improved, especially the ability to successfully and consistently roll the film over beds without breakage and ability to glue the material. There are restrictions for use of VIF in California.	Most nurseries have reduced MeBr amounts to lower rate formulations. Between 1997 and 2001, the U.S. has achieved a 36% reduction in use rates.	From 2% to 33% or 25% (for some nurseries)	No
WHAT FURTHER USE/EMISSION REDUCTION STEPS WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE METHYL BROMIDE USED FOR CRITICAL USES?	Research is underway to develop use in commercial production systems	Research is underway to develop use of a 50% MeBr formulation where pest pressure allows.	Research is underway to develop use of a 50% MeBr formulation where pest pressure allows.	Not likely
OTHER MEASURES (please describe)	Unidentified	Unidentified	Unidentified	Fumigation once every 2 – 3 years

20. IF METHYL BROMIDE EMISSION REDUCTION TECHNIQUES ARE NOT BEING USED, OR ARE NOT PLANNED FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE NOMINATION, STATE REASONS

Technologies to reduce emissions are being addressed by this sector. For example, VIF, use of advanced delivery techniques, such as deep injection, to make alternative chemicals more effective at deeper soil levels, and reduction in use rate of MeBr to 50:50. While new mixtures and formulations can be effective at controlling target pests, especially at low pest pressure, the long-term efficacy of these mixtures is unknown, especially where pest-free standards are in force.

PART E: ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

21. COSTS OF ALTERNATIVES COMPARED TO METHYL BROMIDE OVER 3-YEAR PERIOD

TABLE 21.1: COSTS OF ALTERNATIVES COMPARED TO METHYL BROMIDE OVER 3-YEAR PERIOD

This table is not included since none of the alternatives are feasible. See Summary of Economic Feasibility below.

22. GROSS AND NET REVENUE

TABLE 22.1: YEAR 1 GROSS AND NET REVENUE

TABLE 22.2: YEAR 2 GROSS AND NET REVENUE

TABLE 22.3: YEAR 3 GROSS AND NET REVENUE

These tables are not included since none of the alternatives are feasible. See Summary of Economic Feasibility below.

MEASURES OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF METHYL BROMIDE ALTERNATIVES

- TABLE E.1: WESTERN RASPBERRY NURSERIES ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF METHYL BROMIDE ALTERNATIVES

TABLE E.2: CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT & NUT TREE GROWERS - ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF METHYL BROMIDE ALTERNATIVES

TABLE E.3: CALIFORNIA NURSERY ROSES - ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF METHYL BROMIDE ALTERNATIVES

These tables are not included since none of the alternatives are feasible. See Summary of Economic Feasibility below.

SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY

An economic analysis was not done because most of the losses cannot be quantified since there are no data to substantiate the magnitude of these losses.

Certification requirements. The requested amount of MeBr in the U.S. nomination includes those areas where 1,3-D would not meet the certification requirements or would be limited by township caps. Under California regulatory laws, nursery crops must be “free of especially injurious pests and disease symptoms” in order to qualify for a CDFA Nursery Stock Certificate for Interstate and Intrastate Shipments (CDFA, 2001). If an approved fumigation is not used in the nursery, a nematode sampling procedure is imposed by CDFA, and if nematodes are found all nursery stock in an area should be destroyed resulting in a complete loss. MeBr meets the certification guidelines. Also, in certain soil conditions, 1,3-D meets certification guidelines; California township caps may limit the use of 1,3-D.

If nematodes are found and the nursery stock is not “free of especially injurious pests and disease symptoms”, then a total loss is likely because the nursery stock:

- Would not qualify for a CDFA Nursery Stock Certificate for Interstate and Intrastate Shipments,
- Would probably not be marketable, since resale for planting is severely restricted by the CDFA.
- Should be destroyed to prevent further infestation.

Yield loss. It is likely that yield losses would also occur where soil conditions are not ideal, but little data are available. The yield loss could be 100% if the nursery stock cannot be certified as pest-free.

Reduced pesticide use. An effective fumigation results in a growth response that allows an initial growth spurt. This growth response helps maintain a healthy plant, which is able to better handle the stress induced by pathogens and pests. A healthier plant consequently requires a fewer number of pesticide sprays during the season.

Beyond the nursery. Healthier plants and trees provide benefits beyond the nursery in terms of higher yields of fruit and nuts and reduced infestations. One hectare of nursery stock provides these benefits to many hectares producing fruits and nuts.

PART F. FUTURE PLANS

23. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO RAPIDLY DEVELOP AND DEPLOY ALTERNATIVES FOR THIS CROP?

There is ongoing development of technologies to improve efficacy of alternatives, such as deep injection methods, soil moisture management by improving drip technologies, experience with VIF to increase efficacy and decrease emissions, all while allowing reasonable cost effectiveness. Even where MeBr is considered critical, an improvement in efficient delivery techniques will result in reduction of MeBr use requirements and application rates. For roses, future research is planned for nematodes, *Pythium* and weeds. For 2001-2003, \$60,000 was devoted to alternatives research at USDA and on farm research. Raspberry nurseries have spent \$100,000 on research, including \$20,000 on screening resistance for *Phytophthora* and *Verticillium*, and over \$60,000 over the last decade studying various alternatives in the large Watsonville, California area. Between 1999 and 2000, the California fruit, vine, and nut industries have spent \$378,467 on numerous research projects. From 2002-2003, \$262,002 were granted to researchers by this industry. In addition, an equal amount of funding has been granted to these industries by government and universities. The amount of MeBr requested for research purposes is considered critical for the development of effective alternatives. Without MeBr for use as a standard treatment, the research studies can not address the comparative performance of alternatives.

24. ARE THERE PLANS TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF METHYL BROMIDE FOR THE CRITICAL USE IN THE FUTURE?

As stated in Section 23, minimizing use of MeBr can be achieved through the development of technologies to improve efficacy of alternatives. Plans to develop VIF, deep injection, 1,3-D efficacy, and reduction of MeBr use rates are all ongoing. Transferring these technologies to field situations requires additional time. These consortia are developing timelines for this transition. However, for 2008, MeBr will be critical for nurseries unable to use effective alternatives.

25. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE NOMINATION?

This critical use exemption nomination has been reviewed by the U.S. government and meets the guidelines of The *Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer*. The nomination for MeBr is for nurseries that are unable to use effective alternatives to MeBr to attain certification for nursery plant material. For raspberry, rose, and deciduous tree nurseries that can not use 1,3-D due to legal restrictions or physical limitations, MeBr use will be critical for the 2008 use season. The loss of MeBr under these circumstances would result in a significant market disruption.

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APPENDIX A. 2008 Methyl Bromide Usage Newer Numerical Index (BUNNI).

2008 Methyl Bromide Usage Newer Numerical Index - BUNNIE					Fruit, Nut, & Flower Nursery
January 24, 2006	Region	Western Raspberry Nursery	CA Rose Growers	CA Fruit and Nut Tree Growers	Sector Total or Average
Dichotomous Variables	Strip or Bed Treatment?	No	No	No	
	Currently Use Alternatives?	No	No	Yes	
	Tarps / Deep Injection Used?	Tarp	Tarp	Tarp	
	Pest-free Cert Requirements?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Other Issues	Frequency of Treatment (x/ yr)	N/A	1x/ 4 years	1x/ 3 years	
	QPS Removed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Most Likely Combined Impacts (%)	Karst -1,3-D Limitation (%)	0%	0%	0%	
	100 ft Buffer Zones (%)	0%	0%	0%	
	Key Pest Distribution (%)	100%	100%	100%	
	Regulatory Issues (%)	0%	28%	17%	
	Unsuitable Terrain (%)	0%	0%	0%	
	Cold Soil Temperature (%)	0%	0%	0%	
	Total Combined Impacts (%)	100%	100%	100%	
Most Likely Baseline Transition	(%) Able to Transition	0%	0%	0%	
	Minimum # of Years Required	0	0	0	
EPA Adjusted Use Rate (kg/ha)		254	295	319	
EPA Adjusted Strip Dosage Rate (g/m2)		25	30	32	
2008 Requested Usage	Amount - Pounds	82,075	4,405	24,888	111,368
	Area - Acres	350	16	87	453
	Rate (lb/A)	234.50	275.31	286.07	246
	Amount - Kilograms	37,229	1,998	11,289	50,516
	Treated Area - Hectares	142	6	35	183
	Rate (kg/ha)	263	309	321	276
EPA Preliminary Value		37,229	1,998	11,289	50,516
EPA Baseline Adjusted Value has been adjusted for:		MBOC Adjustments, QPS, Double Counting, Growth, Use Rate/Strip Treatment, Miscellaneous, and Combined Impacts			
EPA Baseline Adjusted Value		36,309	1,998	11,289	49,596
EPA Transition Amount		-	-	-	-
Most Likely Impact Value (kgs)		36,309	1,998	11,289	49,596
		ha	7	35	185
		Rate	254	295	268
Sector Research Amount (kgs)		1,506	2008 Total US Sector Nomination		51,102

1 Pound = 0.453592 kgs 1 Acre = 0.404686 ha

Footnotes for Appendix A:

Values may not sum exactly due to rounding.

- Dichotomous Variables** – dichotomous variables are those which take one of two values, for example, 0 or 1, yes or no. These variables were used to categorize the uses during the preparation of the nomination.
- Strip Bed Treatment** – Strip bed treatment is ‘yes’ if the applicant uses such treatment, no otherwise.
- Currently Use Alternatives** – Currently use alternatives is ‘yes’ if the applicant uses alternatives for some portion of pesticide use on the crop for which an application to use methyl bromide is made.
- Tarps/ Deep Injection Used** – Because all pre-plant methyl bromide use in the US is either with tarps or by deep injection, this variable takes on the value ‘tarp’ when tarps are used and ‘deep’ when deep injection is used.
- Pest-free cert. Required** - This variable is a ‘yes’ when the product must be certified as ‘pest-free’ in order to be sold
- Other Issues** - Other issues is a short reminder of other elements of an application that were checked

7. **Frequency of Treatment** – This indicates how often methyl bromide is applied in the sector. Frequency varies from multiple times per year to once in several decades.
8. **Quarantine and Pre-Shipment Removed?** – This indicates whether the Quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) hectares subject to QPS treatments were removed from the nomination.
9. **Most Likely Combined Impacts (%)** – Adjustments to requested amounts were factors that reduced to total amount of methyl bromide requested by factoring in the specific situations were the applicant could use alternatives to methyl bromide. These are calculated as proportions of the total request. We have tried to make the adjustment to the requested amounts in the most appropriate category when the adjustment could fall into more than one category.
10. **(%) Karst geology** – Percent karst geology is the proportion of the land area in a nomination that is characterized by karst formations. In these areas, the groundwater can easily become contaminated by pesticides or their residues. Regulations are often in place to control the use of pesticide of concern. Dade County, Florida, has a ban on the use of 1,3D due to its karst geology.
11. **(%) 100 ft Buffer Zones** – Percentage of the acreage of a field where certain alternatives to methyl bromide cannot be used due the requirement that a 100 foot buffer be maintained between the application site and any inhabited structure.
12. **(%) Key Pest Impacts** - Percent (%) of the requested area with moderate to severe pest problems. Key pests are those that are not adequately controlled by MB alternatives. For example, the key pest in Michigan peppers, *Phytophthora* spp. infests approximately 30% of the vegetable growing area. In southern states the key pest in peppers is nutsedge.
13. **Regulatory Issues (%)** - Regulatory issues (%) is the percent (%) of the requested area where alternatives cannot be legally used (e.g., township caps) pursuant to state and local limits on their use.
14. **Unsuitable Terrain (%)** – Unsuitable terrain (%) is the percent (%) of the requested area where alternatives cannot be used due to soil type (e.g., heavy clay soils may not show adequate performance) or terrain configuration, such as hilly terrain. Where the use of alternatives poses application and coverage problems.
15. **Cold Soil Temperatures** – Cold soil temperatures is the proportion of the requested acreage where soil temperatures remain too low to enable the use of methyl bromide alternatives and still have sufficient time to produce the normal (one or two) number of crops per season or to allow harvest sufficiently early to obtain the high prices prevailing in the local market at the beginning of the season.
16. **Total Combined Impacts (%)** - Total combined impacts are the percent (%) of the requested area where alternatives cannot be used due to key pest, regulatory, soil impacts, temperature, etc. In each case the total area impacted is the conjoined area that is impacted by any individual impact. The effects were assumed to be independently distributed unless contrary evidence was available (e.g., affects are known to be mutually exclusive). For example, if 50% of the requested area had moderate to severe key pest pressure and 50% of the requested area had karst geology, then 75% of the area was assumed to require methyl bromide rather than the alternative. This was calculated as follows: 50% affected by key pests and an additional 25% (50% of 50%) affected by karst geology.
17. **Most Likely Baseline Transition** – Most Likely Baseline Transition amount was determined by the DELPHI process and was calculated by determining the maximum share of industry that can transition to existing alternatives.
18. **(%) Able to Transition** – Maximum share of industry that can transition
19. **Minimum # of Years Required** – The minimum number of years required to achieve maximum transition.
20. **(%) Able to Transition per Year** – The Percent Able to Transition per Year is the percent able to transition divided by the number of years to achieve maximum transition.
21. **EPA Adjusted Use Rate** - Use rate is the lower of requested use rate for 2008 or the historic average use rate or is determined by MBTOC recommended use rate reductions.
22. **EPA Adjusted Strip Dosage Rate** – The dosage rate is the use rate within the strips for strip / bed fumigation.
23. **2008 Amount of Request** – The 2008 amount of request is the actual amount requested by applicants given in total pounds active ingredient of methyl bromide, total acres of methyl bromide use, and application rate in pounds active ingredient of methyl bromide per acre. U.S. units of measure were used to describe the initial request and then were converted to metric units to calculate the amount of the US nomination.
24. **EPA Preliminary Value** – The EPA Preliminary Value is the lowest of the requested amount from 2005 through 2008 with MBTOC accepted adjustments (where necessary) included in the preliminary value.
25. **EPA Baseline Adjusted Value** – The EPA Baseline Adjusted Value has been adjusted for MBTOC adjustments, QPS, Double Counting, Growth, Use Rate/ Strip Treatment, Miscellaneous adjustments, MBTOC recommended Low Permeability Film Transition adjustment, and Combined Impacts.

26. **EPA Transition Amount** – The EPA Transition Amount is calculated by removing previous transition amounts since transition was introduced in 2007 and removing the amount of the percent (%) Able to Transition per Year multiplied by the EPA Baseline Adjusted Value.
27. **Most Likely Impact Value** – The qualified amount of the initial request after all adjustments have been made given in total kilograms of nomination, total hectares of nomination, and final use rate of nomination.
28. **Sector Research Amount** – The total U.S. amount of methyl bromide needed for research purposes in each sector.
29. **Total US Sector Nomination** - Total U.S. sector nomination is the most likely estimate of the amount needed in that sector.