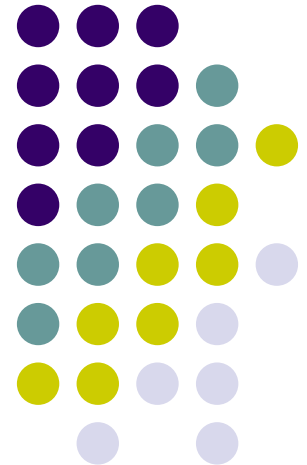


National Management Strategy: Perspective From One Pre Plant Fumigation Community

International Research Conference on Methyl
Bromide Alternatives and Emissions Reduction

Orlando, Florida

Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2004



Concerns



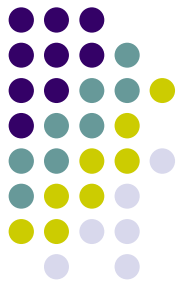
- National Management Strategy has to be based on an understanding of the situation at the site-specific level.
- The foundation of any “officially sanctioned” document has to be based on the best available information – both scientific and production related.
- Potential impact of a NMS does not provide a safety net and process for systematic review.
- NMS has to provide a mechanism for input and review by the research community whose work provided the foundation of assumptions in the document.

Strategic Goals



- Avoid increase in methyl bromide consumption.
- Enhancement of adoption of alternatives.
- Adoption of emissions reduction technology.

Florida Process



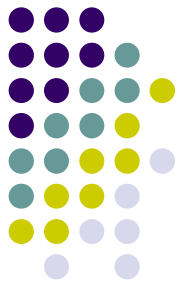
- Publication of ExMOP I/4 initiated planning process
- FFVREF, in cooperation with Florida Tomato Committee, hosted “Methyl Bromide Research Summit”, June 1-3, 2004

Methyl Bromide Research Summit



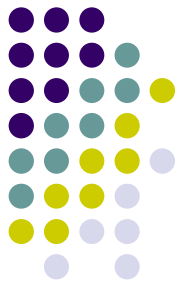
- Brought together active researchers in Florida for the crops FFVA submitted CUE petitions; Tomato, Strawberry, Pepper & Eggplant

Goals of Summit



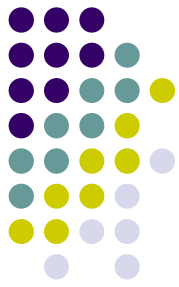
- Identify current “Best Available Alternatives” on crop-by-crop basis.
- Start process to identify relevant components of a NMS from a Florida perspective.
- Determine critical research needs to provide deliverables in support of phase down of methyl bromide beyond currently approved CUE levels.
- Start process to develop a framework for a Florida implementation and outreach plan for any phase out timelines contained in a NMS.

Phases of Process



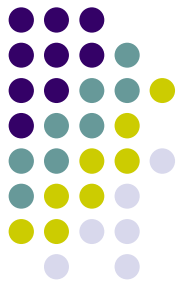
- Issue Identification
- Information Needs
- Standardization of Information Formats
- Set Schedule to Accomplish Florida Specific input by Late Spring 2005

Issues



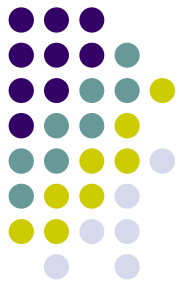
- Methyl Bromide Emissions Reduction
- Identified Potential Chemical Alternatives
 - Alternative Fumigants
 - Non Fumigant Nematicides
 - Herbicides
- Methyl Bromide Minimization Strategies
 - Amendments
 - Physical
 - Cultural
- Alternative Deployment Strategies

Standard Information Development Worksheet



- Research Status
- Commodities Impacted
- Active Research Projects
- Impediments to Adoption
 - Regulatory
 - Commercial
 - Production
- Research Needed
- Projected Timeline to Adoption
- Deployment Resources Needed

Where We Are



- Initial Meeting Information Summarized
- Meeting Scheduled for September 9th
Cancelled as a result of Hurricanes
- Next meeting probably in early January