**Evaluation of Methyl Bromide Alternatives for Strawberry in Florida and Spain**

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Field trials were conducted in two locations in Huelva, Spain, and one in Florida, USA, to determine the effect of selected methyl bromide (MBr) alternatives on strawberry yield. As shown in Table 1, common treatments in both locations were: a) non-treated control, b) MBr + chloropicrin (Pic), c) 1,3-dichloropropene + Pic (Telone C-35, Telopic), d) Pic, e) dimethyl disulfide (DMDS) + Pic, and f) propylene oxide (Propozone). Dazomet (Basamid) was only tested in both Spaniard locations, whereas the combination of methyl iodide (MI) + Pic was used in Florida.

Table 1. Influence of methyl bromide (MBr) alternatives on strawberry yields. Huelva, Spain and Florida, USA. 2004-05.

| Treatment | Rate (kg/ha of treated area) | Method of application | Mulch Type | Marketable yield (t/ha)* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Huelva, Spain** | | | | |
| Control | 0 | --- | Black LDPE | 46.6 c |
| MBr + Pic (50/50) | 400 | 4 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 66.5 a |
| Basamid | 400 | Rototilled | Black VIF | 60.2 b |
| Telopic | 300 | 4 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 70.2 a |
| Pic | 300 | 4 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 68.8 a |
| DMDS + Pic | 250 + 250 | 4 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 71.5 a |
| Propozone | 550 | 4 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 59.9 b |
| **Florida, USA** | | | | |
| Control | 0 | --- | Black LDPE | 9.2 c |
| MBr + Pic (67/33) | 400 | 3 chisels in bed | Black LDPE | 12.0 bc |
| MBr + Pic (67/33) | 310 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 17.1 a |
| Telone C-35 | 300 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 16.3 a |
| MI + Pic (50/50) | 230 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 10.9 c |
| Pic | 300 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 14.7 ab |
| DMDS + Pic | 250 + 250 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 15.4 a |
| Propozone | 500 | 3 chisels in bed | Black VIF | 16.6 a |

*Treatments followed by the same letter do not differ at the 5% significance level, based on Fisher's protected LSD test.

The results showed that Telone C-35 (Telopic), DMDS + Pic, and Pic consistently had similar marketable yields as MBr + Pic. Similar results were found in Florida, USA, with the exception of propylene oxide, which had equal marketable fruit weight as MBr + Pic.