

# Things to consider when choosing a pre-plant management strategy for soilborne pathogen and nematode management in raspberry

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## Pros and cons of pre-plant fumigant management options in raspberry.

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| <b>Telone C-35 (34.7% chloropicrin:63.4% 1,3-dichloropropene)</b> |   |  |
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|   | <b>Pro</b>  | <b>Con</b>   |
| Broadcast application without a tarp                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What raspberry growers are familiar with</li> <li>• Mixture favors nematode control over root rot (<i>Phytophthora rubi</i>) control</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> <li>• In some soils with high sand content, limited efficacy at shallow soil depths</li> <li>• Mixture favors nematode (<i>Pratylenchus penetrans</i> and <i>Xiphinema</i> spp.) control over root rot control</li> <li>• Larger buffer zones</li> </ul> |
| Broadcast application with a tarp                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tarping improves efficacy at shallow soil depths</li> <li>• Mixture favors nematode control over root rot control</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> <li>• Mixture favors nematode control over root rot control</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul>   |
| Bed application without a tarp                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Mixture favors nematode control over root rot control</li> <li>• Leaving alleyways untreated has not been demonstrated to be an issue for nematode control</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixture favors nematode control over root rot control</li> <li>• Leaving alleyways untreated may be an issue for root rot control</li> </ul>  |
| Bed application with a tarp                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tarping improves fumigant efficacy</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Pic-Clor 60 (59.6% chloropicrin:39% 1,3-dichloropropene)</b> |   |  |
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|   | <b>Pro</b>  | <b>Con</b>   |
| Broadcast application without a tarp                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Mixture favors root rot control over nematode control</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixture favors root rot control over nematode control</li> <li>• In some soils, limited efficacy at shallow soil depths</li> <li>• Larger buffer zones</li> </ul> |
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| Bed application with a tarp                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tarping improves fumigant efficacy</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Vapam (sodium methyldithiocarbamate) and K-Pam (potassium N-methyldithiocarbamate)</b> |  |  |
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|   | <b>Pro</b>   | <b>Con</b>   |
| Broadcast application without a tarp  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant (nematodes and root rot)</li> </ul>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• No commercial application equipment available</li> </ul>                                 |
| Broadcast application with a tarp   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Improved efficacy over nontarped application</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• No commercial application available</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul> |
| Bed application without a tarp  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• No commercial application available</li> </ul>   |
| Bed application with a tarp   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Improved efficacy over nontarped application</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• No commercial application available</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul> |
| Drip applied for crop termination   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used effectively in other cropping systems</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not been tested in raspberry</li> </ul>   |

| <b>Basamid (tetrahydro-3,5-dimethyl-2H-1,3,5-thiadiazine-2-thione)</b> |  |   |
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|  | <b>Pro</b>   | <b>Con</b>  |
| Broadcast application without a tarp                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Experience with this product by Canadian raspberry growers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No commercial application available</li> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• Irrigation required</li> </ul>   |
| Broadcast application with a tarp                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Affordable</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Improved efficacy over nontarped application</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No commercial application available</li> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• Irrigation required</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Dominus (allyl isothiocyanate)</b> |   |  |
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|                                       | <b>Pro</b>  | <b>Con</b>   |
| Broadcast application without a tarp  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> </ul>   |
| Broadcast application with a tarp     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> <li>• Tarping improves fumigant efficacy</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• May not target organisms deep in soil profile</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul> |
| Bed application without a tarp        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• Questions regarding mobility in soil</li> </ul>  |
| Bed application with a tarp           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available</li> <li>• Broad-spectrum fumigant</li> <li>• Smaller buffer zones</li> <li>• Tarping improves fumigant efficacy</li> <li>•</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• Tarp is an added up-front cost</li> </ul>                                 |
| Drip applied for crop termination     |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not been tested in raspberry</li> <li>• Expensive</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Inline (33.8% chloropicrin:60.8% 1,3-dichloropropene)</b> |  |  |
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|  | <b>Pro</b>   | <b>Con</b>   |
| Drip applied for crop termination                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Used effectively in other cropping systems</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has not been tested in raspberry</li></ul> |

## Pros and cons of pre-plant nonfumigant management options in raspberry.

|                               | Pro   | Con   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Soil solarization             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective in some systems and climates</li> <li>• No buffer zones</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate in northern WA marginal for this practice</li> <li>• Inconsistent nematode and root rot control across years</li> </ul>  |
| Rotation                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows the land to rest</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If weeds are allowed to grow, many are hosts for root lesion nematode; perennial weeds can also be difficult to control</li> <li>• Most available cover crops are a host to root lesion nematode</li> <li>• Unknown how long land needs to be out of raspberry production for root rot control</li> <li>• Increased herbicide usage</li> <li>• Increased tillage</li> <li>• Land out of raspberry production for an extended period</li> </ul>   |
| Brassica seed meal            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides additional nitrogen to the system</li> <li>• Potential for improved soil health</li> <li>• No buffer zones</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expensive</li> <li>• Not widely available</li> <li>• Nematode control results are inconsistent</li> </ul>  |
| Brassica cover crops          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of organic matter into the soil</li> <li>• Potential for improved soil health</li> <li>• No buffer zones</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many brassica cover crops are hosts for root lesion nematode</li> <li>• Land out of raspberry production for an extended period</li> <li>• Nematode control results are inconsistent</li> <li>• Unknown root rot control</li> <li>• Need to exercise care when purchasing seeds – they need to be treated so that they are not hosts to black leg [<i>Phoma lingam</i> (sexual stage: <i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i>)]</li> <li>• In some areas, need to make sure they don't encroach on isolation distances for brassica seed production</li> </ul> |
| Anaerobic soil disinfestation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some promising results for soil fungal and pathogen management</li> <li>• No buffer zones</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate in northern WA likely too cool and marginal for this practice</li> <li>• Practice requires use of labile carbon source</li> <li>• Inconsistent results</li> </ul>  |
| Post-plant fungicides         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mefenoxam and fosetyl-Al products registered for use on raspberry</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resistance can be a concern if mefenoxam is overused</li> </ul>  |
| Post-plant nematicides        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Label for nonbearing oxamyl available</li> <li>• Several other nematicides registered for use in raspberry</li> </ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy of many of registered nematicides in the raspberry system is unknown</li> </ul>   |

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The logo for the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is set against a light green background. It features a stylized map of the Pacific Northwest region in a darker shade of green. Overlaid on the map is the text "NORTHWEST CENTER FOR" in a bold, dark blue, serif font, and "SMALL FRUITS RESEARCH" in a bold, dark blue, serif font below it.

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