

# Reducing the Use of Methyl Bromide via EUREPGAP: The Private Sector Holistic Approach

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# Background

## Threats:

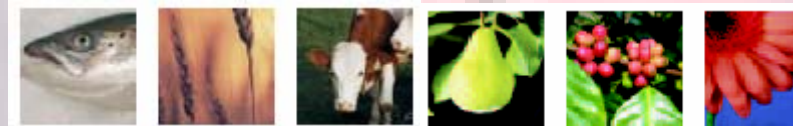
- Food scares (BSE, Dioxin, Ecoli, Salmonella, etc)
- Retailers respond to consumers' demand
- Private Sector Responsibilities
  - safe food that is produced respecting
  - worker health, safety and welfare,
  - environmental and
  - animal welfare issues.

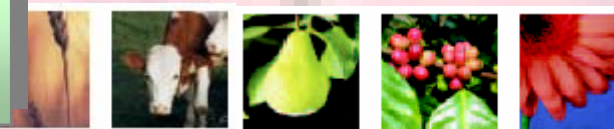
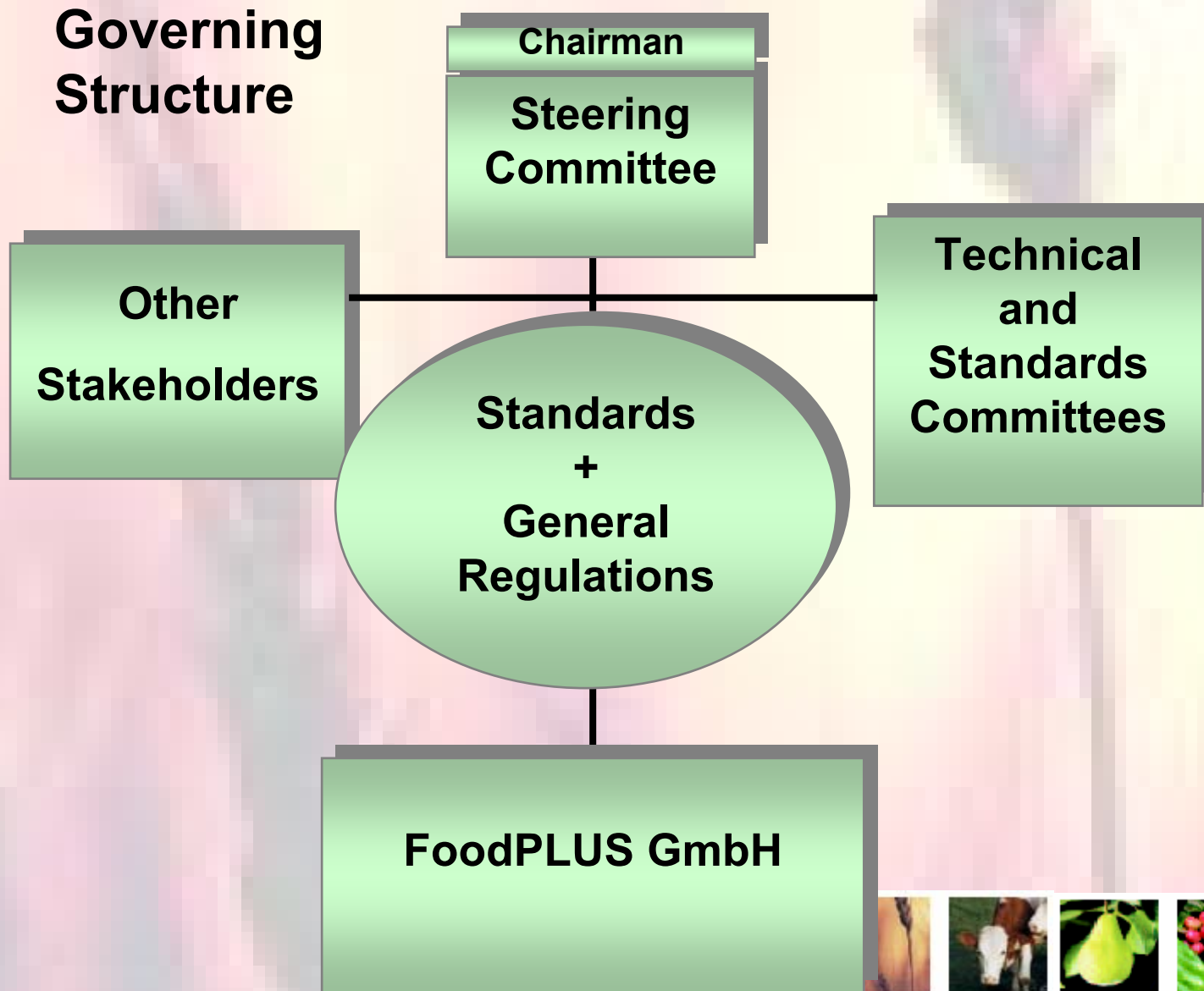
## Original Situation:

- Duplication and inconsistency of audit activities

## Solution was seen:

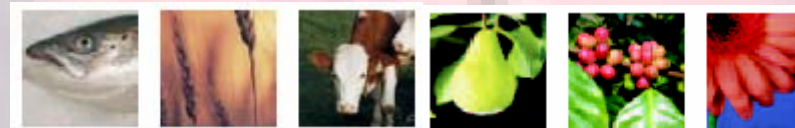
- Harmonise specifications and audit externally





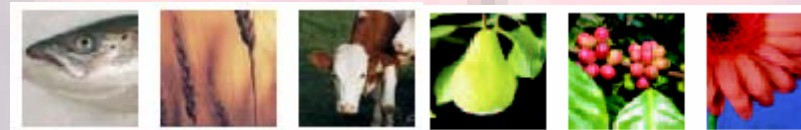
## Available EUREPGAP Reference Standards

- Fruit and Vegetables
- Flowers and Ornamentals
- Integrated Farm Assurance  
(Livestock and Combinable Crops)
- Integrated Aquaculture Assurance  
(Salmonide Species)
- (Green) Coffee



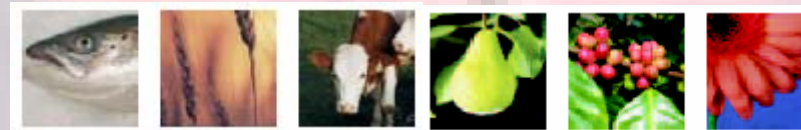
## EUREPGAP Guiding Principles

- GAP and Generic HACCP
- Stakeholder Consultation / Communication
- Holistic Approach to standards
- Integrity of Certification Process
- Open Access for all producers
- Mutual Recognition on a Transparent Basis



## Some Benefits of the worldwide EurepGAP standards are:

- Producers have harmonised rules with less double controls.
- Producers receive and maintain access to global food chains by complying with EurepPGAP.
- Producers can demonstrate their achievement in a transparent way to customers and the public.
- Producers can actively be involved in moving the standard forward, merging practicability and market requirements.

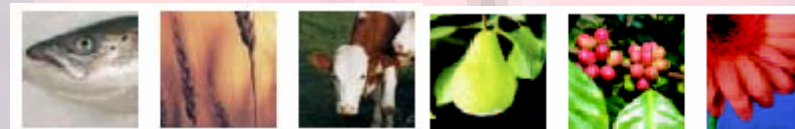
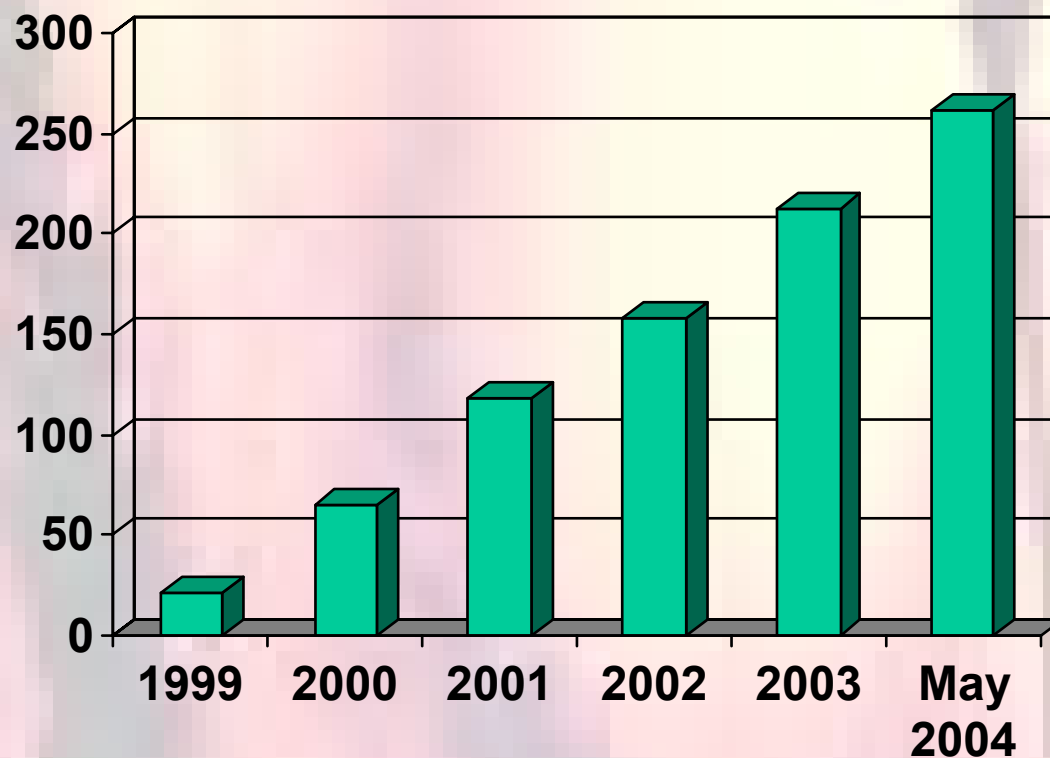


## Some Benefits of the worldwide EurepGAP standards are:

- Retailers can demonstrate towards consumers and public sector their involvement and achievements in meeting their demands ref. the aspects covered, i.e. food safety, environment, worker health and safety and animal welfare.
- All partners of the food chain can reduce costs and increase efficiencies by applying a single standard rather than develop and implement individual solutions.
- The entire sector has free access to the EurepGAP standards and can move forward regardless the direct link to supporting members of EurepGAP.
- Via a transparent benchmarking process, other standards can receive equivalence by EurepGAP, thereby avoiding duplication.



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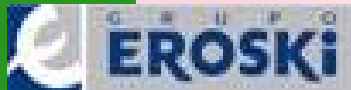
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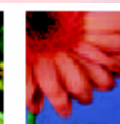
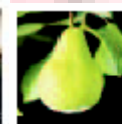
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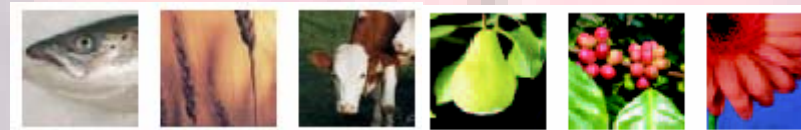
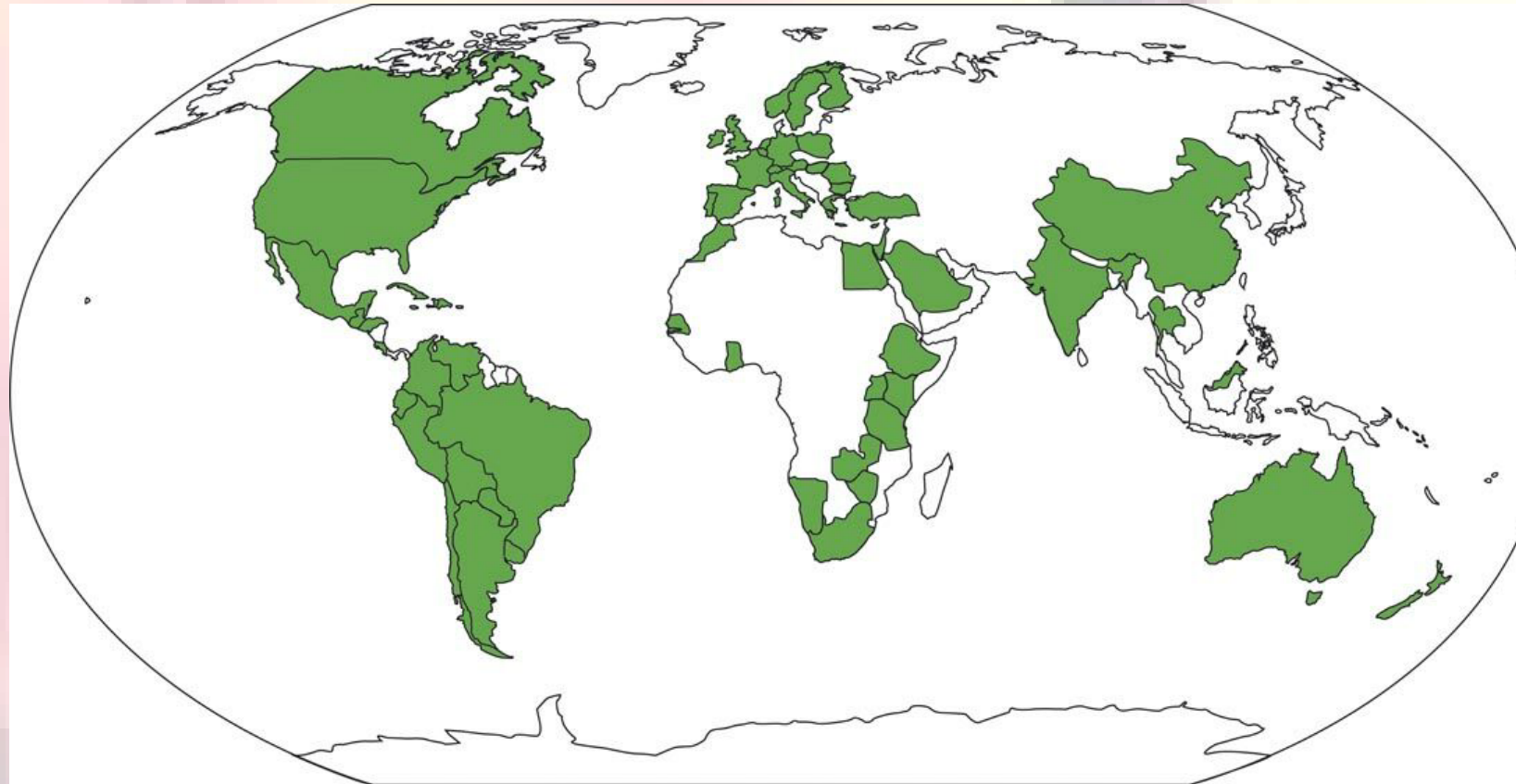


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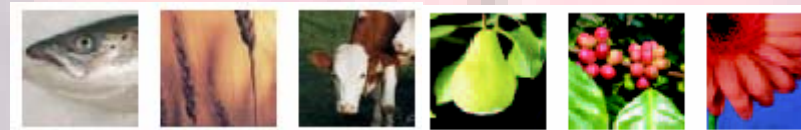
## More than 50 Countries with Certificates



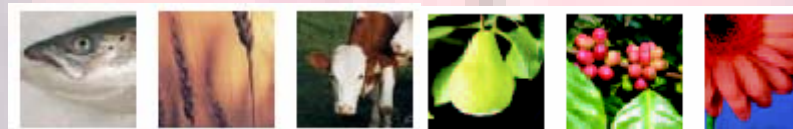
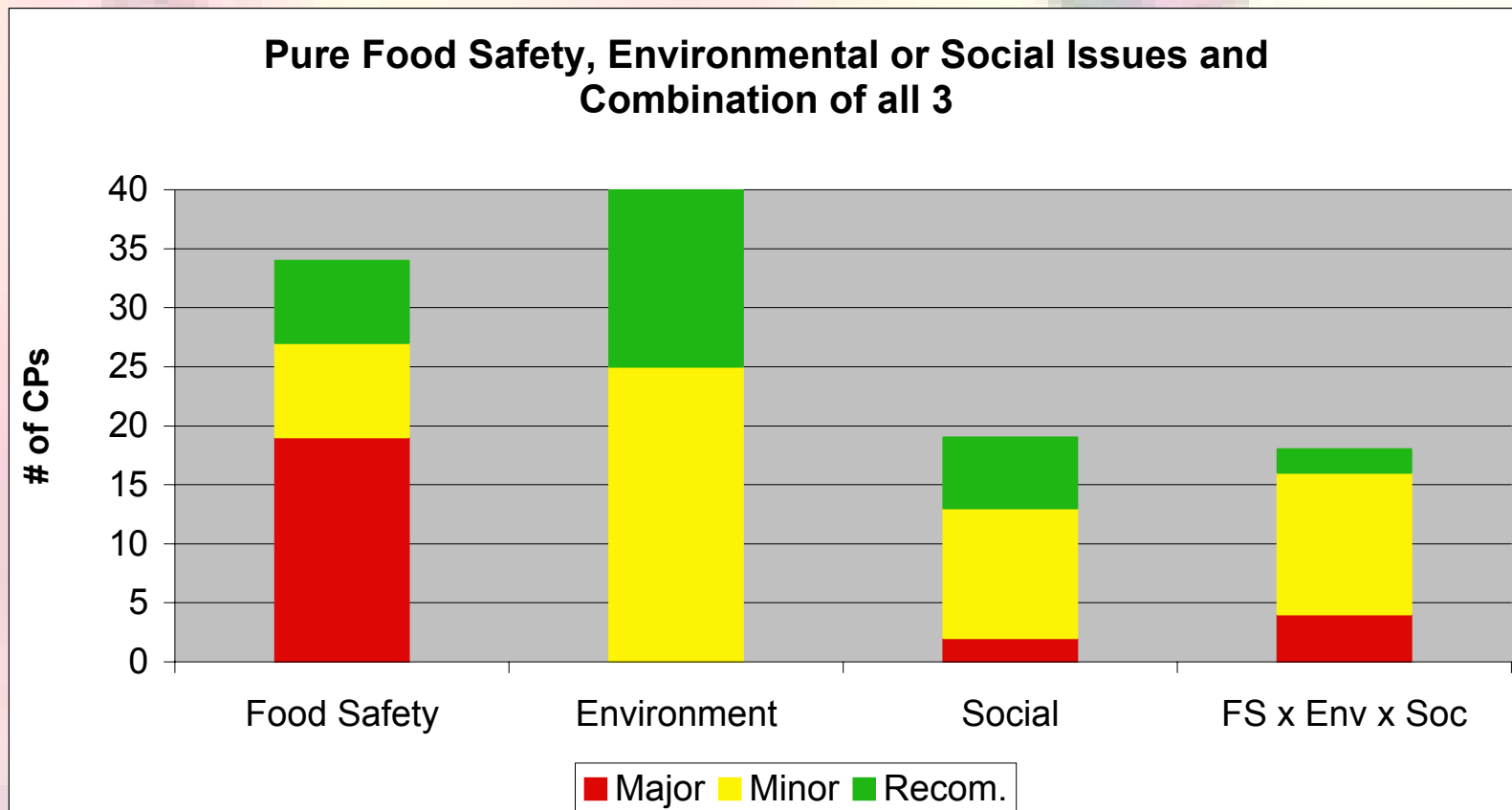
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## Terms of Reference

- ...
- Encourage adoption of commercially viable farm assurance schemes, which encourage the minimization of agro-chemical inputs, within Europe and world-wide
- ...



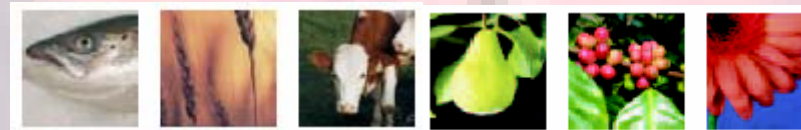
## CONTENT of EUREPGAP Fruit and Veg.



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## Choice for Chemicals for Fruit and Vegetables

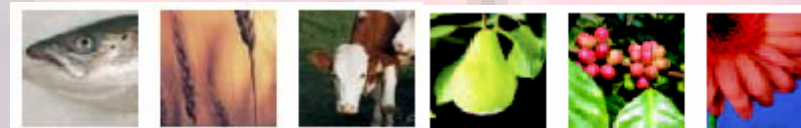
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- Justification and Record Keeping (Minor Must)
- Assessment of alternatives to chemical soil fumigants (Rec.)



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## Soil Fumigants for Fruit and Vegetables

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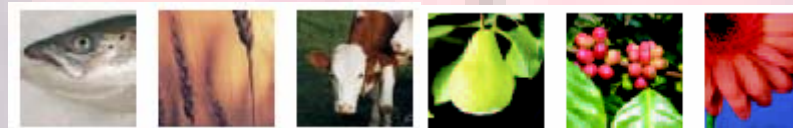




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## Substrates for Fruit and Vegetables

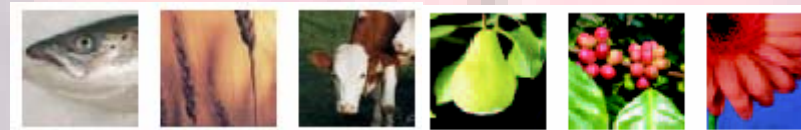
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- Record of Use (Minor Must)
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Choice for Chemicals for Flowers and Ornamentals

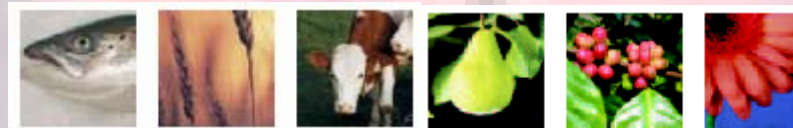
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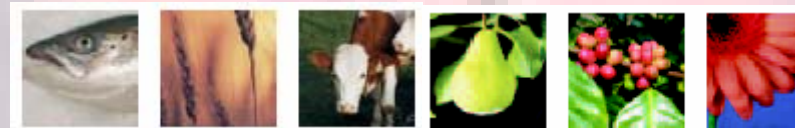
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- Alternatives: Recycling, steaming (Rec.)



# Methyl Bromide and EurepGAP

## Soil Fumigants for Flower and Ornamentals

- Justification and Record Keeping (Req.)
- MB not permitted as of 1 Jan 05 (Req.)
- Assessment of alternatives to chemical soil fumigants (Rec.)



# Products could have a printed on UAID for enable consumer to check the original place of food production



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