

# New Equipment and Improved Formulations of 1,3-Dichloropropene and Chloropicrin

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# The Montreal Protocol

## A Catalyst for Innovation

- Where will “alternatives” come from?
  - Non-chemical, non-fumigant alternatives
  - Cultural changes in production
  - Existing and “New” fumigants
  - Using existing tools more effectively
    - enhanced formulations
    - improved equipment

# Existing and “New” Fumigants

## Existing Fumigants

- Methyl bromide
- 1,3-dichloropropene
- Chloropicrin
- MITC generators

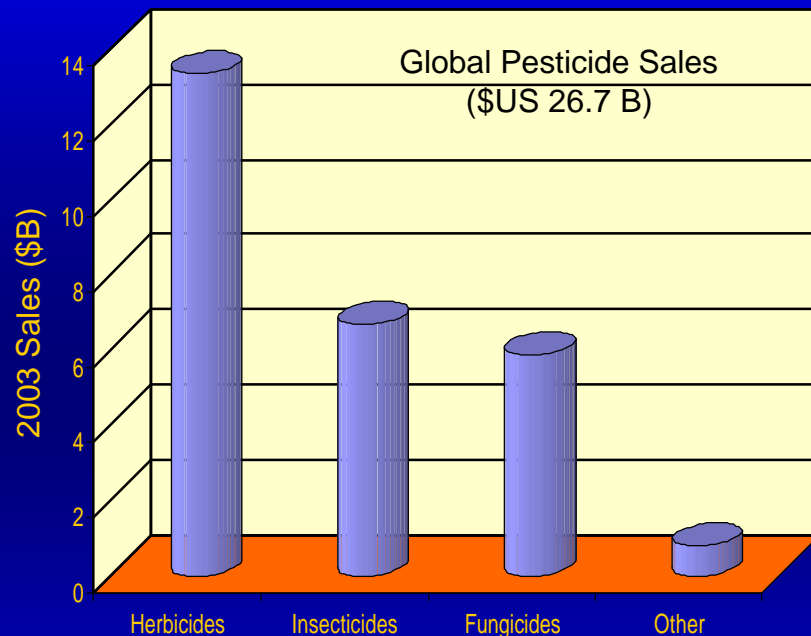
## “New” Fumigants

- Methyl iodide
- Propargyl bromide
- Sodium azide
- Discovery research?

# Discovery Research

## Challenges to the development of new fumigants:

- Economics - limited opportunity
- Regulatory – anachronisms --
- + No residues
- + Extensive registration
- + Robust efficacy
- + Strong stewardship



Source: Phillips McDougall

**Balancing the pros and cons, it makes sense to optimize the value of existing fumigants**

# Optimize the Value of Existing Fumigants

1. Enhanced Formulations
2. Improved Application Methods
3. New Application Equipment

# Enhanced Formulations

- The goal of formulation enhancement is to increase the value of the product to the customer
  1. Improve product performance
    - efficacy
    - pest spectrum
  2. Improve product utility
    - easier to use
    - application flexibility
    - lower use rate

# Enhanced Formulations

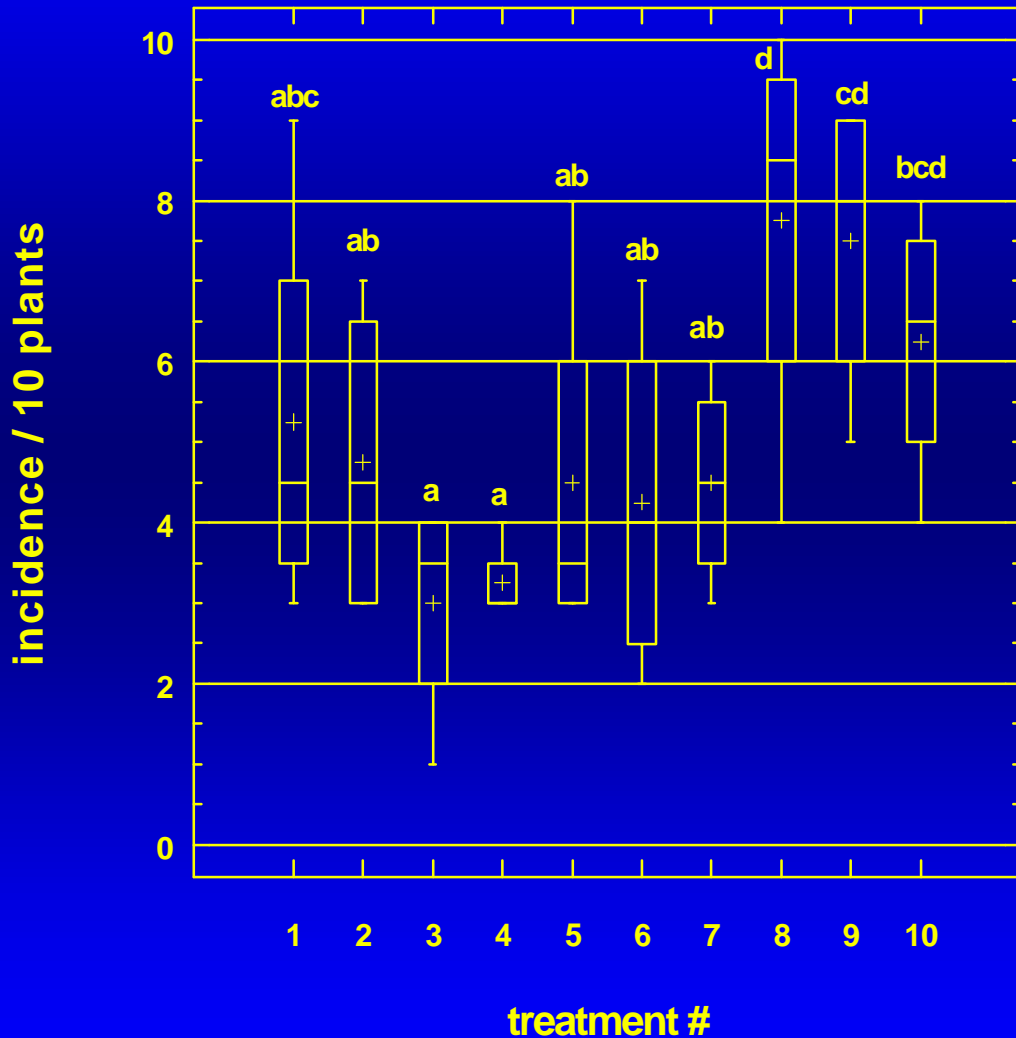
## Formulation Changes and Benefits

- Additional chloropicrin in 1,3-D formulations
  - control of nematodes plus enhanced control of soil-borne diseases
  - used in shank injection or drip irrigation formulations
- Emulsifiers
  - ensure uniform distribution of fumigant in irrigation water
  - enhance solubility in water
  - allows direct injection into drip irrigation tubes

# Verticillium Wilt of Cauliflower

Arroyo Grande, CA

Disease Incidence at Harvest



#	treatment	gal/ac
1	Telone EC	12
2	Telone C15 EC	14.5
3	Telone C25 EC	16
4	Telone C35 EC	18.5
5	chloropicrin EC	4
6	metam drip, fenamiphos G	75
7	TELONE II injection	12
8	ABB9017 drip, fenamiphos G	2
9	ABB9017 drip, fenamiphos G	4
10	untreated	



# Enhanced Formulations

## Initial Formulations

Product(s)	1,3-D		Chloropicrin		Total Gm/L	Shank or Drip
	Gm/L	%	Gm/L	%		
Telone* Dorlone*	1188	97.5	-	-	1188	Shank
Telone* EC Condor*	1127	94.0	-	-	1127	Drip
Telone* C-17	1034	81.2	210	16.5	1244	Shank

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# Enhanced Formulations

## Current Formulations

Product(s)	1,3-D		Chloropicrin		Total Gm/L	Shank or Drip
	Gm/L	%	Gm/L	%		
Telone* Dorlone*	1188	97.5	-	-	1188	Shank
Telone* EC Condor*	1127	94.0	-	-	1127	Drip
Telone* C-17	1034	81.2	210	16.5	1244	Shank
Telone* C-35 Telopic* Doublestopper*	866	61.1	474	34.7	1340	Shank
InLine* Telopic* EC	808	60.8	442	33.3	1250	Drip

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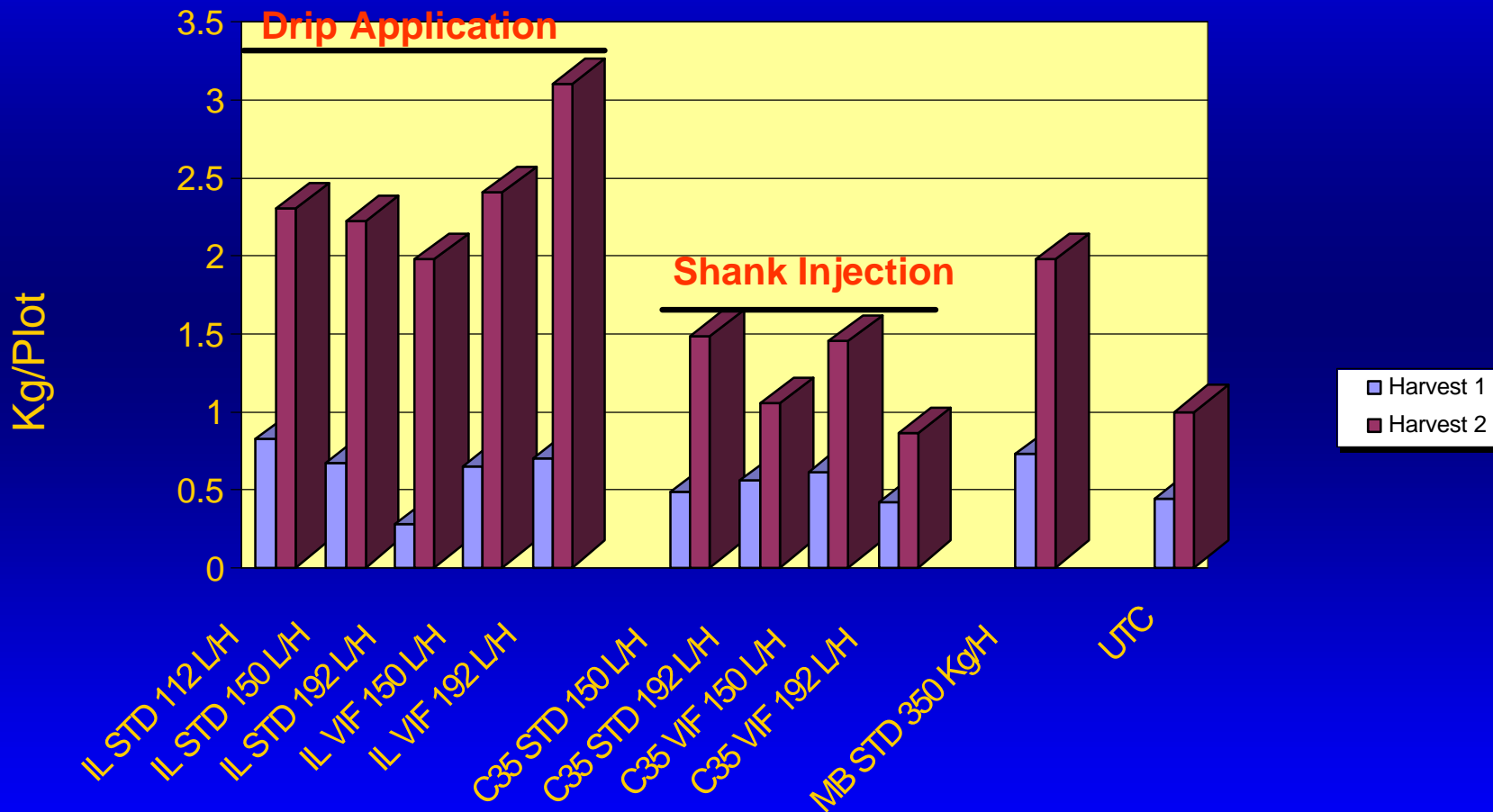
# 'New' Application Methods

## Application via Drip Irrigation Tubes

- Better distribution in the soil
- Lower use rates
- Better efficacy in most soils
- Better retention of fumigant in the soil
- Lower cost of fumigation
- More consistent performance
- Reduced exposure of workers to fumigant
- Utilizes existing drip tubes

# Average Pepper Yield (Kg) per Plot

Oxnard, CA - 2002



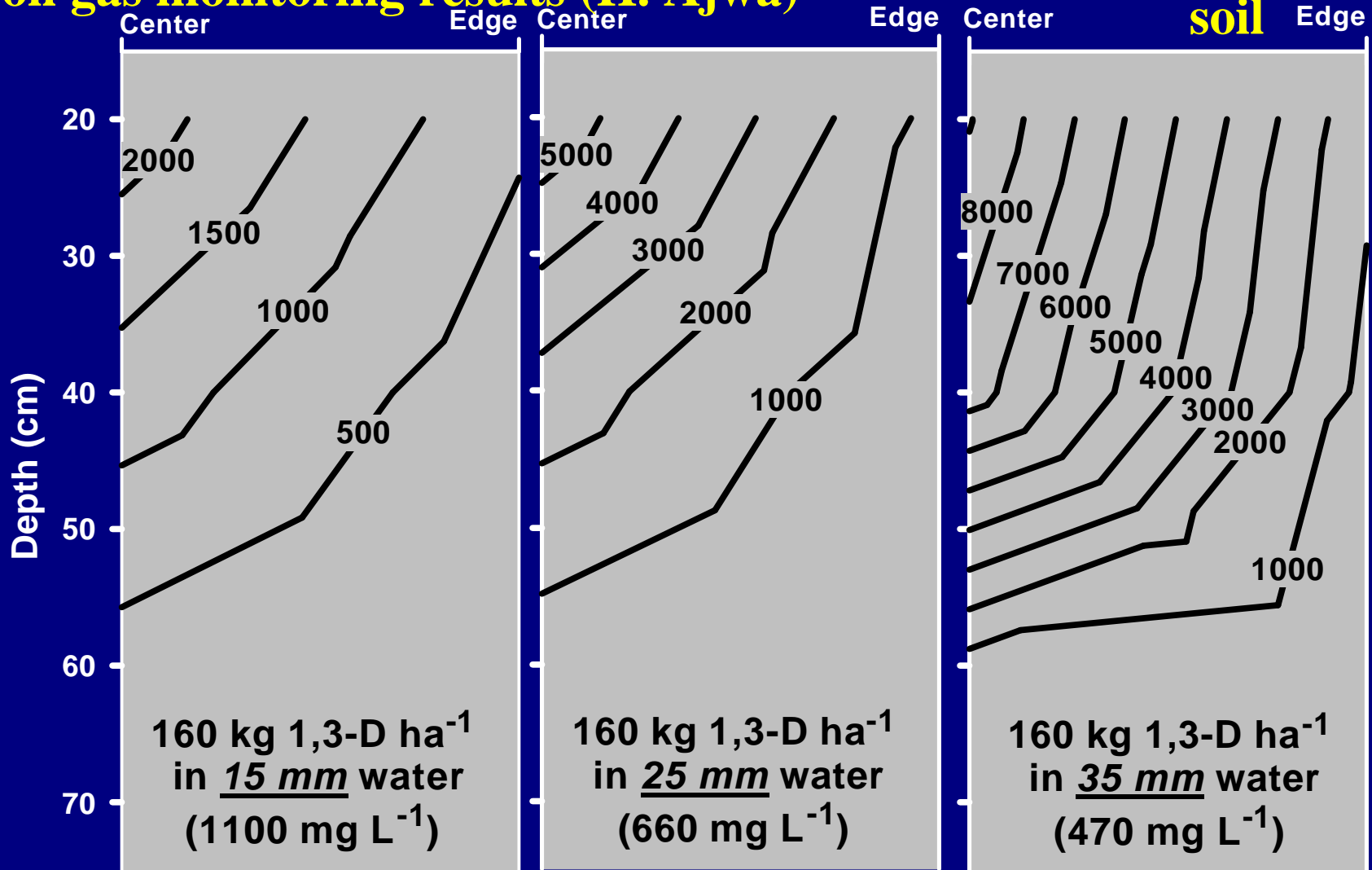


# WATER PROFILE



# Soil gas monitoring results (H. Ajwa)

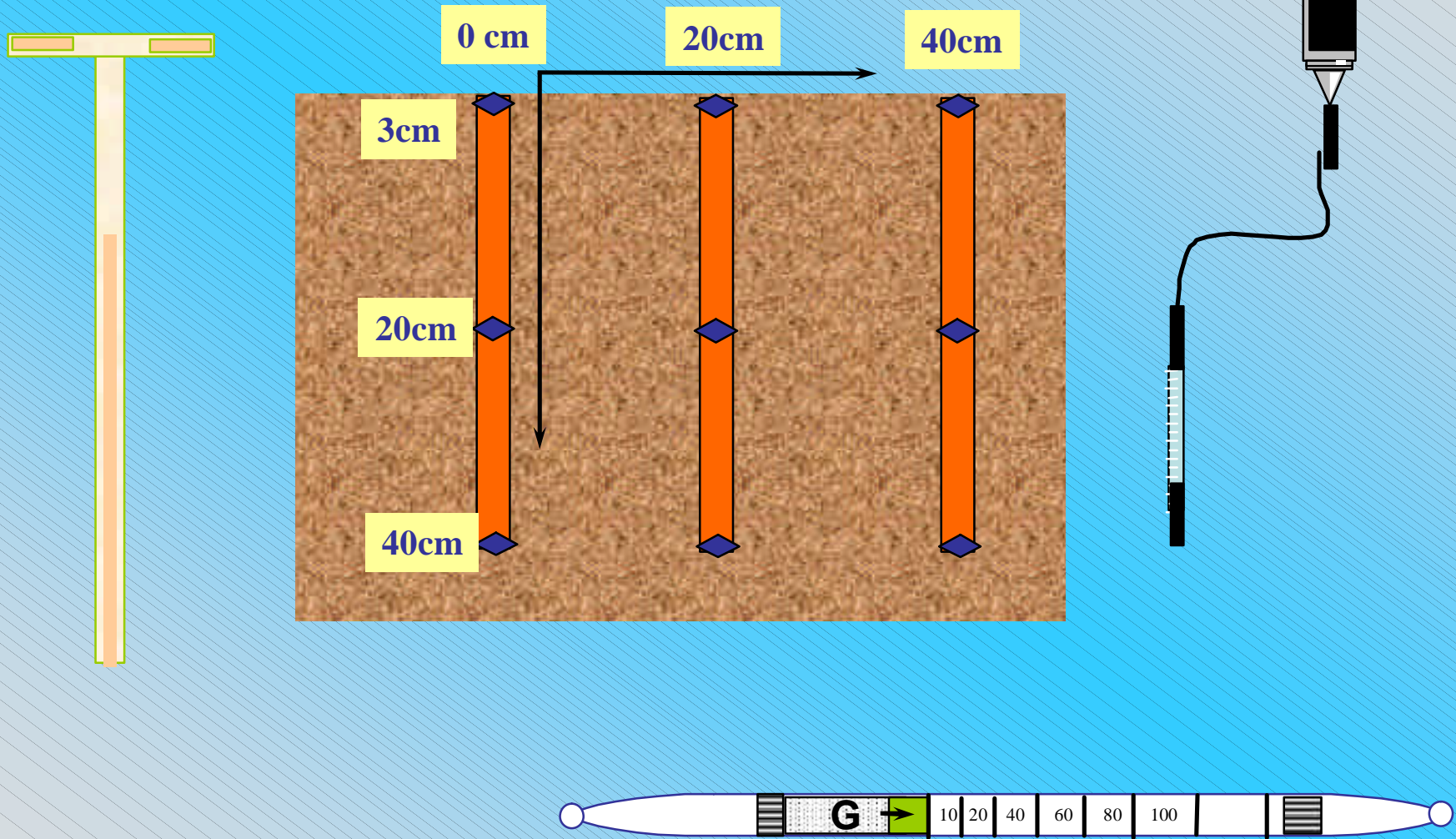
**fine sandy loam soil**



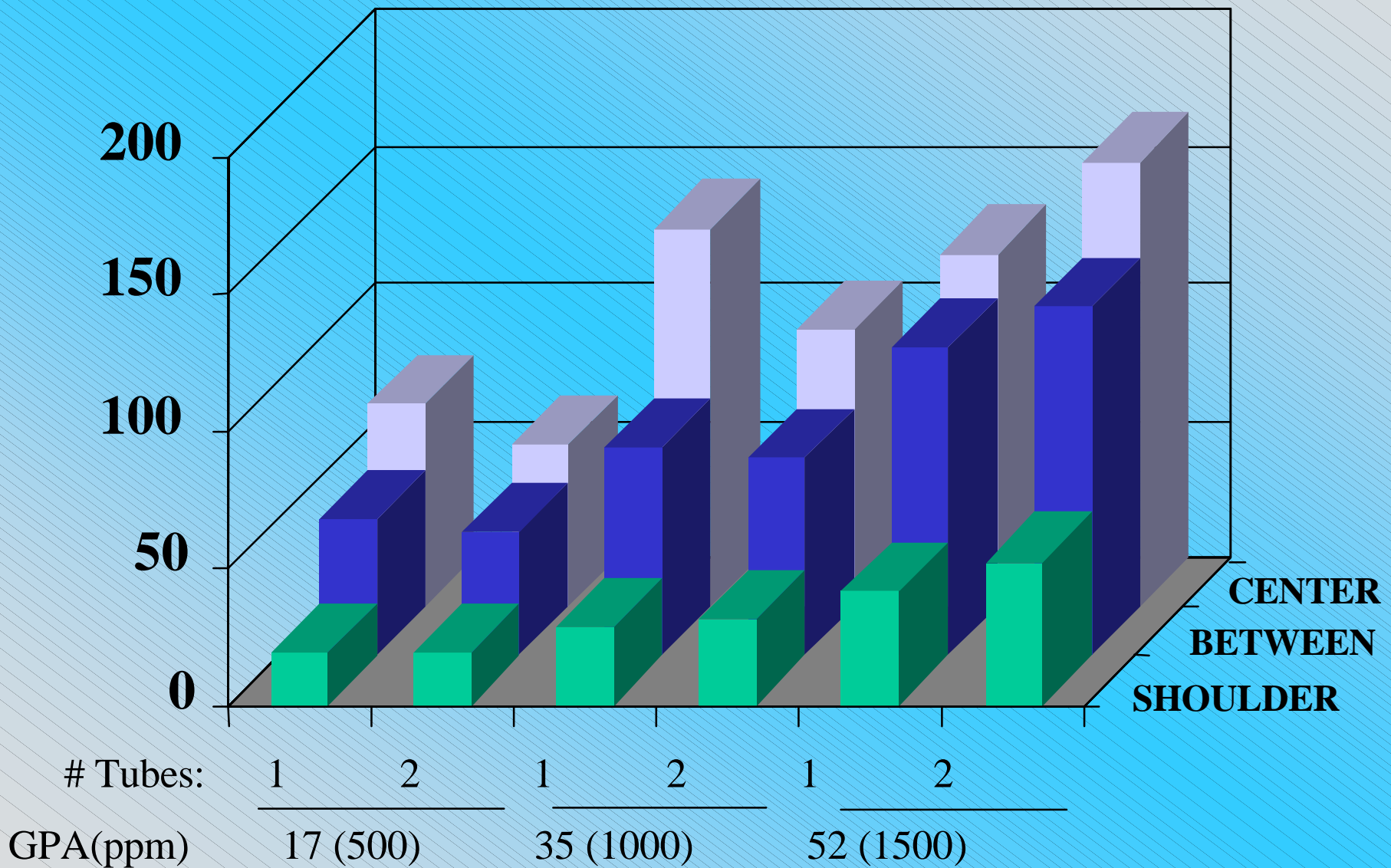
**1,3-D concentration (mg L<sup>-1</sup> air) in the gaseous phase of Watsonville soil 24 hrs after drip application**



# 1 - 7 DAA SAMPLING

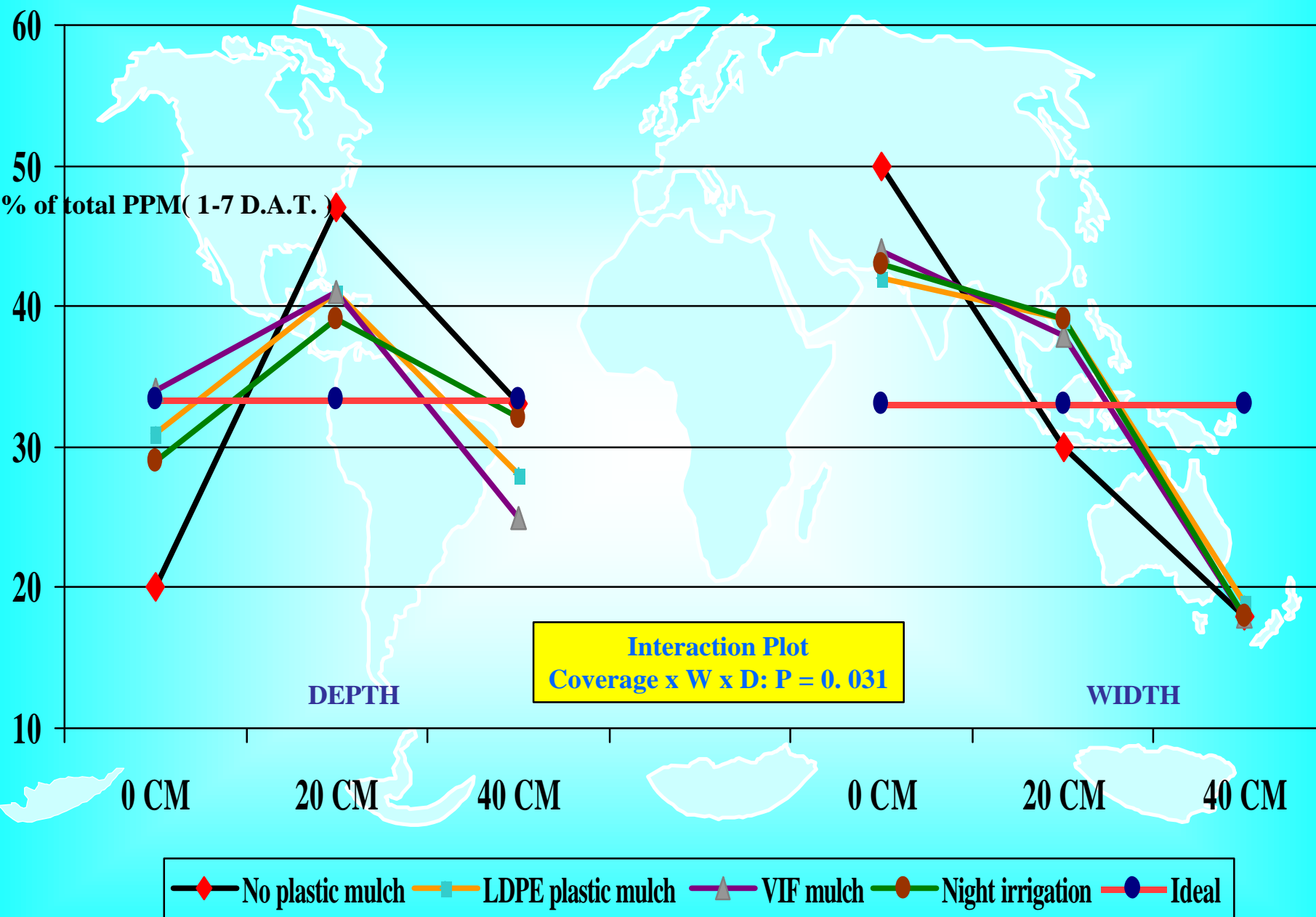


# EFFECT OF GALLONS PER ACRE AND CONCENTRATION (PPM) ON GASTEC READINGS 1 DAY AFTER APPLICATION





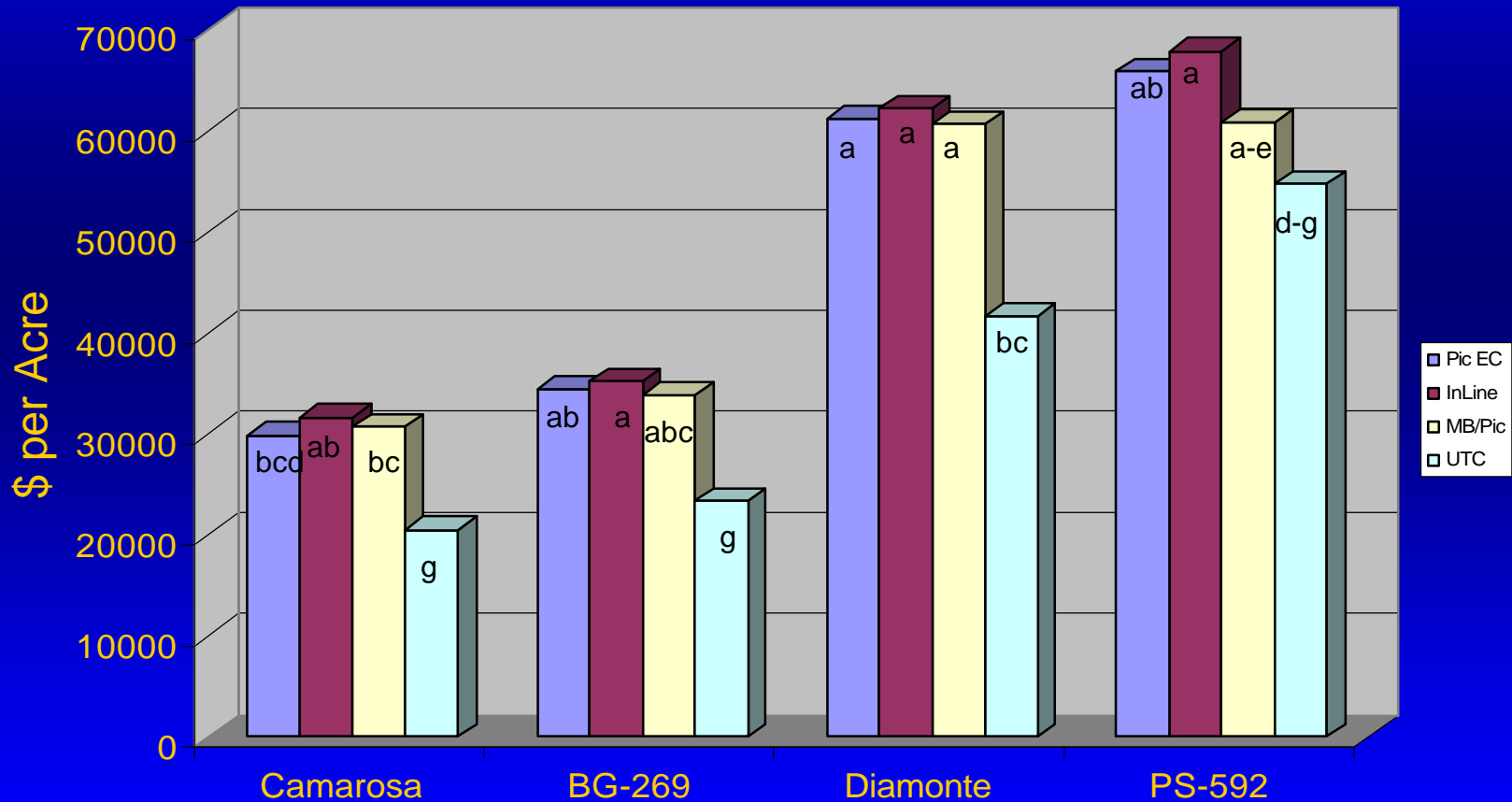
# SOIL COVERAGE



# Strawberry Marketable Berry Value

IR-4 2001-2002

California



Values followed by the same letter are not significantly different (DMRT P=0.05)

# New Application Equipment Yetter Coulters







Telone Tube

Beaver Tail for sealing and dispersion

**Coulter and Knife**





**Press Wheels in Action**

# New Equipment

## Advantages of Yetter Coulter

- Better soil sealing
  - Beaver tail
  - Press wheels
- Deeper placement of fumigant for better soil distribution
- Can be used for in-bed, pre-bed and broadcast applications of fumigants

# FFVA Commercial Demonstration Trials

- Designed to demonstrate value of methyl bromide alternative treatments on tomato and pepper in Florida
- Trials conducted 2002 - 2004
- Funded by an FFVA grant (USDA source)
- UFL and USDA researchers conducted all trials on commercial production farms
- Standard protocol at 10 locations
- Interim and final reports submitted to FFVA

# FFVA Commercial Demonstration Trials

## Standard Protocol

1. Telone C-35 @ 26 gpa applied broadcast with Yetter coulters plus herbicide plus chloropicrin @ 150 lbs pta applied in bed
2. Methyl bromide/ chloropicrin (67/33) @ 350 lb/a

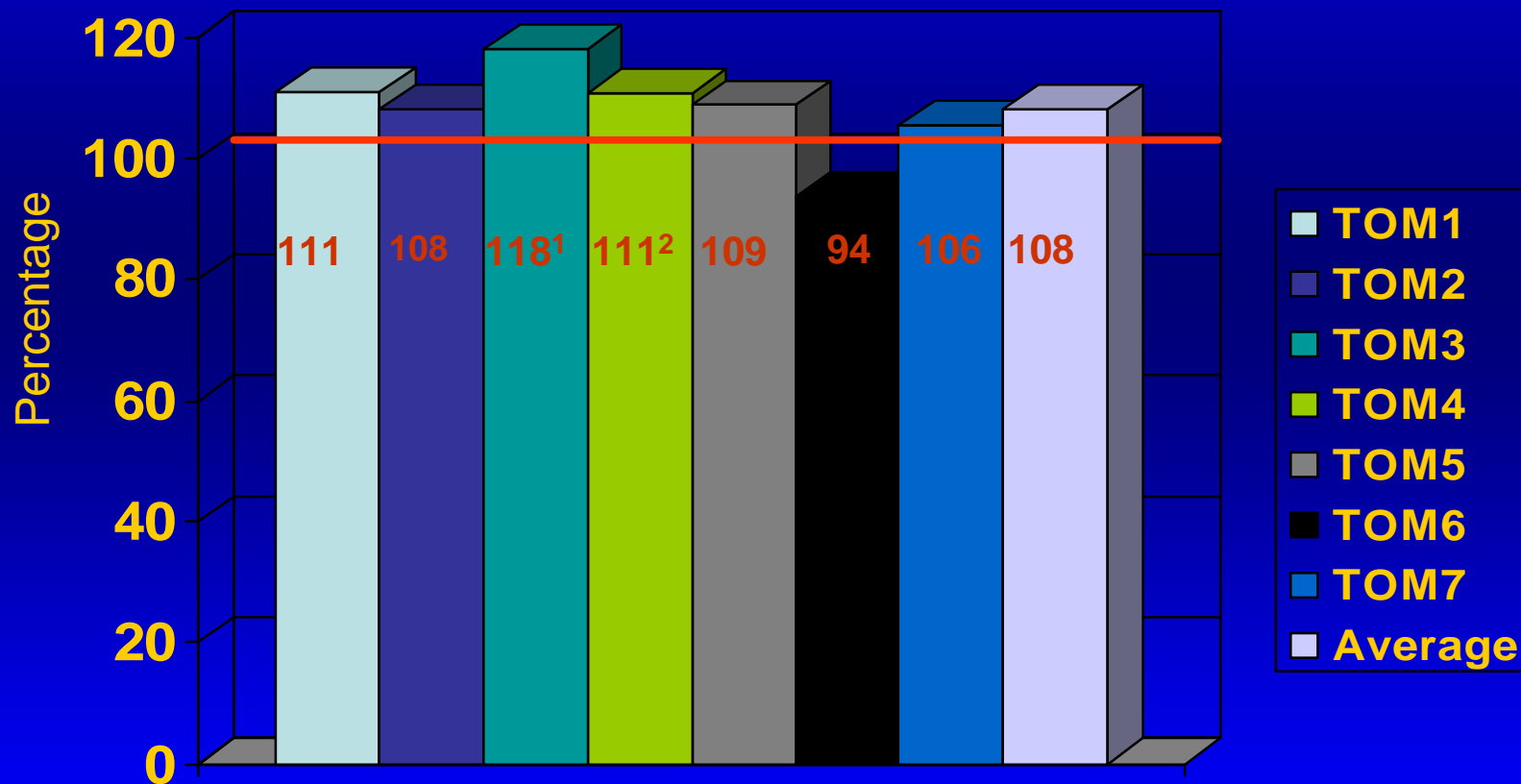
Note: Standard herbicide treatment was Devrinol plus Treflan



# FFVA Commercial Demonstration Trials - Tomato

2002 - 2004

Telone C-35 + Herbicide Yield as a Percentage of MB/pic



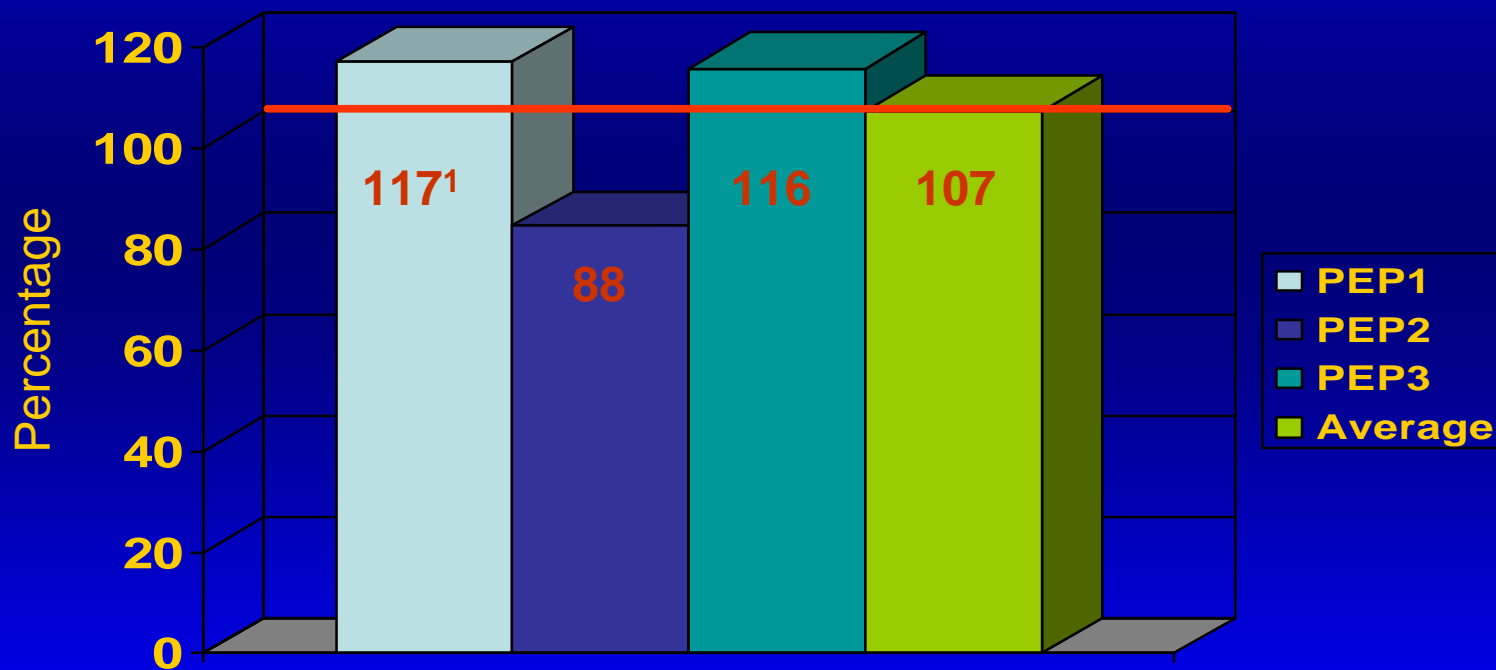
<sup>1</sup>Third consecutive year of a Telone C-35 alternative program

<sup>2</sup>Forth consecutive year of a Telone C-35 alternative program

# FFVA Commercial Demonstration Trials - Pepper

2002 - 2004

Telone C-35 + Herbicide Yield as a Percentage of MB/pic



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# Application Methods, Equipment and Costs

# Telone Application Methods In-bed

## Advantages:

- Same application as MB/pic
- 7 years of data that demonstrates that it works



## Cost:

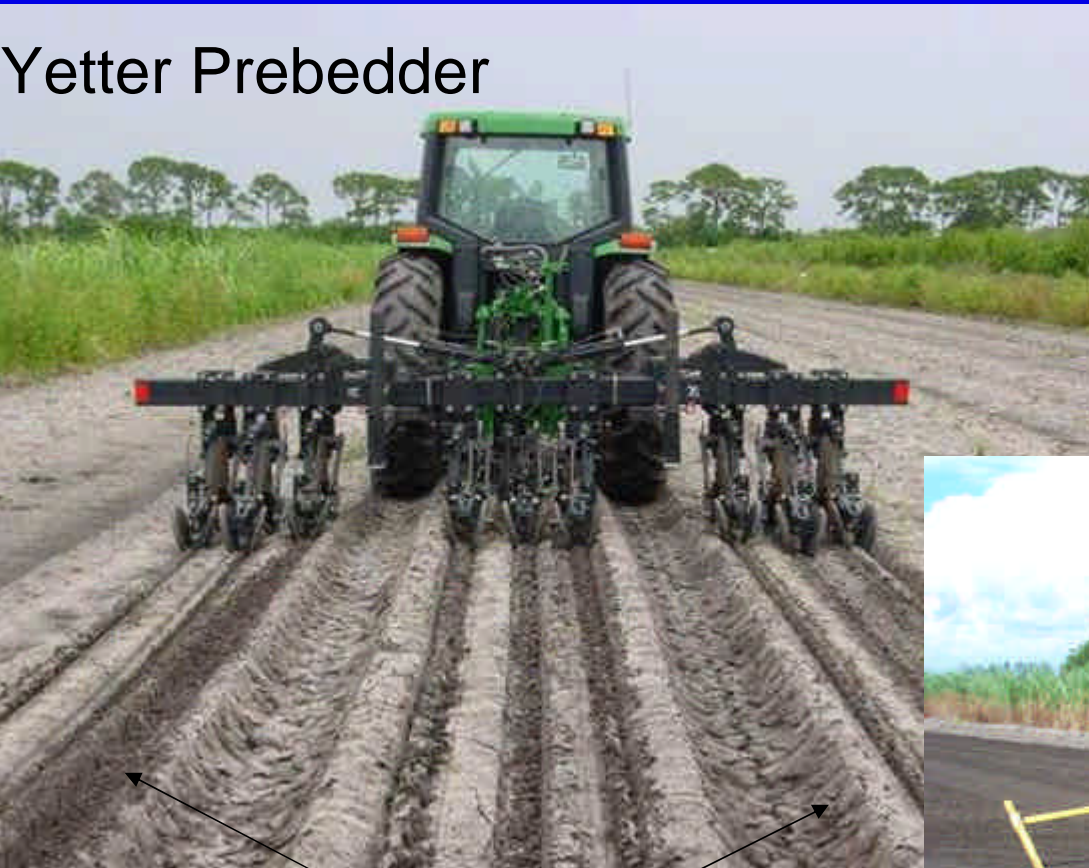
Telone C-35 @ 35 gpta =	\$350
+ Herb	<u>\$50</u>
	\$400

400 lbs MeBr @ 2.80/lb = \$560

# Telone Application Methods

## Prebed

Yetter Prebedder



Apply Telone with prebedder and then “turf” or “false bed” over the applied area



Places the Telone only where the bed will be placed.

# Telone Application Methods

## Prebed

- Advantages

- Economical as In-bed
- PPE - Wear long sleeve shirt and long pants, shoes & socks

- Cost

C-35 @ 35 gpta	\$350
+ pic in-bed @ 175 lbs pta	\$150
+ <u>Herbicide</u>	\$50
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	\$550

MeBr @ 2.65/lb @ 400 lbs pta = \$530

# Telone Application Methods

## Broadcast

### Advantages

- Fewer people needed in field
- Highly effective in the high disease markets



### Cost

C-35 @ 20 gpta	\$400
+ pic in-bed @ 175 lbs pta	\$150
+ Herb	\$50
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	\$600

MeBr @ 2.80/lb @ 400 lbs pta = \$560

# Summary

- The Montreal Protocol has been a catalyst for fumigation research
- Enhanced formulations, improved application combined with monitoring methods and new equipment can add value to existing fumigants
- These enhancements result in additional viable alternatives for growers as methyl bromide is phased out





Shank Application



Broadcast Application



Yetter Coulters



Drip Application



*Everything grows better*

A Pre-Plant Soil Fumigant to  
Manage Soil Borne Pests in High  
Value Crops



Untreated



InLine