

## **Iodomethane (MIDAS<sup>®</sup>) SOIL FUMIGANT UPDATE – 2011**

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Global development of iodomethane continued in 2011, with two new country registrations achieved, Guatemala and Mexico. This brings the total number of global registrations to eight, with additional registrations planned for Israel, Australia, South Africa and Chile in 2012. Iodomethane products have been successfully commercialized on close to 8000 ha in 7 countries with tomatoes and strawberries as the major crops

In the USA, over 17,000 acres (>6800 ha) have been treated commercially to date. Research and development efforts continue to support currently labeled uses and provide value data for growers. Major efforts in 2011 included initiation of trials to obtain CDFA certification for control of nematode in nurseries, development of laboratory data on the efficacy of different formulations, investigation of accelerated microbial degradation, performance in tree crops and field performance under TIF<sup>®</sup> (Totally Impermeable Film). Data on the above projects will be presented by various researchers during this conference.

Product labels and Arysta LifeScience's state-of-the-art stewardship programs were modified and rolled out in early 2011 to comply with US-EPA RED formats including Arysta LifeScience's support in working with AGRIAN to develop an online FMP tool for MIDAS products. These changes were minimal as the majority of safety precautions required by the EPA were included in the initial MIDAS labels. Labels, training programs, and the online AGRIAN FMP tool are currently being updated to comply with 2012 label requirements. Over 200 individuals were trained by Arysta LifeScience in 2011.

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