

# **Hot Water Treatment** As A Promising Alternative To Methyl Bromide



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Total Use of MB in **JAPAN 8,000t** (1994) < No.3 in the world >



Melon, Cucumber Tomato, Sweet Pepper Strawberry, Ginger



# Developed in early '80s

pply 1,500 to 3,000t/ha of Hot Water (80 °<<)

rnem user



# Dragging System

-Developed by Kanagawa Hort.Cult.Exp.Stn in 1983

**Hot Water** 

Treatment In JAPAN

- -Suitable for large scale greenhouses & fields
- -Costs \$ 4,000 to \$ 5,000/ha



#### **Diesel-Fired Boiler**







-Developed by National Agri.Center in 1986
-Suitable for small scale, sloped greenhouses & fields
-Costs \$ 2,500 to \$ 5,000/ha



**Pulse-Jet Boiler** 



**Applying Hot Water from Heat-tolerant polyethylene tubes** 





**Hot Water** 

Comparison of Soil Temperature between Soil Solarization and Hot Water Treatment



Effect of hot water treatment on the viability of *F.oxysporum* f.sp. *lycopersici* (Fol) and the suppression of the wilt disease occurrence

**Treatment Soil Depth Density of Fol<sup>1</sup> Disease severity<sup>2</sup>** 

Hot water	<b>10 cm</b>	0 cfu	0
	<b>20</b>	0	0
	<b>30</b>	0	0
	50	435	4.2
	70	29,400	8.3
Non-treated	-	46,900,000	45.8

<sup>1</sup>Before the hot water treatment, Fol-infested soil wrapped with cheesecloth was berried in the different depth and taken out respectively from the soil 7 days after the treatment. Values represent colony forming unit (cfu) per 1 g of dry soil. <sup>2</sup>Culculated from  $100 \times \Sigma$ (wilt disease index from 0 to 4×number of the diseased plants)/(4×number of the total plants examined).



Effect of Hot Water Treatment on the Occurrence of Spinach Fusarium Wilt (A) and Weeds(B)

# Effective to more than 19 crops 36 diseases and nematodes

### **Fusarium wilt**

Carnation, Celery, Japanese radish, Spinach, Tomato, Watermelon

**Bacterial wilt** 

**Carnation, Tomato, Eggplant** 

Rhizoctonia, Phytophthora, Verticillium, Pyrenochaeta, Sclerotium, Agrobacterium

**Root-knot Nematodes** 







# **The Effects Last Long Enough**

(A:Yanase 2003, B: Okamoto et al.2002)

#### Hot Water Treatment In JAPAN

## Cost Analysis in Greenhouse Tomato

per haDiesel Oil : 20kL\$ 8 ,000 - 12,000Water : from WellFreeElectricity : 3 phase 200V\$300 - 400Polyethylene Cover Sheet\$1,400 - 1,500Rental Fee\$600

Total \$10,300 - 14,500

The Effect lasts at least 3 YEARS  $\longrightarrow 1/3$ 

Chloropicrin Dazomet \$3,400 - 3,600 \$3,500 - 4,000

(Kitabatake 2000)



# Additional Effects on The Physical and Chemical Soil Properties



pH goes UP and EC goes DOWN (Okamoto,2002)



## **Additional Effects on The Yields**

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Nation-wide Symposium on Hot Water Treatment





Hot Water Treatment is Rapidly Increasing in Use As the Most Promising, Eco-Friendly MB Alternative



#### FUTURE PERSPECTIVES