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Situation in Arkansas

- Tomatoes, 1000 acres, 30 growers, approx. 10 growers do most of the fumigation
- Strawberries, 250 acres, one of the largest growers is also the fumigation contractor for most of the other growers.
- Limited use in turf/golf course with out-of-state contractor as primary applicator.

Bottom line: We have a relatively small number of fumigators and fumigated acres.

Situation and Problems

- Currently no fumigation category, manual, or training expertise in Arkansas.
- We don't normally provide category specific training/certification so new standards would be difficult to meet without outside help, especially with so few fumigators in our state.
- Would the registrant training be a reliable way to meet the standard? I doubt that 10-20 applicators would be a high priority for company sponsored training.

Situation and Problems

- Establishing a new category with the required training elements would be a real problem. Is it worth it for so few applicators.
- The proposed manual & test would be essential for initial certification if we chose to establish a fumigation category, but what if we don't? What will the applicators have to do?
- But what about recertification? Retest? Registrant training?
- Setting all this up will take time. Deadline of