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The following information is provided to you from the Western Integrated Pest Management Center regarding the use of ferbam in the six-state Pacific Northwest (PNW) region comprised of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Utah, and Washington. This information is being sent in response to the request you sent to Rick Melnicoe, Western Integrated Pest Management Center Director on June 14, 2004.

Ferbam is no longer registered in any of the states in our region. Although it was once important in caneberry production in our region, growers now have the use of newer fungicides that have proven to be more effective than ferbam for disease control. The fact that the registrant is not supporting caneberry uses for ferbam in the reregistration process is not an issue for the PNW caneberry industry.

While the *caneberry* industry has no interest in ferbam, the *cranberry* industry in Washington and Oregon would welcome the ability to use ferbam for resistance management. University Extension personnel working with cranberries expressed appreciation that Tamimco continues to support ferbam use on cranberries, noting that if ferbam were again registered in these states, growers would be able to use it in rotation with azoxystrobin (Abound) for the control of fruit rot.

Thank you very much for providing us this comment opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane M. Thomas".

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