

**Request for Information on Streptomycin and Oxytetracycline Use in Western Region
(Apples and Pears)**

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Good Day;

EPA is working on the preliminary risk assessment for streptomycin and oxytetracycline. They have asked us to gather some background information on the use of these chemicals.

1. How critical are the chemicals to growers?
2. What are the alternatives for these chemicals (in particular for fire blight)?
3. How do growers react to resistant pathogens (i.e., do they use an alternative, apply more product, or use other methods to manage pests)?

Thank you in advance for all your help.

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