

Review of recovery plan for *Ralstonia solanacearum* Race 3 biovar 2



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Suggestions to review

- Title: Regulatory concerns if bacterial wilt of tomato is included in title can be solved by greater detail in introduction
- Executive summary: More emphasis on the research needs and remove detail from background.
- Economic assessment: economic impact figures needed for temperate climates



Introduction

- Explain cold tolerance of race 3 and compare to race 1
- Include information on cold tolerance genes found in r1 and r3
- Explain that taxonomy is still in a state of flux, and may change with publication of genetic information



Spread

- Detail and emphasize the role of waterways and indigenous plants in spread and survival of the pathogen
- Include run-off, storm drains at rooting stations



Monitoring-detection

- Provide accessible reference to SMSA or state components
- Report on-going surveys



Economic impact compensation

- For animal destruction as a result of regulatory concerns, farmers are compensated. This does not occur for plant producers. Thus, this needs to be cited. Appropriate legislation should be encouraged to compensate growers.



Mitigation and disease management

- Grafting onto resistant rootstocks should be included as current method
- Include management with phosphorus acid
- Add paragraph on integrated approaches to disease control



Current infrastructure, needs and experts

- Include communication system among first detectors, scientists and regulatory agencies
- Invite additional experts to include names and e-mail addresses



Research/Extension/Education priorities

- Emphasize research on survival in soil and water
- Education of growers in regulatory issues.