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## Subject: **Carbofuran (Furadan) Information Request**

The following comments are being submitted in response to the February 22, 2006 email message from Wilfred Burr regarding niche uses for carbofuran. These comments are being submitted on behalf of the Western Integrated Pest Management Center and provide input on the use of carbofuran for **banana** production in Hawai'i.

As of December 31, 2005, the last carbofuran product (Furadan 5%G) for use in **bananas** is no longer licensed for sale in Hawai'i.

However, growers feel that there is a niche where the chemical is necessary for crop production: for control of the banana root borer *only at planting*. Planting only occurs at most once a year and may occur as infrequently as once in five years. One grower estimates that new plantings represent only 8% of land in banana production.

For postplant nematode control, carbofuran use in banana is an emergency type treatment. In many cases moderate nematode infections are most likely simply ignored and left untreated by the grower. Root-knot and burrowing nematodes can be controlled using other preplant cultural practices

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