# OZONEWS

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## 1- 'Stinky White Fungus' Could Help Farmers

Researchers at Montana State University say a stinky fungus from Honduras may provide farmers with an alternative to an effective, but ozone-damaging, soil fumigant. The musty-smelling fungus, it turns out, emits a number of gases that kill or slow pathogens harmful to certain crops. The musty-smelling fungus, it turns out, emits a number of gases that kill or slow pathogens harmful to certain crops... The fungus is called Muscodor albus -- loosely translated as "stinky white fungus." Researchers believe it could become an option to replace methyl bromide, used each year by thousands of farmers to kill soil pathogens that can damage crops…
**Article @:** http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/science/03/18/stinky.fungus.ap/index.html
**Source:** CNN, 18 March 2002

## 2- Danger Chemical Behind Nation's Multi-Billion Cut Flower industry

Methyl bromide (MB) - a pesticide used to sustain Kenya's multi-billion horticulture industry - releases emissions that contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer… large commercial farms in countries like Zimbabwe, Kenya, and South Africa account for the highest rates of MB usage on the continent. The use of MB within Kenya itself is limited to commercial farmers and government operated grain storage facilities… Kenya uses approximately 300 tonnes of methyl bromide annually, primarily for growing flowers. Methyl bromide accounted for approximately 20 per cent of total insecticides import in Kenya from 1986 to 1992. International decisions made regarding the phase-out of the use and production of methyl bromide will have a direct impact on the means by which Kenya's agricultural sector cultivates and prepares cut flowers for export …
**Full Text @:** http://allafrica.com/stories/200203180130.html
**Source:** The East African Standard, Nairobi, Distributed by "AllAfrica Global Media", 18 March 2002

## 3- Alternative Refrigerant Gaining Ground

Indianapolis, IN - ICOR International has announced that another original equipment manufacturer will be producing products that use NU-22, the company's non-ozone depleting replacement for R-22 … NU-22 is a patented refrigerant blend with zero ozone depletion potential (ODP) that nearly duplicates the operating pressures and capacity of R-22.
**Article @:** http://www.achrnews.com/CDA/ArticleInformation/news/news_item/0,1342,74074,00.html
**Source:** The ACHR News online, 18 March 2002

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