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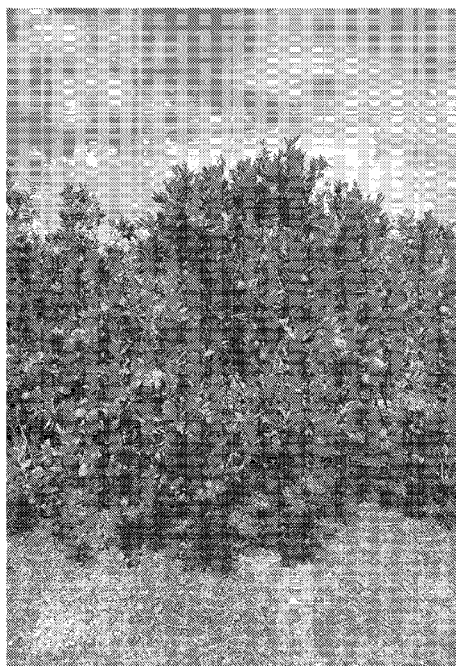


FIG 1

(57) Abstract: An antimicrobial composition for treating plant diseases includes a solvent into which an antibiotic is substantially dissolved to achieve a concentration of the antibiotic sufficient to treat a bacterial infection in a plant. An acid is added to the solvent at a concentration sufficient to generate a pH in a range of 1.5 to less than 4.0. The antimicrobial can be delivered systemically to a plant, thereby allowing the antibiotic to treat a bacterial disease inflicting the plant.

