Systems Approach
Nursery Certification
Perspective from the industry
Primary Goals

- Prevent entry of pests and pathogens
- Mitigate pests and pathogens during production
- Prevent the shipping of pests and pathogens

Accreditation must be;
- Voluntary
- Flexible and scalable
- Cooperative and engage all stakeholders
- Audit-based
Evaluate your facility for risks or hazards
Determine Critical Control Points for the risk
Establish best management practices
Document the practices (Facility SANC Manual)
Verify the practice has been followed (Records)
Audit and Improve the System

Certifying Authority Verifies the requirements met through
Pre-accreditation Document Review
Document and site audits
The Pest Management Plan

1. Identify your Cultural Practices for Hazards—BMP's that apply to your entire operation—Use BMP Matrix to guide the process
2. Identify Specific Crop Needs—Use Compliance Agreements for certain crops and shipping locations
3. Identify Cultural Practices that meet Specific Crop Compliance
4. Add Specific BMP's to meet compliances
5. Address any PPQ Requirements

Most general—all pests
Most specific—for only a few pests
Collaboration on Pilot Project: SANC and AmericanHort/SAF

- SANC Standard Harmonization
  - Define participant requirements
    - Facility Requirements
    - Staff Requirements and Training
    - Pest Management Plan
    - Recordkeeping and Traceability
    - Improvement and Internal Audits

- Define certifying authority responsibilities
  - Administration
  - Pre-accreditation and ongoing audits
  - Facility status

- Non-conformance and Corrective Action Processes
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- **Guidance Document**
  - Introductory document for use at preliminary meeting
  - Overview of the SANC Program
  - Steps required to be SANC

- **Risk Assessment Worksheets**
  - Tools to assist SANC participants in identifying hazards, critical control points and best management practices

- **Audit Template**
  - Identifies the audit questions for each standard
  - Assists with developing corrective actions
Collaboration on the Pilot Project

- Accreditation and Templates
  - Pest Management Plan
  - Facility SANC Manual (equivalent documentation)

- Pilot Project
  - Representation on Committee
  - Nurseries and Greenhouses Visits
    - D Maddox – accreditation
    - Jerry Lee – nursery risk assessment and PMP development

Work together for a successful program!