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NPB President, KY
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Hard to believe it has been a year!
Dickeya dianthacola

New Battles
New Battles

Log furniture

Chew toys
Long term battles

Fruit flies

grasshoppers

GM

ALB

IFA
We have come a long way!
Assumptions are dangerous... don’t be afraid to ask!

Ensure communications are:
  - timely
  - on-going

Better align state and federal
  - Strategic Alliance
  - Communication new for 2016

- Within state
- State to state
- State to NPB
- State to USDA
- USDA to state
- State/USDA to stakeholders
• New pest(s) found in your state
• New to US
• Sent email by president asking for permission to share with NPB
• If needed, sharing can be delayed
• If no response within 2 weeks, message will be forwarded
Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan

Signed!

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SANC

35 people!

NPB

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Eastern Plant Board
- CT- Vicki Smith
- ME- Ann Gibbs, Sarah Scally
- NJ- Galen Ettinger, Ryan Rieder
- NY- Chris Logue
- PA- Dana Rhodes, Tina Stimmler, Ruth Welliver, Sarah Gettys

Southern Plant Board
- AL- Christel Harden
- AR- David Blackburn
- FL – Tyson Emery
- GA – Perry Walden
- KY – Joe Collins
- OK – Jeanetta Cooper, John Nunnery
- TN – Anni Self
- TX – Allison Olofson
- VA – Larry Nichols

Central Plant Board
- MI – Robin Rosenbaum, Jeff Zimmer
- MO – Collin Wamsley, Susan Ehlenbeck, Zack Starr
- OH – Dan Kenny
- WI – Brian Kuhn, Marcia Wensing

Western Plant Board
- CA – Joshua Kress
- OR – Helmuth Rogg, Gary McAninch, Aaron Paul, Melissa Lujan
- WA – Cindy Cooper, John Wraspir
- **SANC Ideas Formed by NPB President Carl Schultz**
- **NPB Begins Work**

**2011**
- Industry & NPB begin to work together
- Core & Initial Subcommittees formed

**2012**
- Annual Meetings begin
- Standard & Other Documents Created
- NPB Members Surveyed

**2014**
- Pilot Facilities Chosen
- Pilot Phase Begins

**2015**
- Pilot Phase continues
- All Eight begin Risk Assessment

**2016**
- First Manuals Completed & Approved
- Phase 2 Facilities Chosen
- Plant Material Will Begin Shipping
SANC Pilot Phase 1 Nursery/Greenhouse Operations

Walla Walla Nursery
Oregon Pride Nurseries
Greenleaf Nursery Co.
McKay Nursery Co.
Conard-Pyle
Lucas Greenhouses
Southeastern Growers, Inc
Forrest Keeling Nursery
Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) Leadership

Dana Rhodes-PA
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NPB Executive Secretary

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NPB Questionnaire

42 responses

Anonymous
How long have you been the SPRO for your state?

- **Less than 1 year**: 12
- **1 to 5 years**: 15
- **5 to 10 years**: 8
- **10 to 15 years**: 3
- **15+ years**: 4
When your state’s legislature is in session, are you required to be accessible/required to attend?

- Yes (22)
- No (20)
Which month does your legislature normally meet?
Regarding a revision to your plant laws/statutes (not individual quarantines) would that require sending through your legislature?

- Yes (37)
- No (4)
- I am not sure (1)
Knowing that states vary widely in the amount of time needed to enact a quarantine, approximately how long does the process take in your state (i.e. from the time a quarantine is drafted until it becomes official)?
How many staff members do you have in the field? The idea behind this question is to highlight the wide range of capabilities that states have to quickly respond to introduced pest problems.
Related to your inspection staff, which best describes their job duties?

- **NURSERY INSPECTIONS, PHYTO, PEST SURVEYS**: 24
- **+ FEED, SEED AND FERTILIZER**: 7
- **+++ PESTICIDES**: 9
- **+++ WEIGHTS & MEASURES**: 2
Does your staff also conduct apiary inspections?

Yes (32)  No (10)
Does your state have a pollinator protection plan?

- Yes: 17
- Working on it but not finalized yet: 20
- Not started yet but will develop plan in future: 2
- No plans to implement a plan: 2
Which best describes you or your department’s involvement with hemp in your state?

- Heavily involved - it is all I do & it invades my dreams at night! (4)
- somewhat involved - it is not an over burden...yet (20)
- not at all involved - another agency is responsible or a non issue in my state (17)
Outside of budgetary concerns, what are some of your biggest concerns looking forward? This may be pest or issue related.

- Staff retention/replacing retirees – 13
  - Concern for NPB as experienced leaders are retiring
- Training for inspectors - 3
- New pest introduction/response – 8
- Hemp/marijuana – 5
- Bee related – 4
  - Bee health, MP3, compliance of bee keepers, public & pollinator protection
Misc comments

- Internet sales & distribution of prohibited invasive plants
- Education of public
  - pesticide applications
    - Gypsy moth
  - Activism that hinders pest management
  - GMOs