Systems Approach to Nursery Certification

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Key Points

Risk Assessment - Pest risk analysis of facility

Pest Management Plan - developed from risk analysis

Facility Manual - Describes PMP/SANC requirements

Implementation – of Facility Manual

Audits (of the facility) – Verification that Facility Manual is being followed. Performed by facility and regulators.
Risk Assessment:

- Survey of nursery to identify hazards (risks)
  - Inputs - Plants
  - Propagation Practices
  - Media & Containers
  - Site
  - Shipping
  - Water
  - Production Practices
  - Disposal

- Establishment of BMPs for hazards (risks) identified during risk assessment and are part of the Pest Management Plan
- BMPs are included in the facility’s SANC Manual
SANC Facility Manual

- Pest Management Plan leads to development of SANC Facility Manual
  - Formalizes and documents facility’s procedures
  - Pest Management Plan (BMPs and Scouting)
  - Recordkeeping and Training

- Approval of SANC Facility Manual (by State Nursery Program)
  - To ensure facility’s plan meets SANC Standard
Implementation/Audits

- Implementation of components in SANC Facility Manual (by facility)
  - BMPs, Recordkeeping, training, etc.

- Audits (by facility and State Nursery Program)
  - Ensures facility’s plan is being implemented as described in SANC Facility Manual
**Process:**

1. **Apply**
   - Interested? Talk to your state certifying agency to learn how to apply.

2. **Preliminary Meeting**
   - Meet with state certifying agency to understand the process.

3. **Risk Assessment**
   - Identify potential pest pathways in your nursery and strategies to address them.

4. **Facility Manual**
   - Growers create a plan to address the identified pest risks and keep records of what is done.

5. **Audit**
   - To see if you are following your plan and to check if the plan is working.

6. **SANC Approved!**
   - Congratulations, you are an approved SANC participant!
## SANC Phase 1 – Steps Completed

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Next Steps for Phase 1:

- Completion of Phase I: (Target: 2017)
  - Several facilities will be completed in 2016
- Evaluate and identify areas of improvement
- Continued Training –
  - Audit Training
Next Steps for Phase 2:

- Up to 9 new operations for Phase 2
- Implementation – Fall, 2016
- Goals of Phase 2:
  - Scalability of SANC
  - Transfer of responsibility to states
  - GCP
  - “Sister” Operations
  - Repeat States
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