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A Systems Approach to Nursery Certification
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Nursery Certification Challenges

- Increased volume of trade
- More regulated pests
- Variety of state regulations
- Diminished resources for state regulatory programs
Growing Better Goal

- A risk based nursery certification system that:
  - Uses *existing* state programs
  - Reduces pest distribution threats
  - Increases effectiveness of nursery inspection processes
  - Engages industry
The NPB SANC workgroup *strongly* believes that the current state nursery certification and quarantine programs are sound!

A risk-based system will build on the current system to further reduce potential pest and pathogen movement.
Approach - Outreach

• Promote a systems approach compatible with needs of individual states and industry.

• Develop education and outreach materials
  • For regulatory and industry audiences
  • Describe benefits and components of the systems approach
  • SANC “Snapshots for SPROs”
Approach – Training Materials

Training materials to help identify:

• Critical Control Points (CCPs) for pest/pathogen introduction
• Best Management Practices (BMPs) specific to CCPs

Engage HIS, SPROs, Industry, and others
Approach – Templates

- Compliance Agreements
- Certification Documents
- CCPs and BMPs developed by partners
Approach - Consistency

• Updating and revising the model nursery and plant pest laws

• Develop examples of compliance agreements and other components of the systems approach.
Approach

• A voluntary nursery certification process
  • Nurseries may ship inter-state without load-by-load shipping point inspections.
• Continue to meet quarantine requirements
• Blend with existing certification programs (e.g. USNCP, JBHP, PSB) where appropriate.
Benefits of the Systems Approach

• Focus resources to manage risk more effectively
  • More cost efficient
• Reduced pest risk
• More direct interaction between nursery staff and regulators.
• Increased uniformity among state programs
• Tiered approach to certification that supports economic means of individual producers and the market.
Boxwood Blight

• Challenge
  • New pest of important nursery crop
  • Industry demands for state certification

• Solution
  • Voluntary participation
  • Model compliance agreement
  • CCPs and BMPs developed by industry
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