RISK ASSESSMENT FROM A NURSERY PERSPECTIVE

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Practices

- Identify Cultural and Management Practices that limit spread or prevent the introduction of plant pests / pathogens on a broad and generic basis.
 - Document current practices
 - Determine feasibility of additional practices
 - Establish management plan of new practices
 - Include: exclusion, mitigation, detection, traceability, recordkeeping, training

Pests and Pathogens

- Identify specific plant pests and pathogens indigenous to the area of production and species produced.
 - Bacterial and Viral pathogens
 - Insect vectored disease
 - Seed borne pathogens
 - Soil borne pathogens and pests
 - Fungal and Bacterial pathogens
 - Water borne pathogens

Adequacy of Controls

■ BMP's

- Do the BMP's adequately control the pests identified for the plant species grown?
- If not, identify additional BMP's to provide acceptable control.
 - Create management plan for additional BMP's
 - Include measurements / audit areas
- If Cultural Practices are inadequate, what chemical controls need to be incorporated?

Consideration of Chemical Controls

- Environmental concerns
 - Runoff
 - Disposal of excess product (drench)
 - Proximity of application to vulnerable, non-target areas
- Toxicity and worker concerns
 - REI's
 - PPE
- Efficacy and practicality of application(s),
 relevant to shipping a pest free plant

Considerations for adding any level of complexity / cost

- The value of the crop vs. the cost of the BMP or control
- The consistent manageability of the control and the associated cost
- Value of the crop grown i.e.; its profitability / risks
- Value of the market; Country / State

Considerations for adding any level of complexity / cost

- Potential for error and associated risks
- Staff and Resource requirements and their relation to the seasonality of the business

Additional Considerations

- All those other regulators not currently in the room:
 - OSHA
 - State and Federal Pesticide Divisions
 - EPA
 - USDOL
- Recordkeeping, Training, Storage, Facilities

Destination State Concerns

- IFA
- Tropical Spiderwort
- European Corn Borer
- Glassy wing Sharpshooter
- Black Stem rust
- Japanese Beetle

IFA

- Ship only to States in Quarantine area
- Rate of bifenthrin incorporation
- Exclusion
- IFA Free Nursery Program / drench

- Black Stem Rust
 - Grow only rust resistant plants
 - Ship only to non- regulated States

- Japanese Beetle
 - We are not in a regulated county
 - Accepted under Harmonization Plan in some States
 - Others require Phyto

- Glassy Winged Sharpshooter
 - Phyto
 - Not ship to Grape producing States due to risk even with Phyto

Schematic Diagram of Process for Risk Assessment:



Identify your Cultural Practices for Hazards-BMP's that apply to your entire operation-Use BMP Matrix to guide the process

Identify Specific Crop Needs-Use Additional Controls for certain crops and shipping locations

Identify Cultural Practices or Chemical Controls that meet Specific Crop Requirements

Add Specific BMP's / Controls / Management / Measurements to meet Requirements

Address any PPQ / State Requirements

MOST SPECIFIC- PRACTICE MAY BE FOR ONE OR ONLY A FEW PESTS OR PATHOGENS

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