

PRODUCING BETTER PLANTS THROUGH A SYSTEMS APPROACH

Promoting a harmonized, risk-based
systems approach to nursery and
greenhouse certification



A Systems Approach to Nursery Certification

SOME CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS:

- **CONTAINERS:** Use new or clean to prevent pathogen transfer.
- **MEDIA:** Use pathogen-free components such as bark, peat, or other organic components.
- **WATER:** Manage irrigation and drainage.
- **PRODUCTION:** Scouting and pest management plans lead to improved outcomes.
- **PROPAGATION:** Disinfect tools throughout the production facility.



BENEFITS TO THE GROWER

- **Reduce risk of moving plant pests in your nursery stock.**
- **Risk assessment process identifies production hazards.**
- **Use of BMPs to manage risk.**
- **Improved communication across all levels of production.**
- **Improved communication with your state / local plant protection agency.**
- **Less reliance on end-point inspections.**
- **Marketing advantage**



BENEFITS TO THE RETAILER &/OR CONSUMER

- **Confidence that the plants have reduced pest risk.**
- **Less likely to be subject to a stop sale or destruction order during an inspection.**
- **Part of an industry-driven continuum to provide clean nursery stock to customers.**