

SANC is a certification system based on how plants are produced rather than on how those plants look at the time of a single inspection.

The **SANC** Concept includes:

- Assessing pest risk throughout the production chain.
- Addressing those risks efficiently and effectively.
- Incorporating all plant pest management practices into a single, auditable system.
- Staying informed and prepared for the next pest on the horizon.
- Partnering with state plant regulators to grow quality plants.

Are you ready to receive **SANC**-certified plants?

Is **SANC** in *your* future?

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GROWING BETTER:

Reducing pests associated with nursery stock by identifying and dealing with pest hazards at all stages in the plant production system.



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

DEALING WITH PEST HAZARDS USING A SYSTEMS APPROACH

Developing a set of best management practices to address pest hazards in a nursery can range from very simple, easily-implemented steps to long-term strategic planning.

For example: one hazard to any operation is incoming plant material which may be infested or infected with plant pests (insects, diseases, or weeds). A critical control point is the receiving of those plants. Through a risk assessment, a nursery might decide:

- That their current process for bringing in new plants is sufficient to stop pests from entering with new plant material.
- That they need to put up new signs to remind workers receiving material to keep it separated until inspected for pests.
- That they need to train employees to inspect plants for signs and symptoms of pests.
- That the nursery should invest in a new isolation area to “quarantine” new plants until their pest status can be properly assessed.

The SANC Program does not dictate how you address the hazard, it helps you identify hazards and develop a plan to address those hazards that works for your unique operation.

NURSERIES PARTICIPATING IN THE SANC PROGRAM SAY...

“Plain and simple, SANC makes our jobs easier. By documenting and detailing out each process we can ensure quality each and every time. Once a process is detailed out, everyone can follow it from start to finished, like a recipe. By setting standards throughout the nursery we are producing better plants. We have less crop failures, less rework, less time wasted fixing issues thus having better crops to stick on the production line, better propagation success and better pest control. Overall morale is better when things are going well right from the start. And in the end we are producing better crops for our customers!.”

- *Maddie Maynor,
North Creek Nurseries, PA*



John Rausch from Conard-Pyle in PA says... “It’s not as hard as you think - you’re doing a lot of these things now.”



“Going through the SANC process helped us create a better organizational structure. Putting our plan on paper fortifies what we’ve been working towards.”

- *Mike Richardson,
Walla Walla Nursery, WA*



From Greenleaf Nursery Co., OK... “SANC will save us time and effort to ship to customers in states that currently require our Ag Inspector to inspect the shipment before it can be loaded. During our busiest shipping days, that will be very valuable.”