



# SANC Spotlight

The latest news concerning SANC



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## DS Cole Growers Becomes 1st Operation to be Both SANC and GCP Certified!



DS Cole Growers located in Loudon, New Hampshire is the latest facility to become fully SANC certified. They had been in the U.S./ Canada Greenhouse Certification Program (USCGCP) for 6 years and saw SANC as the next logical step. What was the USCGCP? It was a program administered by the USDA that facilitated the trade of greenhouse grown crops between the US and Canada. This existing program was replaced by the US-Canada Greenhouse

-Grown Plant Certification Program (GCP). Any participants in the USCGCP had to be re-authorized under the GCP. The GCP's new requirements placed a greater emphasis on systems approaches, creating opportunities for greenhouses interested in dual certification through SANC and the GCP. DS Cole Growers agreed to serve as the pilot nursery to see if this goal to have both programs work in tandem was possible. In short, the answer was yes- but it took some serious work on the part of Piera Siegert (pictured center) and Morgan Dube from the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food (not pictured) and of course great cooperation from Doug Cole (owner, pictured left) and Chris Schlegel (head grower, pictured right).

## Did You Know?

- The SANC pilot phase ends in late 2020 and that the program will "Go Live!" on January 1, 2021
- See last page for a glimpse of how the Governing Board is set up and what their responsibilities will be.



## SANC Inspector Manual Now Available on the SANC Website!

Chapters contain text and graphics that will help inspectors regarding:

- Program Overview
- Getting Started
- Risk Assessment
- Manual Review/Approval
- Audits
- Final Approval

## A quick glance through the years

- 1st SANC meeting held in Riverdale, MD 2011
- 1st pilot nurseries were selected in 2014
- Phase 2 nurseries selected in 2016
- Conard-Pyle/Star Roses (PA) and McKay Nursery (WI) become the first nurseries to become fully SANC certified in August 2016
- Original SANC Governing Board charter drafted in 2016
- January 1, 2021 SANC “pilot project” ends and operations begin under the purview of the SANC Governing Board

Year of Certification	Facility
2016	Star Roses and Plants, PA McKay Nursery, WI Oregon Pride Nursery, OR
2017	Forrest Keeling Nursery, MO Walla Walla Nursery, WA
2018	Greenleaf Nursery, OK North Creek Nursery, PA Loma Vista Nursery, KS
2019	Willoway Nurseries, OH Greenleaf Nursery, NC Southeast Growers, GA Angel Creek Nursery, GA
2020	Dickman Farms, NY DS Cole Growers, NH

## Pilot Nursery updates (3/23/2020)

Grower	Type of facility	RA	PMP	SANC Manual	Internal Audits	External Audits	Certified Participant
Conard-Pyle, PA *	GH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Forrest Keeling, MO *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKay Nursery, WI *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oregon Pride Nursery, OR *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walla Walla Nursery, WA *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenleaf Nursery, OK *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southeastern Growers, GA *	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lucas Greenhouses, NJ *	GH	✓	✓	withdrawn			
Angel Creek, GA **	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenleaf Nursery, NC **	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenleaf Nursery, TX **	N	✓	✓	wip			
DS Cole, NH (GCP) **	GH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Willoway, OH **	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loma Vista Nursery, KS **	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dickman Farms, NY **	G	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Altman Plants, CA ** Lake Mathews location	G	✓	✓	✓	wip		
Altman Plants, CA ** Fallbrook location	G	wip					
Walla Walla, OR **	N	✓	✓	wip			
North Creek Nursery, PA ***	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burpee ***	GH	wip					

\* Phase 1 nursery

\*\* Phase 2 nursery

\*\*\* Transition nursery (state is able to go through all SANC steps on their own because the state already has a fully certified SANC nursery)

Type of facility N=nursery; GH=Greenhouse

wip = work in progress

# **SANC Governing Board**

## **Voting members**

- One from each of the 4 NPB regions
- One American Hort representative and two nursery industry representatives

## **Non-voting members**

- One APHIS/PPQ representative
- As the need arises, subject matter experts (SMEs) may be brought in to work on issues as they arise

## **Responsibilities**

- Provide oversight of the SANC program
- Ensure equal implementation and performance of the program by every state
- Identify future issues
- Provide a forum for resolving issues between states and/or industry
- Provide guidance on participation and training