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A Framework for SANC.... available now at http://sanc.nationalplantboard.org/

A Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC)?!?? -- the concept can feel so abstract! Before you invest staff time and resources to incorporate the concept into your work, you need to have a concrete idea of what it is and how it can be valuable. The SANC Core Group, under the authoring hand of Wayne Dixon, has developed a guidance tool called the "Framework for a Systems Approach to Nursery Certification – National Plant Board 2012". This document lays out the key elements of a framework for SANC and looks at the seven principles of HACCP that form the basis of understanding and controlling the risks of pest hazards. Using this base, the document redefines and explains the procedures for applying the principles to nursery operations.

The framework document provides a good explanation of the use and value of CCP and BMP concepts relative to managing pest risk within the environment of regulatory agriculture and business activities. This document and other SANC initiative information can be found on the "Tools for States" page at the new SANC website at http://sanc.nationalplantboard.org/. Watch the website as we construct a library of tools that build on this framework.