



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

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## SANC highlighted at the 2013 National Plant Board Meeting

The SANC Initiative was on prominent display at the National Plant Board annual meeting in Louisville Kentucky, August 4-8, 2013.

- During the NPB business meeting, Wayne Dixon presented drafts of the revised NPB [Model Plant Pest Law](#) and [Model Nursery Law](#) that incorporate language consistent with a systems approach to nursery certification.
- [A poster display](#) was available throughout the meeting, providing a description of current SANC documents and their purpose in the context of building a systems approach to nursery certification.
- A panel discussion featured perspective from Industry, NPB, and USDA partners on the value and impact of systems approaches. The panel also gave an early picture of a SANC pilot project. Questions and comments from audience members provided excellent input for the SANC core group to use as it continues developing tools to facilitate the use of a systems approach in nursery certification programs. A compiled pdf of the poster and presentations from the panel discussion can be viewed at [http://nationalplantboard.org/docs/2013\\_meeting/npb\\_2013\\_sanc.pdf](http://nationalplantboard.org/docs/2013_meeting/npb_2013_sanc.pdf).



The message from the SANC Initiative at the meeting remained consistent with its message from the start:

Systems approaches to nursery certification can provide opportunities for industry and regulatory agencies to reduce pest risk and better utilize resources.

Did you miss the meeting? We can't recreate that exceptional Louisville hospitality for you, but we can share information about SANC – visit <http://sanc.nationalplantboard.org>

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