



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

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2015 SANC Workshop – We’re Gaining Momentum!

From January 27-29, participants in the SANC initiative came together for a working meeting, beating back the chill of winter with a bright, sunny forecast for the SANC pilot presented by the first two plant production facilities embarking on the SANC process. John Rausch, from Conard-Pyle in PA, and Carolyn Lovelace of Forrest-Keeling in MO, shared their experience tackling the first major step in the program, pest risk assessment. Each discussed their approach to risk assessment; highlighted areas that could be improved in SANC process and documentation; and identified benefits they expect to reap through SANC participation. Industry consultants Jerry Lee and Darrell Maddox outlined the process from their perspective, and SPROs and Inspectors from the pilot states shared insights and impressions. Six more facilities will begin the SANC pilot in 2015, benefiting from the experience of the first two. Two additional rounds of piloting are anticipated in the next few years before the program is developed sufficiently for general use.

Dana Rhodes and Gray Haun, the co-chairs of the National Plant Board’s SANC project, provided balance and vision to the group. Meeting participants broke into sub-committees to further develop SANC program content. A special training session for pilot state SPROs and Inspectors used case studies and real-life examples to discuss the state role in risk assessment and evaluation of pest management systems.



SANC Core Group



Participants in a small group exercise on risk assessment.