



SANC Spotlight

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Progress on the SANC Pilots: Steady progress continues at SANC pilot facilities as external audits were successfully completed at Oregon Pride in November and at Forrest Keeling in February 2017. Greenleaf Nursery and Southeast Growers have external audits scheduled for mid-March. All SANC certified growers look forward to shipping under a SANC certificate in 2017. To demonstrate a fully scalable process in SANC, the Pilot Subcommittee established a list of second pilot facilities which includes D.S. Cole Growers – NH, Dickman Farms – NY, Angel Creek Nurseries – GA, Greenleaf Nursery – NC, Greenleaf Nursery –TX, Willoway Nurseries – OH, Evergreen Nursery – WI, Walla Walla Nursery – OR and tentatively, a nursery in California. Ready to move their company forward in the next phase, Willoway has completed their risk assessment and Angel Creek is in process. In coordination with the selection of Phase II companies, the SANC Training Subcommittee provided inspector training in October in Pennsylvania and is tentatively planning for regional training in California, and Pennsylvania this summer and fall. As this pilot phase continues to add critical operational information, we are also getting requests from other nursery and greenhouse facilities about SANC certification outside the pilot process. This interest serves to support our belief that industry values this systems approach. We are excited about the next steps in SANC.

SANC Governing Board: Looking to the future of the SANC program, we began discussions to move toward a fully operational certification system. The Systems Approach Program Partnership (SAP-P) leadership began considering what governance might look like and how it might operate. Stay tuned as the SAP-P prepares to provide for long-term program direction. SAP-P is a leadership group established with members drawn from industry, USDA and the National Plant Board.

SANC Subcommittee Workshop: SANC Subcommittees met for their annual workshop in Jacksonville, FL on January 24 and 25, 2017 to work on subcommittee goals and projects. The Outreach Subcommittee was able to identify new educational materials and discuss website changes. The Training Subcommittee evaluated their training offerings from this past year and identified training projects and locations for 2017. The Inspector Subcommittee shared SANC experiences and identified their specific training needs as they prepare to assist the new pilot facilities. The Pilot Subcommittee had extended discussions about the issues of transitioning to a more operation phase. Likewise, the SANC Evaluation Subcommittee used the time to identify the final needs and tools to complete the evaluation of the full pilot project. And the Document Review Subcommittee put the final touches on a SANC Glossary of Terms and began a complete review of documents on the website to insure accuracy.

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