



Traditional Nursery Program



Systems Approach to Nursery Certification

Similarities between certification programs:

Are plants inspected?

Yes! Plant inspection is a critical part of the process.

Do states maintain regulatory authority?

Yes! State regulatory authorities remain in place.

Differences between certification programs:

What is the program focus?

Single “snapshots” of plant health and condition to comply with nursery certification requirements or to certify a consignment of plants.

Focus on improving facility cleanliness and growing better plants. Processes for producing plants have a 24/7 impact and are at the core of the program. Process improvement is part of SANC.

Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with nursery and plant shipping regulations?

Inspector

Inspectors and plant production facility staff partner to reduce plant pest problems.

What are inspections like?

Inspections are “snapshots” of plant quality and pest issues without regard to production practices.

Verifications/audits confirm that the identified plant production processes are being used.

What are typical questions?

“Are there regulatory pests?”

“Who, what, when, how, why?”

What are the outcomes of an inspection?

Plants pass or do not pass inspection.
Plants are shipped or they are not shipped.

Detections of plant pests result in review of CCPs and BMPs in order to improve production practices at the facility.