

What is SANC?

Certification of nursery stock for intrastate, interstate or international shipping is becoming more and more of a challenge for industry as well as for regulatory agencies due to various factors, including higher shipping volumes, increasing regulated pest pressure and more rigorous shipping requirements.

The National Plant Board (NPB) is developing a **Systems Approach to Nursery Stock Certification** (SANC) process that would enhance

existing industry and regulatory agency certification and shipping infrastructures.

SANC is a voluntary program that would assist growers in expediting shipments, minimizing the distribution of nursery and greenhouse-associated pests and enhancing uniformity among inspection programs.

The SANC approach would allow growers to work more collaboratively with regulatory officials, play a more active role in identifying

best management practices and managing pests, and free up regulatory resources that can be directed to areas of greater risk.

SANC is a flexible approach that can be tailored to address the unique variations amongst plant production facilities across the country.

For more information you can visit the National Plant Board's SANC website: <http://sanc.nationalplantboard.org>

Wisconsin Pollinator Protection Plan

In response to risks facing pollinators, DATCP has worked with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Entomology Department along with a 35-member stakeholder group to develop Wisconsin's pollinator protection plan.

In Wisconsin, pollinators include managed non-native honey bees; more than 400 wild species of native bees; and other insects including flies and beetles. News stories have focused on population declines among managed colonies of honey bees, but some wild pollinators like bumble bees are also declining. Science suggests that a number of factors are in play. For honey bees, the risks include parasites, pathogens and lack of genetic diversity. Both honey bees and other pollinators suffer from loss of habitat, inadequate forage, and pesticide exposure.

The goals of the plan are to expand the quality and quantity of habitat for managed and wild pollinators, minimize stressors on managed and wild pollinators, improve managed hive health and survival and to provide outreach about pollinator-friendly practices.

The plan will be available on the DATCP website in February 2016 after a 30-day public comment period. http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Bees_and_Honey/

Nursery Program Totals For 2016

License Totals

- There were 623 nursery grower, 1,096 nursery dealer and 367 Christmas tree grower licenses issued. Of these, there were 75 new nursery growers, 158 new nursery dealers and 31 new Christmas tree grower licenses issued.
- 20 nursery growers, 28 nursery dealer and 12 Christmas tree grower licenses were canceled.
- 20 nursery growers, 28 nursery dealers and 21 Christmas tree growers went out of business.
- 8 nursery growers, 21 nursery dealers and 7 Christmas tree growers had expired licenses and did not renew.

Inspections

- 429 of the 894 (48%) fields of licensed nursery growers were inspected this year.
- 691 of the 1,982 (35%) nursery dealer sites were inspected this year.
- 619 of the 763 (81%) fields of Christmas tree growers were inspected this year.

Upcoming Events

January 20-21

Garden Center Symposium
www.gardencentersymposium.com

January 23

WCTPA Winter Convention
www.christmastrees-wi.org

February 3-5

iLandscape: the IL+WI Landscape Show
www.ilandscapeshow.com

February 12-13

WPT Garden Expo
www.wigardenexpo.com

February 14-16

Wisconsin Arborist Association Conference
www.waa-isa.org

February 18

WNLA Winter Workshop
www.wgif.net

July 19-21

Farm Technology Days
www.wifarmtechnologydays.com

July 26

WI Turfgrass Association Field Day

August 4

CFGW Field Day
www.cfgw.org

August 10

WNLA Summer Field Day & Trade Show
www.wgif.net

August 16-18

IGC Show
www.igcshow.com

August

WCTPA Summer Convention
www.christmastrees-wi.org

Fall Greenhouse Conference
www.cfgw.org

If you haven't provided us with your email address in the past, please make it a point for this year. There is a space for it on the application form. We use it only for DATCP communication purposes. Send us your email address at: DATCPnursery@wi.gov with your name and nursery license number.