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GAIP News

Grower Assisted Inspection Program

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GAIP in 2009

Implementing a new program into a business can have its challenges. There are new procedures to follow, training is often necessary, and the program is a continuous work in progress.

Thanks to all the nursery volunteers for their hard work and the innovative solutions many have come up with for the GAIP. In addition, a few GAIP nurseries have met on their own to share ideas with one another.

In the upcoming year nurseries will begin to see results for the best cultural practices (BCPs) they have implemented for the program.

After the federal certification requirements for *Phytophthora ramorum* have been completed for 2009, the results will be compared to data from previous years.

Pathogen detections, costs to implement BCPs, and customer satisfaction are a few of the items that will be analyzed to determine if the GAIP pilot was successful.

I look forward to working with you all in the next year!

Melissa Lujan

Mitigation Manual and Facility Review Deadline

Mitigation Manual submissions and facility reviews need to be completed by Friday, February 13, 2009.

This deadline is set to ensure all mitigation procedures have been approved, and program requirements met. It is important for the GAIP nurseries to be fully compliant before spring certification begins.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this deadline please contact the auditor.

February USDA Visit

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is expecting a visit on February 18th & 19th from the USDA, and members of the National Plant Board, CDFA, and WSDA.

The ODA invited these guests to inform agencies outside of Oregon about the Grower Assisted Inspected Program.

Presentations will be given outlining the goals, and program requirements. Jennifer Parke

from OSU will also give a presentation on: *A Systems Approach for Mitigating Phytophthora in Nurseries*.

A GAIP nursery tour will also be included giving the visitors an opportunity to see firsthand how nurseries have implemented mitigation procedures for their Critical Control Points.



Scouting

The weather conditions over the last few weeks have been stressful on plants. Many plants may begin to display signs and symptoms similar to *Phytophthoras* that are caused by other factors. This is a good time to refresh employees on scouting procedures. Some good picture resources are:

USDA

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pram/downloads/surveyplan/appendixd.pdf

University of California

<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8156.pdf>

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