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Welcome!

The GAIP program is off to a good start. Thank you for your participation, and all the input you have added to the program. By following the goals for the GAIP we can be a leader in reducing *Phytophthoras* throughout the nursery industry.

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work”
Vince Lombardi

Everyone is doing a great job!
If you have questions please contact me!

Melissa Lujan



ELISA Training Workshop for GAIP Nurseries

We will be holding a training workshop in conjunction with the OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Service on the proper use of ELISA field test kits.

The workshop will give GAIP participants a hands-on opportunity to learn correct procedures for testing and diagnosing plant material.

The details are still in discussion and the tentative date is scheduled for December 9, 2008. All information for the workshop will be passed on once it becomes available.

This will be a good training opportunity for nursery staff so keep the workshop in mind!

Upcoming GAIP Schedule

Mitigation Manual revisions need to be completed by 5 p.m. October 24, 2008.

As soon as the manuals have been approved and signed, the ODA will begin to schedule the first site visits and official audits.

During the audit all Critical Control Points and Potential Pathways (if applicable) will be monitored to ensure each nursery’s proper procedures are in place.

This will also be an opportunity for the auditor to become familiar with the layout of each nursery, and a chance to meet personnel involved with mitigation procedures.

Potential Funding Opportunities

Nurseries have been added as a Specialty Crop to the Farm Bill. Thus, nurseries and nursery research will be eligible for Specialty Crops Grants. In the future the ODA will release a Request For Proposals (RFP) to specialty crops producers interested in accessing these funds. More details will follow as they become available.

Critical Control Point: Used Containers

If a nursery cannot purchase new containers for HAP material, used containers must be properly sanitized before re-use. A few ways to do this are by:

- **Steam sterilization-** There are many inexpensive units that may be purchased for nursery use. If you have a relationship with neighboring nurseries you may think about purchasing a “mobile” steam sterilizer together that can be shared on a rotating schedule.
- **Chemical sanitation-** Make sure to use USDA approved chemicals for sanitation and follow the label. Information is available in the Confirmed Nursery Protocol Appendix 8.
- **Others?** If you have another idea please share your thoughts!!

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