Systems-based Pest Management Training for Tennessee Nursery Owners, Employees, and Hispanic Work Force

Benefits of attending this program are endless but here a few!

- Prevent pests at each stage of production!
- Reduce the spread of pests within your nursery!
- Increase plant survival!
- Reduce losses due to pest!
- Learn about upcoming regulation changes!

Systems-based Pest Management Training:

Systems approach to pest management allows nursery producers to evaluate the whole process of producing nursery crops and identify critical control points that can mitigate the risk of pests and diseases. Globalization of the nursery industry has increased the threat of invasive pests and diseases in an environment that has always been vulnerable to pests and diseases due to closely spaced plants and production of multiple crops. Currently, regulatory agencies are evaluating a systems-based approach to pest management to help mitigate the risk of pests and diseases. This training will allow growers to integrate independent risk management measures to maximize pest prevention and minimize the risk associated with adopting a new production system.

Overview of Workshop:

Informative Seminars

Seminars address the critical need of adopting this approach by providing bilingual training to nursery owners and employees. Attendees will hear current and future perspectives on plant regulations in the U.S., an introduction to systems-based pest management, examples of nurseries reducing financial losses by adopting this approach, and identify critical control points specific to their nursery.

Nursery Demonstration

In the afternoon, all attendees will visit Hale and Hines nursery for a visual assessment on critical control points. Critical control points addressed in the morning seminar will be readdressed by showing "do's" and "don'ts", and how to correct, assess, initiate and prevent unsafe practices.
Training Material:
All attendees will receive a check sheet on critical control points, a training manual and access to critical control point training videos. This material will be available in both English and Spanish.

When and Where:
September 26, 2013 - 8:00AM to 4:30PM (Lunch Provided)

Morning seminars will begin at 8:00am at the TSU Otis L. Floyd Nursery Research Center, McMinnville, TN. The training continues into the afternoon at Hale and Hines Nursery, McMinnville, TN.

Cost:
Attendance is FREE and lunch will be provided!!!

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