Calendar of Events

May 8th, 11:00 a.m. Nursery Certification Information and Program Changes - Webinar- On-line or call 255-5522 if you wish to view at the Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center. See enclosed letter. **The webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 11:00 am.**

To join the webinar **Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 11:00 am**, click on the following link: [https://agr.ncgovconnect.com/nursery_certification/](https://agr.ncgovconnect.com/nursery_certification/)

To view the webinar **after Tuesday, May 8, 2012**, click on the following link: [https://www.ncplants.com](https://www.ncplants.com)

May 15th, 2:00–4:30, Green Industry IPM Workshop, Buncombe County Extension Center, 94 Coxe Avenue Asheville,

May 22nd-23rd, 8:30-4:30, Commercial Pesticide School and Exams Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center.

June 4th, 6:00-8:00pm, Private Applicator Pesticide Safety Class, Category V, Buncombe County Center, 94 Coxe Avenue, Asheville NC.

June 5th, 6:00-8:00pm, Pesticide Specialty Class, Transylvania Extension Center, 203 East Morgan Street, Brevard NC, All Categories except V.

June 12th, 2:00–5:00 p.m., Green Industry IPM Workshop, Buncombe County Extension Center, 94, Coxe Avenue, Asheville, NC

June 19th—July 24th, 4:30—7:30 pm Certified Plant Professional Short Course, (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) NC Arboretum, 100 Fredrick Law Olmstead Way, Asheville, NC Registration is now open, call me for the registration form or go on line at: [http://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/content/CertifiedPlantProfessionalShortCourse2012](http://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/content/CertifiedPlantProfessionalShortCourse2012)

July 26th— 9:00-12:00 Certified Plant Professional Exam
March 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM
TO: North Carolina Certified and Registered Nurseries
FROM: Phil Wilson, Plant Pest Administrator
       Michelle McGinnis, Plant Pest Supervisor
SUBJECT: Nursery Certification Information and Program Changes

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS)-Plant Industry Division is the agency responsible for the official registration for all nurseries in the state. By definition, a nursery is a place where nursery stock is grown for distribution or sale. The primary objective of the state’s Nursery Program is to facilitate the movement of nursery stock while preventing the introduction and spread of quarantine plant pests into and within North Carolina. The movement of infested nursery stock represents one of the ways plant pests may be moved from one location to another and has the potential to directly impact both wholesale and retail nursery operations. As such, the NCDA&CS has developed NCPlants, a web-based application designed for nurseries to enter plant acquisition sources. Prior to this initiative, this information had only been maintained in hardcopy format and as such not readily useable in the event of a pest outbreak. Along with the state’s registered nurseries, each of North Carolina’s registered nursery dealers is required to enter this information into NCPlants.

Effective with the 2012-13 nursery certification period, NCDA&CS will require all nurseries to record plant acquisition information in NCPlants as part of the registration process. Information recorded will only be available to NCDA&CS and will be utilized to more effectively track nursery plant material from internal and external sources in the event of a significant pest outbreak. The NCPlants application can be accessed at https://www.ncplants.com or on the NCDA&CS-Plant Industry Division website, http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry with the following logo:

![NCPlants logo]

All new or currently licensed nurseries will need to complete this process of recording their plant suppliers before September 20, 2012. First time system users will need to create an NCID account as well as an NCPlants account. An attachment with specific instructions has been prepared to guide you through the process.

We sincerely appreciate your compliance with this program to ensure that North Carolina remains free of quarantine significant pests. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Fleming (Tammy.Feming@ncagr.gov) at (919) 707-3751 or Michelle McGinnis (Michelle.McGinnis@ncagr.gov) at (919) 707-3742.

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FIRST TIME USER
• Can use an existing NCID account or create a new NCID account
• Upon first login with their NCID account will be prompted to sign-up for an NC Plants account

To Create an NCID Account:
2. Click “NCID Signup” (in the first paragraph on login page)
3. Choose account type “Business Account” and click “Submit”
4. Complete required fields (including security word and security questions/answers) and click “Create account”
5. Check your email, open email message from ncid.notifications@nc.gov, and click the link to activate account

To Create an NCPlants Account:
2. Enter NCID name and password
3. Enter required fields including registration type and license number and click “Find”
   • The registration type and license number are listed on the green license card issued by NCDA&CS
4. Confirm the nursery associated with license number is yours. If information is correct, click “Continue” and then click “Create Account”

ON-GOING USER
• After successful login

To Add a Supplier:
1. Click “My Location and Suppliers” in top navigation bar
2. Click “Suppliers” in the row next to the nursery/location name
3. In the space between the “Back” button and “Add To List” button, start typing in supplier name
   • Suppliers already in the system will popup … if you see one that correct supplier, select it and click “Add To List”
   • If the supplier is not in the system, complete the required fields and click “Save”
4. Click “Stock Classes” in the row next to the nursery/location name and select applicable fields

To Validate a Supplier (to be done at least yearly):
1. Click “Validate Suppliers” in top navigation bar
2. Click “Validate Suppliers List” button
3. Enter name and job title of person validating the suppliers and click the “Validate” button
4. The name and date of validation will appear at the top of these screens
Due to county budget restrictions this newsletter will only be sent out on a quarterly basis. Information will continue to be sent to all green industry individuals on a regular, weekly basis—electronically should you wish to subscribe by e-mail.

If you have an e-mail address please send it to me at cdruth@ncsu.edu

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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these activities, please contact Cliff Ruth at 828-255-5522 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event. Also if you need a Spanish Interpreter either for you or employees please let me know at least a week in advance so I can request one and provide them the materials.