

Advancing the horticulture industry

Nursery Certification checklist – how ready are you?

How close are you to nursery certification? Many of your daily nursery activities are part of the certification program. Answer the following 21 questions and check off which of the following activities you currently do at your nursery.

Regulated Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) insects and diseases

1. You/staff know and can identify the CFIA regulated insects or diseases that relate to your location.
2. You/staff know and can identify the CFIA regulated insects or diseases that relate to plants that you bring in from off-nursery sources.

Plant sources

3. You can identify your off-nursery plant suppliers by name and location.
4. You document off-nursery plant suppliers by name and location.
5. You can identify off-nursery sourced plants by botanical or trade name, supplier and origin.
6. You document off-nursery sourced plants by botanical or trade name, supplier, and origin.
7. You can identify self-propagated plants by botanical or trade name, and by suppliers.
8. You document self-propagated plants by botanical or trade name.

Plants arriving from off-nursery sources

9. Plants arriving from off-nursery sources are inspected for the presence of regulated and non-regulated insects or diseases by nursery staff.
10. This inspection is documented.
11. All associated shipping documents provided with each specific load are kept, filed and can be easily retrieved.

Shipping plants

- 12. Plants are inspected for the presence of regulated and non-regulated insects or diseases by trained staff prior to loading and shipping.
- 13. This inspection is documented.
- 14. Copies of all associated shipping documents with specific load are kept, filed and can be easily retrieved.

Plants in production

- 15. You can identify off-nursery sourced plants that you have in your possession less than one growing season.
- 16. You can identify plants that you have in your possession more than one growing season.
- 17. You have a written pest management plan.
- 18. Pest observations are regularly documented in a pest log.
- 19. Pest control actions and treatments are documented in a pesticide application log.

Tracing plant production and sales history

- 20. If a problem, i.e. regulated pest, is identified on your product by a customer, can you trace the product's history back through your production system to the off-nursery or self-propagated source.
- 21. If a problem, i.e. regulated pest, is identified on your product that you re-wholesaled, can you trace the products back to your supplier and forward to your customers.

Scores:

20	Your nursery has the steps in place for certification.
1-19	Identify which points you can address and apply to your operation.
0	You've got a way to go.

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