The National Clean Plant Network--An Industry Perspective

Successes to Celebrate

The NCPN will provide benefits to industry:

• Facilitate interstate & international commerce in nursery stock
• Improve & standardized tests for pest detection
• Improve understanding of domestic pest pressure
• Establish a framework to develop national standards for certification/accreditation programs
• Facilitate import/export of new cultivars
• Enable the National Plant Germplasm System to “clean up” accessions of interest to industry
• Inform consumers of benefits of planting clean stock
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The NCPN will—

“Enable clean plant programs to move at the speed of business”

“Enable the sale of certified nursery stock at the same price as common stock”

“Become an Engine of Change”
Recommendations

• Develop a national certification standard that recognizes differences in regional pest pressure
• Allow nurseries & growers to establish G-2 (or equivalent) mother trees
• Investigate a “passport” system for plant movement as used in the E.U. &/or the National Citrus Germplasm Passport System
• Establish a database of tree cultivars similar to the National Grape Registry
• Establish a protocol for addition, including means of funding, of new species to the NCPN (such as category 2 priority crops—citrus & strawberry, category 3 priority crops—ornamentals with high pest risk pathways, and other crops that have expressed interest in the NCPN, e.g. small fruit and hops)