



Sudden Oak Death

Phytophthora ramorum

Prevention Workshop for Nurseries

Develop a Best Management Practices Program for your nursery!

Presented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and
the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers (CANGC)

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

San Diego County Farm Bureau

1670 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92027

The CDFA Primary Plant Pathologist and Nursery Program Specialists will facilitate and train nursery staff in the development of a voluntary program for California nurseries.

Phytophthora ramorum is the cause of sudden oak death and ramorum blight diseases.

*The workshop will cover preventive practices and systems approaches to avoid introduction of *P. ramorum*, the cause of the diseases sudden oak death and ramorum blight to nurseries, preventing the spread of the disease to customer's plants.*

There is nationwide concern over the movement of pests on nursery stock, particularly the movement of *P. ramorum*. An international focus on “clean stock programs” and systems approaches has become a topic of major interest. Some states are urging USDA to develop mandatory Best Management Practices (BMP) programs for nurseries and numerous working groups are meeting under the guidance of U.S. Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) to investigate such a program for *P. ramorum*.

As a leader in the development of the “Nursery Industry Best Management Practices for *Phytophthora ramorum*” manual, California nurseries have the opportunity to take a lead in the development of an easy-to-implement, voluntary BMP program, customized to the needs of each nursery.

Each individualized nursery best management plan is designed with the help of nursery owners and their staff. The plan documents the steps each nursery agrees to take to insure the production of clean, healthy nursery stock.

No cost workshops are funded through the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers by a USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service/Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops grant, but ***pre-registration is requested.***

To register and to obtain more information about the workshops, please contact Kathy Kosta, Primary State Plant Pathologist, California Department of Food and Agriculture at 916-651-2846 or by email at kkosta@cdfa.ca.gov.

