

NIPM Item #8

DISPOSITION OF NEMATODE INFESTED STOCK - SUGGESTED PROCEDURES

- A. The disposition of nursery stock determined to be nematode infested must be consistent with the standard of cleanliness and the seriousness of the nematode species as indicated by the pest rating assigned.
1. Disposition of Nursery Stock Infested With "A" or "Q" Rated Nematodes.
 - a. Infested nursery stock is subject to eradication, quarantine regulation, or other holding action at the State-County level.
 - b. Specific instructions are provided by letter on a case-by-case basis.
 2. Disposition of Nursery Stock Infested With "B" or "C" Rated Nematodes.
 - a. Nursery stock determined to be infested is to be delimited using laboratory inspection methods. Nursery stock within the delimited infested area should be held by issuing a "Nursery Stock Notice of Noncompliance."
 - (1) Delimited nursery stock must be:
 - (A) Disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner and within the time limit specified, or
 - (B) Treated in a manner approved by the Department, or
 - (C) Permitted movement under restriction by the commissioner. (See part C for procedures.)
 - b. Where laboratory inspection methods are not required:
 - (1) Nursery stock with visible symptoms should be sorted out and held by issuing a "Nursery Stock Notice of Noncompliance." Laboratory confirmation of nematode infestation should be obtained generally, and especially when there is a doubt as to the cause of the symptoms or when the field diagnosis is likely to be contested.
 - (2) Nursery stock with visible symptoms must be:
 - (A) Disposed of in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner and within the time limit specified, or
 - (B) Treated in a manner approved by the Department, or
 - (C) Permitted movement under restriction by the commissioner. (See part C for procedures.)
 - B. Procedure for Movement of Nursery Stock Under Restriction.
 1. Nursery owner or authorized representative must notify the origin county commissioner of intent to move infested stock, indicating county of destination, name, and address of consignee(s), and number and type of plants to be shipped.

2. Origin commissioner may permit the movement of infested nursery stock provided:
 - a. Permission is obtained from commissioner of destination county, and
 - b. The consignee is given the option of accepting the shipment with the knowledge that the plants are infested or refusing the shipment, and
 - c. Shipments of infested nursery stock must be made using the blue, "hold for inspection" shipping permit. However, a "Noncompliance Warning Tag" should also accompany the shipment. The latter should clearly show the reason the stock does not comply with nursery stock standards. This will avoid unnecessary destination inspection.
3. Nursery stock moved under restriction is not eligible for reshipment under nursery stock certificates, nor should it be reshipped using the blue, hold for inspection shipping permit unless the foregoing procedure is followed.