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Farm Bill Pest and Disease Funding Welcomed

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Purdue's announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allocating almost \$70 million in new funding for invasive plant pests and disease projects. The funding is intended to prevent the introduction or spread of pests that threaten U.S. agriculture and the environment, and to sustain the infrastructure necessary to ensure that disease-free, certified planting materials are available to U.S. nurseries and specialty crop producers.

"Through the Farm Bill Section 10007, the USDA strengthens our nation's ability to safeguard U.S. specialty crops, agriculture, and natural resources by putting innovative ideas into action," said Secretary Perdue.

These funds, provided through Section 10007 of the Farm Bill, will support 494 projects in 49 states and two U.S. territories. Many of these projects will directly benefit the horticulture industry.

The Horticultural Research Institute, the research foundation of AmericanHort, was awarded \$117,100 for its ongoing work to complete the Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) pilot program. "This unique federal, state, and industry partnership is changing how we think about regulatory oversight of plant production and the horticultural marketplace," said Craig Regelbrugge, AmericanHort senior vice president for advocacy and research.

by: AmericanHort.org/news

Congrats to Our New ICNPs!

The ICNP testing was held on INLA Day during the annual Iowa State University STSC and Iowa Nursery & Landscaping Association Trade Show in Ames, IA.

Two members successfully completed the Iowa Certified Nursery Professional testing at the ISU Shade Tree Short Course and INLA Trade Show held in February.

Larissa Beaty, Des Moines

Ben Rindels, Cedar Falls

Congratulations!

INLA Member Job Board

Have a job opening in your business? Need to get the word out? INLA offers a free job board to members. Please email listings to Joan O'Brien joano@agribiz.org.

Visit www.iowanla.org/job-postings/ for current listings.

Call the INLA office at 515-262-8323/800-383-1682 or email joano@agribiz.org for more details.

Naig Appointed by Governor

In March, Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Mike Naig to succeed Bill Northey as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

As Secretary, he is committed to leading efforts to protect consumers, expanding economic opportunities for Iowans and advocating in Iowa and around the globe on behalf of the hard-working men and women who keep us fed and fueled.

In a state where agriculture is a leading economic driver, Mike knows that protecting our natural resources is essential to our success. He is proud of Iowans for taking on the challenge of improving water quality. He believes in continuing to embrace science and technology to better care for our state's natural resources, secure a safe and affordable food and energy supply, and build markets for Iowa products.

Mike has served as Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for Northey since September 2013.

As Deputy Secretary, Mike has been responsible for the operations of the department, specifically policy, budget and personnel. He also regularly traveled across the state and on international trade missions. His experience working alongside Secretary Northey reinforced in him the importance of being accessible to Iowans to better represent their interests and be responsive to their needs.

Mike is a graduate of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake with degrees in biology and political science. He and his wife Jaime have three boys.

Accepting Applications for International Plantscape Awards



The International Plantscape Awards are now open and accepting applications through April 13, 2018 at 5 PM EST.

The AmericanHort International Plantscape Awards recognize outstanding achievements in interior plantscape design, installation, creativity, renovation, and innovation. As awareness of indoor plant benefits continues to grow, these awards celebrate the strides of interior plantscapers to connect people with plants in remarkable ways.

Entries are judged on their own merit rather than against each other, which means that the best and the brightest all shine together. Award winners earn a designation of gold or platinum based on points scored from information and photos provided. Certain submissions may be awarded the coveted Diamond and Emerald judges' awards for the best overall entries.

Award submissions are judged by a panel of distinguished plantscapers who serve on the AmericanHort Interior Plantscape Community. Award recipients find that the honor becomes a selling point with current and future customers and therefore is a business asset as well as accolade. Submission categories, a video for judging criteria, and details can be found at AmericanHort.org/IPAwards.

The International Plantscape Awards will be presented during Cultivate'18, horticulture's largest all-industry event, held July 14-17, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. The presentation ceremony is a lively celebration of the interior plantscape community's accomplishments and of hopes for even bigger and bolder achievements in the future.

Applicants must be an AmericanHort member to apply. To learn more about becoming a member, visit AmericanHort.org/Join. (Not sure if you're already a member? Please contact AmericanHort at Hello@AmericanHort.org).

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WPS Training Requirement Update for Growers

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is designed to reduce the risk of pesticide accidents with workers in agriculture. Some of the requirements set forth in the 2015 revision of the WPS were selected for delayed implementation to give growers time to ready themselves for compliance. The latest set of regulations from this revision went into effect Jan. 2, 2018. The following requirements are enforceable January 2, 2018:

- Including new content on pesticide safety information display (170.311(a)(3))
- Suspension of applications by handlers if anyone is in the application exclusion zone (170.505(b))

Note: Compliance with the requirement of covering new content in worker and handler training (170.401(c)(3) and 170.501(c)(3)) will be required 6 months after EPA publishes a Federal Register notice about the training materials being available

Training Requirements

Compliance with the requirement of covering new content in worker and handler training will be required 6 months after EPA publishes a Federal Register notice about the training materials being available. Until that date, workers and handlers can be trained under the current training requirements. After that date, workers and handlers will not be considered “trained” unless they have been trained according to the new training content requirements of the revised WPS rule.

Worker Training

The pesticide safety training for workers under the revised WPS must be presented either orally from written materials or audio-visually, at a location that is reasonably free from distraction

and conducive to training. All training materials must be EPA-approved. The training must be presented in a manner that the workers can understand, such as through a translator. The worker trainer must be present during the entire training program and must respond to workers’ questions.

Handler Training

The pesticide safety training for handlers under the revised WPS (subparts D, E, F and G of 40 CFR Part 170) must be presented either orally from written materials or audio-visually, at a location that is reasonably free from distraction and conducive to training. All training materials must be EPA-approved. The training must be presented in a manner that the handlers can understand, such as through a translator. The handler trainer must be present during the entire training program and must respond to handlers’ questions.

Training Resources

Please visit the ISU <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/WorkerProtect.html> for training downloads. Some notes about each presentation:

- These EPA-approved PowerPoints comply with the requirements for use in 2017, 2018 and beyond.
- Trainers of workers/handlers must be qualified - by either holding a pesticide applicator’s license, by completing an EPA-approved Train-the-Trainer course, or by being designated as a trainer by the State or Tribal pesticide enforcement agency.

For more information please contact; Betsy Buffington, Extension Program Specialist, bbuffing@iastate.edu, (515) 294-7293. Information taken from <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/WorkerProtect.html>.

Time Out - ELD Rule Creates More Wait Time for Deliveries

The Federal Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule mandated by Congress several years ago, and going into full effect this year, is intended to help create a safer work environment for truck drivers. It also is designed to make it easier and faster to accurately track, manage and share a trucker’s record of duty status, known as RODS. An ELD installed in the truck automatically records driving time for a more accurate hours-of-service log. The first phase, begun in early 2016, focused on awareness and transition, and the compliance phase was set to begin in December of 2017.

While any law aimed at enhancing driver safety is praiseworthy, the new regulation has caused concern among trucking companies, drivers, and numerous industries that rely on haulers to move their goods—including the horticulture industry. It also comes at a time when trucking companies are struggling with a lack of qualified drivers.

Federal regulations governing how long drivers may be actively behind the wheel of their trucks states that truckers cannot work more than 14 hours in a 24-hour period, and cannot drive more than 11 hours in a 24-hour period, without taking a 10-hour break. “Work” means the same as “on duty.” As soon as truckers start a pre-trip, they are on duty, and thus have 14 hours to be “on duty” from that moment on, before they are required to shut down for a 10-hour break. If drivers hit 11 hours of driving, they can still be doing work-related duties, as long as they are not driving. But once drivers hit the 14-hour mark, they must be totally shut down and begin their 10-hour break.

Greater impacts will be seen on larger growers that utilize their own fleets, but that the impact on smaller growers can’t be understated.

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ICNP Retest - June 20

Areas of Specialization

The Iowa Certified Nursery Professional (ICNP) program includes a core certification training and two areas of specialization:

1. Garden Center
2. Landscape

The ICNP exam is given in conjunction with the annual convention in February. Any individual who doesn't successfully complete the INLA ICNP exam, has the option to re-test when the next time the exam is offered.

ICNP Re-testing Fees

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Retest Plant ID	\$40.00	\$80.00
Retest T/F		
Multiple Choice	\$40.00	\$80.00

Please see attachment page for registration OR www.iowanla.org/inla-certified-nursery-professional/ for downloads and information.

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Calendar of Events

2018

- June 20** ICNP Exam
Iowa Arboretum, Madrid, IA
- July 14-17** Cultivate'18
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, OH

2019

- Jan 17-18** 2019 Western
Crown Center Exhibit Hall
Kansas City, MO
- Feb 19-21** ISU STSC & INLA Trade Show
Ames, IA

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Iowa Certified Nursery Professional Testing Registration Form

June 20, 2018

Iowa Arboretum, Madrid

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ICNP Exam Fees: (Please Select One)

	Member Price	Non-Member Price
Complete Test	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
Retest Plant ID	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00
Retest T/F Multiple Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00

Re-Examination

Any individual who does not successfully complete the INLA Certified Nursery Professional examination shall have the right to take a re-examination the next time the exam is offered. If an individual passes either the plant identification or written portion of the exam, that passing score is good for one year. This means that for re-examination, you only need to take the portion you did not pass.

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