

Virus Certification & Testing Services

The Oregon Department of Agriculture offers official testing and certification programs to provide virus-tested fruit tree nursery stock, blueberry nursery stock and other plant products (e.g., seeds and vegetables) for domestic and export markets.

Please contact us at our main line (503) 986-4620 or visit us on the web at www.oregon.gov/ODA for more information on participating in these programs.



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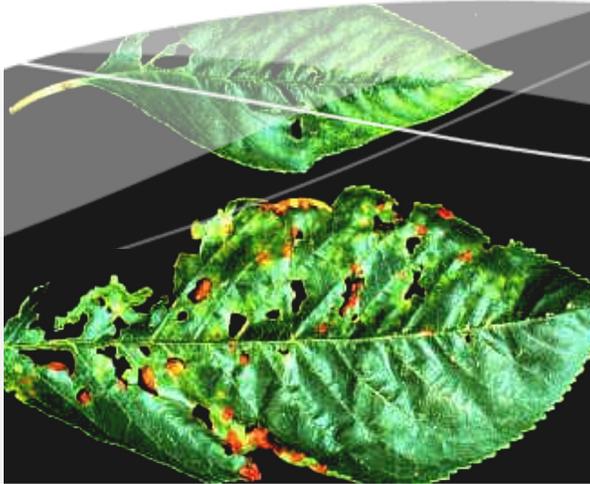
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Fruit Tree Virus Certification Program

The virus certification program for fruit and ornamental plant species has been providing fee-supported testing services for Oregon nurseries since 1977. In this program, fruit and ornamental varieties of *Malus* (apples and crabapples), *Prunus* (cherries [fruiting and ornamental], plums [fruiting and ornamental], peaches, apricots, almonds, etc.), *Pyrus* (domestic pears, Asian pears, and flowering pears), and *Cydonia* (quince) are grown under a regularly audited systems-based approach for virus management. The end product is fruit tree nursery stock tested for viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas of quarantine significance to Oregon's interstate and international consumers. On average, twenty-five Oregon nurseries participate in this program annually. A summary of the varieties grown by each nursery in the program is sent to state, federal and Canadian officials each year.



Blueberry Virus Testing

To meet interstate quarantine rules, the Plant Health Program tests blueberry (*Vaccinium*) nursery stock annually for blueberry shock virus (BShV) and blueberry scorch virus (BScV), at the request of growers. The states of Michigan, Washington and Georgia have BScV certification regulations for host plants originating from Oregon. Host plants shipped to these states from Oregon must be officially tested and found free of BScV. The ODA provides this service for a fee, thus enabling blueberry growers/shippers to obtain the necessary certification. BScV certificates must accompany shipments of any *Vaccinium* species to these states.

General Virus Diagnostics & Testing

Testing for other viruses, viroids, and phytoplasmas can be completed on seeds and plant material as needed to meet the requirements of importing countries.