



**Oregon Department of Agriculture Nursery & Christmas Tree Program  
Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Questions and Answers:**

**CQC or Compliance Agreement Questions:**

Exactly which states can we ship to as usual until June 1<sup>st</sup>?

*The correct date where most things change is on May 1<sup>st</sup>. For western states (excluding CO, NM, and NV) you do not need to make any changes until May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

When can we see requirements for all Cat 2 states?

*If we do not have state-specific information provided for a Category 2 state, then that state follows the JBHP requirements.*

What is a certificate of origin? How long is it valid for, and how do we obtain one? Do we need one for each farm location?

*This is the CQC that you get from your inspector. They are often good for 30 days, but please contact your inspector to get more specific information based on your situation. If you have many locations, you have the option of either one Compliance Agreement for the whole operation, or multiple Compliance Agreements to cover individual locations. If you are basing your certification on trapping, all locations within one Compliance Agreement are affected if a positive trap is found. So, it is up to you if you want to consider the locations as separate or as one entity when you decide how many Compliance Agreements you want to sign.*

Has the May 1 deadline information been replaced with the June 1 deadline information?

*Here are the deadlines you are referring to:*

*May 1<sup>st</sup>: this is when Compliance Agreements are required*

*June 1<sup>st</sup>: this is when all traps must be placed since it is the start of the flight season*

I rec'd my 3 page signed CQC application back...is this my actual CQC that I am supposed to include with my shipments or will there be another form coming? Is this something I cannot get until trapping is secured? Very concerned about timeliness of ODA approved trappers list!

*You are eligible to get a Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (CQC) only after you have met the quarantine requirements. If you intend to do that through trapping, you must first find a trapping company that is approved by the ODA, get an agreement with them that will trap for you, then fill out a the ODA's JB Trapping Agreement. Once you have done those, please reach out to your nursery inspector. That is the official representative who*

*will review all of the documentation from your nursery and the company you are trapping with. Once your nursery inspector has confirmed that you are meeting the requirements, they will issue you a CQC for some of your upcoming shipments.*

When will we get our CQC set up for spring shipping to the states that require it? (Nevada). Haven't received any response about the inquiry.

*Once you have a Compliance Agreement that has been signed by the ODA, please contact your nursery inspector to do a site visit and get the CQC.*

If exempt with clean bare root, I understand it may be a good idea to have a CQC; and, I do not need to do pre-notification of shipments. Do I still need a signed Compliance Agreement?

*No, if it is truly bare root (no media or soil clumps larger than 0.5 inches, this material is fully exempt. It does not require a Compliance Agreement, pre-notification, or a CQC. We recommend that you consider getting a CQC from your inspector stating that the material is bare root and exempt as an added precaution for your shipments.*

Is there a resource to identify nurseries who are in compliance?

*This information will not be posted on the ODA website. The public is welcome to submit Public Records requests to the ODA. <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/about-us/pages/public-records.aspx>*

### **Compliance Questions:**

We ship to all states in US, direct to customer and our understanding to this point is in order to satisfy requirements of all states together to ship year-round; We will need to do both trapping and chemical treatment.

*You can qualify for most states by meeting one of the requirements such as trapping, treating, or production in a greenhouse.*

How does this affect retail containerized plant sales within Oregon that may leave the state?

*Retail vendors are asked to educate your customers about requirements regarding plants leaving Oregon. Once you sell your plant to a customer, you are not responsible for their actions. If you are in Portland and your customer brings plants into Vancouver, you are not responsible.*

Do ALL states allow applications of pesticides that are specifically labeled for Japanese beetle for compliance purposes

*While all states allow pesticides for JB, some states have specific restrictions as to the types of products that are allowed. If you are thinking about using a chemical that is not listed in the JBHP, submit it to the ODA along with the EPA number and we will verify that it is acceptable to those states that have restrictions.*



About pesticides, is there any chemical in particular that can be able to prevent infestation? and when can we start to apply it?

*On our website there is a list of chemicals that have been approved in the JBHP. Some of them are no longer available but it is a good reference point. You can refer to approved active ingredients for products on our website. We are working with our state partners to confirm that new products are approved. Some states limit which chemicals are approved, talk with your pesticide consultant.*

If you broker material are you saying that the CQC and treatment information must be included in the prenotification packet from each nursery that is being loaded on the truck?

*Yes, all material leaving the state must have the appropriate nursery CQC. Whatever company is physically moving the material out of the state is responsible for the pre-notifications whether it is a broker, or not.*

In the case of Idaho, what constitutes "an approved greenhouse/screenhouse"?

*This is a structure approved by the ODA. Reviewing other states' examples, the screen mesh size must be no larger than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch. The structure must be sealed to prevent pests from entering which may require an entrance vestibule. This is what most states have, but there is no set standard. An ODA staffer will approved the structure, so if you have specific questions, please reach out to your nursery inspector.*

If the material that is being shipped has been grown in soilless medium in a Greenhouse of screenhouse do you have to do the trapping?

*You need to meet one exemption to ship. If you want to have a screenhouse as your exemption, the structure needs to be approved by the ODA.*

Are there any provisions for shipping small quantities (ie. a single 4" container) of trees to a customer?

*Some states have exemptions for small sizes, it depends on what state you are shipping to. If your plant is not exempt, you must still have a Compliance Agreement and CQC, even for small shipments.*

Is ODA going to make a poster or a printout that reads like a "cheat sheet" for growers to keep all the different requirements straight?

*Please refer to our website for summary and in-depth information about shipment requirements. The OAN also has a summary page to assist in outreach.*

The JBHP calls for shipping plants to be stored on an impermeable (to egg laying) surface - can you confirm what those are and how is B&B held in sawdust beds between June 1 and Sept 30?



*Sawdust is an approved growing media and does not present any issues for usage between June 1 and September 30. I am not aware of any references for storage of shipping plants on impermeable surfaces listed in the JBHP. Please reach out to me with the specifics of the situation.*

Can you address the issue around using compost in soil medias and the process for approving those to obtain certification?

*Approved media must be commercially produced or otherwise sanitized (heat treatment) where all of the media is treated at 120 degrees F for a minimum of 15 minutes.*

Do we have to have foliar treatments on outgoing shipments?

*If you are referring to the Adult JB Mitigation requirements, these only apply once you have a positive find on the nursery property. If you are looking to qualify for a CQC using a pesticide, please ensure that you are using an approved pesticide in accordance with the label.*

Can you speak quickly to the container and field nursery "accreditation" protocols?

*The container and field nursery "accreditation" protocols are specific to shipments going to Category 2 states from a nursery that has JB present on the nursery grounds. Please refer to pages 16 and 17 of the Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan for more details.*

### **Pre-notification Questions:**

Is there a page that outlines the states needing pre notification and where to send the documents?

*Yes, please refer to our website under the "Pre-notification" tab or under the "State specific requirements".*

What is the timeline on pre-notifications?

*It depends on the state. Some don't have specific timelines and others require the notification before the plants leave the nursery. We recommend that you send all notifications before the plants leave your site to cover your bases.*

What about notification for e-commerce shipments of just 1 or 2 plants? What needs to be done?

*The same notifications need to take place for one or two plants. Oregon has historically issued special permits to nurseries from other states that ship many small, home-owner direct shipments into Oregon allowing them to combine notifications from multiple shipments. The state you ship into is the only one who can offer this kind of arrangement.*

If your product is "exempt", are you still required to do the prenotification?



*No, but it might be a good practice to start with along with a CQC indicating that your product is exempt.*

Colorado is now pre-notification correct. What does that mean for BR trees with soil larger than 1/2in? Wash or are we fine?

*Colorado's requirements can be met through trapping until June 1<sup>st</sup>. So, make sure you have a CQC from your inspector stating that you are meeting the certification through the 2025 Oregon trapping. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, you will need to meet one of the other requirements. Plants that have more than 0.5 inch clumps of media or soil are NOT considered bare root.*

If plants are sold to a broker and the plants are shipped into a Cat. 1 state, who needs to do the prenotification of product and other information required by that state? Does the growers name and address need to be included on the information sent to the broker?

*Whoever physically ships the plants out of Oregon is responsible for the pre-notifications. If a nursery is selling to a broker who will ship plants outside of Oregon, they need to provide their information to the broker including: Origin nursery name, address, and the CQC provided by the ODA nursery inspector. If the broker is pulling plants from a mixed shipment, they need to provide all of the paperwork from all of the origin nurseries to the state they are shipping to.*

### **Trapping questions:**

How soon will information for 3 parties trapping vendors be available a lot of our shipping starts March 1 2026

*This is an ongoing issue as we tackle the labor issue. There are issues with getting the density requirements met with the current providers. Currently, only Marion Ag and NW Berry are approved.*

What are the typical trapping costs for a single site.

*We do not have the answer for this, you will need to confer with a trapping company.*

Any trapping companies in Medford area?

*We don't know yet*

For trapping location: Should we be using a main farm address, property location, canyand location, etc.

*The trapping location needs to reflect the location of the plants that you want to certify through trapping. If you have an area where you will not be shipping plants in 2026 or 2027, you do not need to trap in those locations.*



I have reached out to companies about trapping but I haven't gotten any of them to agree to trap for our nursery just yet. Should I fill out the trapping agreement ASAP or wait until I have a third party lined up?

*You need to have your trapping company lined up before you can fill out the ODA trapping agreement.*

Is there anything that the nurseries can do for vendors for trapping to help ? speed the process along? I know you mentions vendors have to be approved by the ODA

*There has to be a 3rd party trapping so there is no conflict of interest. If there are qualified vendors that you know about please let us know. We want to make it easier.*

Is the original area going to be trapped for future data availability.

*At this time, the original trapping areas are only possible to achieve with a fully funded and functional JB management program. If funding is provided in the future, we will likely be able to resume the historic trapping locations.*

If a "full season of trapping" is required. What is the minimum length of time?

*A full season of trapping is the complete time range between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. This period of time is the minimum length.*

### **Oregon's Status and Funding Questions:**

If the legislature approves funding can we just continue as usual and WHEN will we know about this funding?

*Funding from the short session will be announced at the end of February. We will not know if things will "just continue as usual" even if funding is procured since the program was dissolved last year and would need to be re-established.*

I understand the "Christmas Tree" bill is on the floor for a vote in the Oregon legislature short session that would restore funding to ODA for the Japanese Beetle program. If that passes, what does it mean for the 2026 shipping season? Does everything "go back to normal"?

*Jeff addressed this in his initial comments. We are going to hope for the best and plan for the worst. If it does pass we'll do our best to maintain our Cat 1 status including trapping and treatment. We don't know what this will look like since the program was dissolved, so it would be uncertain if things would "go back to normal" in 2026 or in a later year.*

When will the official "Category" be established/changed for Oregon? (You mentioned this is why Canada is pending)



*This is up to the national plant board, we don't know yet but our director is in contact with them and has presented our materials to them. They are discussing it right now but we don't know when this will be complete.*

If industry / private funding was provided to ODA or OAN would you be able to continue the insecticide application to the know JB locations same as prior years?

*There is one company that treated all of the JB locations in 2025 and we have GPS locations of the treatment areas, so those locations are all known. Treatment areas changed yearly based on trapping information. We cannot speak to private funding.*

Can you clarify what needs to happen during 2026 flight season to satisfy the county-wide trapping requirements for Idaho? I understand that last year's state data makes it ok until June, but what happens after June since each of us are only trapping our own nursery + buffer?

*We are actively working with Idaho to determine how to quantify county-wide trapping data in 2026. We are hopeful that the number of nurseries that are trapping will reach the county-level density requirements.*

The ODA is asking for a nursery license fee increase to get this program back in some form, what guarantees that the money will go to that program and not filtered back into the general fund or other parts of the budget?

*The license fee is specific to the Nursery Program only.*

### **Exemption questions (plant sizes, bare root, etc.)**

What is a 72-cell tray considered for pot size and would 72 cell trays be exempt?

*They are considered exempt in three states:  
Idaho (exempts plugs under 50 mm in diameter)  
Colorado (exempts pots 7" in diameter and smaller)  
New Mexico (exempts pots 12" in diameter and smaller)*

Is there any update to the possible exemptions for containers less than 2 inches deep?

*We are actively working on this. We've reached out to other states but they may be considered as containerized plants and can be treated as such. The diameter of the shallow container may be the deciding factor. Thus far, WA and NV will treat the shallow media plants at containerized.*

Do I remember in the JBHP that mechanical shaking is an acceptable exemption for bare root?

*There is nothing specific in the JBHP for mechanical shaking. The clumps need to be less than 0.5 inches, the techniques are not listed nor limited.*



If bareroot material is exempt are cuttings and “rootless” material also exempt?

Yes.

**Location-specific Questions:**

Our nursery is located in southern Marion county. What, if anything do we need to do to ship into Washington?

*There are no special requirements outside of those in the JBHP. So, you can qualify by trapping, treating, or using a screenhouse if your plants are not already exempt.*

If we ship to a distribution center in a Category 1 state, that will forward the material to Nevada, who is responsible for supplying the CQC and Pre-Shipment Notification?

*The nursery needs to supply that info to the center or broker, then that company will provide that to Nevada.*

Please re-explain "former eradication (treatment) zone" (as your Colorado update slide stated)?

*The eradication zones (treatment areas) that the ODA applied chemical treatment in response to positive trap catches in the area. 200 m around the positive traps were treated. Please look at the map showing the last 3 years of treatment locations.*

Since Lake Oswego is in Clackamas county, does that mean that every nursery in Clackamas County needs to get an official Cert of Treatment from the ODA before shipping into Idaho

*For Idaho, you do not need to treat unless there is a positive trap within one mile of your nursery*

New Mexico: To clarify, if we did not trap in 2025, we cannot ship to NM this Spring, correct?

*This is correct. You need a full season of trapping (June 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 30<sup>th</sup>) before you are eligible to ship to NM.*

Which states are plants less than 12” pot diameter exempt?

*New Mexico and a couple of other ones, we’ll highlight this on our website.*

Do we expect any additional requirements for shipment to Canada beyond the existing phyto requirement?

*We cannot answer this yet, it depends on what our official category status is. Once it changes, the USDA and Canada will work out and specify what these req will be.*

What about the county wide trapping for Idaho? Maybe still work in process with Idaho?



*We are actively working with Idaho to determine how to quantify county-wide trapping data in 2026. We are hopeful that the number of nurseries that are trapping will reach the county-level density requirements.*

Are there any updates on Hawaii?

*Not at this time. We have been reaching out to them.*

If an approved chemical was applied in the last half of September last year , will that fulfill the requirements for shipping product to Idaho?

*It depends on what the chemical is. Please refer to your pesticide consultant to ensure that it was treated according to label. Some requirements may be only a few weeks before shipment.*

**Packing material Questions:**

Can you confirm with me also that peat moss is an approved packing material?

*Peat is an approved growing media.*

We have bare root plants with roots in sawdust with burlap. Is it true that these shipments are exempt and/or are there requirements for the quality of the sawdust - or is there a more compliant media that would be safer to ship.

*Sawdust is an approved growing media.*

