Australian Plant Production Standard (APPS) and The Audit Management System (AMS)

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NIASA BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE GUIDELINES
FOR
NURSERY PRODUCTION GROWING MEDIA SUPPLY AND GREENLIFE MARKET

The NIASA program provides guidelines that describe industry ‘Best Management Practices’ for production nurseries, growing media suppliers and greenlife markets.

The guidelines have been divided into 5 major sections with 16 appendices that guide businesses through best management practices.

➢ Crop hygiene (root disease prevention, and disease, pest and weed control)
➢ Crop management practices (nutrition and environment control)
➢ General site management
➢ Water management and
➢ Appendices.

• Suppliers of Growing Media and Media Ingredients
• Sampling for Major Plant Pathogens
• Disinfestation Procedures for Nursery Growing Media
• Sample Record Sheets
• NIASA Production Nursery Checklist
• In-ground Plant Production
• Nursery Industry Water Management Best Practice Guidelines
• Greenlife Markets
• NIASA Greenlife Market Checklist
• NIASA Growing Media Supplier Checklist
• Freight and Logistic
There is a suite of horticulture specific sub-programs that bolt onto the main NIASA criteria (and are included as appendices). These sub-programs guide business compliance to meet specifications required by cropping sectors including:

- Avocado Nursery Stock Specification
- Banana Nursery Stock Specification
- Landscape Tree Stock Specification
- Macadamia Nursery Stock Specification
- Equivalence: Australian Strawberry Runner Accreditation Scheme (Container grown)
AUDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AMS)
Appendix 13 Avocado High Health Production

In order for a production nursery to be eligible to apply to Avocado Australia for ANVAS accreditation, the nursery MUST be:

- NIASA accredited; AND
- Implement the requirements specified within the appendix; AND
- Be found at audit to have implemented the procedures within the appendix to a Satisfactory Standard; AND
- Hold and maintain NIASA Avocado High Health Production Accreditation as evidenced by a current NIASA Certificate of Accreditation for Avocado High Health Production.
Thankyou