

Boxwood Blight Survey Questionnaire

This information is kept confidential. Nurseries participating in this survey are assigned a number to protect anonymity when I report data. I will not share your identity or your nursery's identity without your written permission.

Contact Information

Name:

Nursery:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Production

1. How much area do you have in boxwood production? How many boxwood plants total? What percentage of your total nursery crop production is dedicated to boxwood?
2. In which stages of production do you have boxwood plants, Propagation, Container, Field?
3. For each stage, what is the age range and size range of boxwood plants that you sell?
Propagation:
Container:
Field:
4. Do you have cultivar maps or are their signs to show which cultivars are present at each boxwood location in the nursery?
5. Which boxwood cultivars do you grow?
6. Do you bring in boxwood plants from other nurseries or propagate all of your own?
7. When are plants propagated? How? What is propagation medium?

8. Do you have problems rooting or keeping cuttings alive? Do you see disease during propagation?
9. How are your boxwood plants irrigated at each stage of production?
10. How are boxwood fertilized? With what, rates and frequency?
11. When do boxwood get shaped and how? Do you remove the trimmings?
12. Do you rotate boxwood with other crops? If so, how long is the boxwood crop in the field? What is the amount of time in between boxwood crops?

Shipping, Storage, and Harvest

1. How long is your boxwood shipping season? Within this season, when are most boxwood shipped?
2. Are your boxwood plants shipped with other plant species? How long in transport? Are shipping containers cleaned?
3. What type of transport do you use to ship your boxwood plants? Is it refrigerated?
4. Are boxwood plants ever put into storage before selling? What are the storage conditions?
5. When are field boxwood typically dug? Are these plants sold as bareroot, B&B, or container plants?

Labor

1. Do your workers have jobs at other nurseries that produce boxwood?
2. Do your workers have outside jobs in landscape industry?

General Plant Disease and Boxwood Blight Questions

1. What are your top three diseases at the nursery and which crops do they affect?
2. Do you participate in the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture's Boxwood Blight Nursery Cleanliness program?
3. Does your nursery have boxwood blight? Which areas/locations are affected? Are they propagation, container, or field plants?
4. How was boxwood blight diagnosed initially? Who diagnosed the disease for you?
5. How do you think your nursery got boxwood blight?
6. What is your best estimate on the incidence of boxwood blight at the nursery (number of plants affected/total number of plants) and the value of the infected plants (\$)?
7. What cultivars were affected?
8. Do you scout for boxwood blight? How? What symptoms do you look for and how often?
9. What steps do you take to manage boxwood blight?
10. Do you apply fungicides to boxwood? If so, which ones, at what rate, and when?

11. Do you grow Pachysandra or Sarcococca (Sweetbox)? Have you noticed any disease problems?

12. Do you have concerns about any other diseases that affect boxwood besides boxwood blight?

13. What types of information about boxwood blight would be useful for you?

14. What questions do you have about boxwood blight?

15. Do you have any questions about how we will conduct the survey?

16. Is there anything that was missed in this questionnaire?

Future of the nursery industry

1. What is the future of the nursery industry in Oregon?

2. What sort of training would you like to see in future employees?

3. Where do most of your new employees come from (other nurseries, universities, community colleges, high school, other industries)?