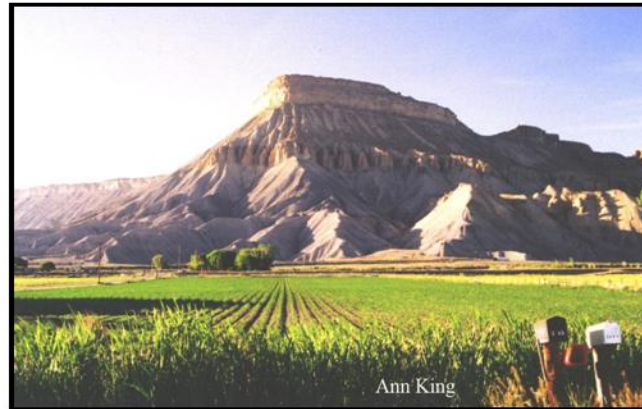




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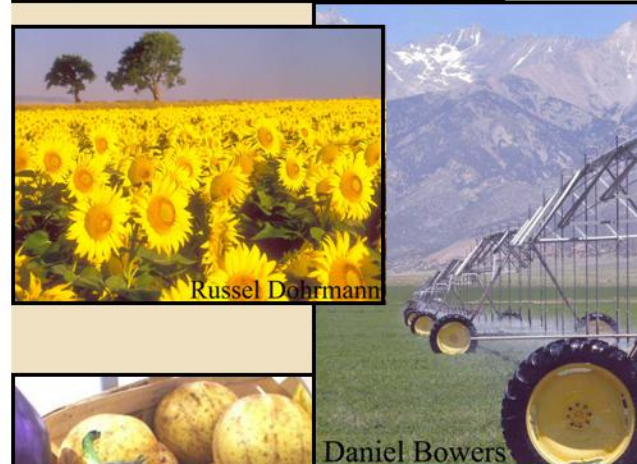
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DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

The Colorado Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Industry performs a wide array of services for the public and engages in several important environmental and public health protection programs.

The Division of Plant Industry is committed to a better quality of life by:

- ◆ Serving the citizens of Colorado
- ◆ Improving the environment
- ◆ Providing consumer protection
- ◆ Assuring the integrity of agriculture and related industries through professionalism, communication, and teamwork.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The Nursery Program

inspects nursery stock offered for sale in order to protect consumers from sub-standard and pest-infested stock. Nurseries gain credibility by being part of a regulated industry. The program also provides the certification required by other states for the exportation of nursery stock. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/Nursery/nursery.html



The Organic Certification Program

inspects and certifies organic crops, livestock, livestock products and processed products under the USDA National Organic Standards. This program assures consumers that agricultural products are produced without the use of synthetic pesticides, fertilizers, growth hormones or antibiotics, and allows Colorado producers to sell their organic products nationwide and internationally. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/Organic/organic.html



The Phytosanitary

Certification Program makes it possible for Colorado producers to export produce, seeds and other plant commodities to foreign countries through inspection and issuance of phytosanitary export certificates. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PhytosanitaryCertification/phytos.html



The Colorado Seed Act requires truth in labeling of seed offered for sale in Colorado. The intent of the Act is to prevent the distribution of poor quality seed to

consumers that results in low crop yields, poor crop quality, and the spread of noxious weeds. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/SeedandApiary/seed.html

The Weed Free Forage Program

inspects forage and mulch before it is harvested to verify that there are no propagative plant parts of noxious weeds. The use of certified weed free forage and mulch is intended to reduce the spread of weeds on public lands or other areas where forage or mulch is used. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/WeedFreeForage/weedfree.html



The Chemigation Program protects aquifers and surface water from possible contamination by agricultural chemicals applied through closed irrigation systems. Systems that apply pesticides or fertilizers must be fitted with backflow prevention equipment, be permitted and inspected. The concern is with the backflow of chemicals into wells or reservoirs when they are injected into a closed system, in most cases center pivot irrigation. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/Chemigation/Home.html

The Apiary Program provides inspections requested by beekeepers transporting bees outside Colorado to prevent the spread of diseases. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/SeedandApiary/apiary.html

The Greenhouse & Plant Quarantine Program

inspects and surveys for plant pests and enforces quarantines issued under the Pest Control Act. Request inspections are performed for greenhouse and field-grown flower growers shipping floral products interstate.



Inspections are also conducted for shippers of corn and sorghum who must meet European corn borer quarantine requirements of nine western states in order to ship into these states.

The program enforces the Division's quarantines against late blight of potatoes, symptomless carriers of peach mosaic disease and several *Prunus* species so as to provide for control of several potato diseases. Other plant quarantine activities include enforcement of federal post-entry quarantines regulating incoming plant material from foreign countries. This program also helps Colorado producers meet other states' quarantine requirements. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/Nursery/nursery.html

The Pesticide Applicator Program

's goals are to ensure that commercial pesticide applicators have the requisite knowledge to handle and apply pesticides, and to ensure that pesticides are applied in a manner which reduces unnecessary associated hazards. The program only covers commercial applicators, and some businesses and public agencies that do their own pesticide applications. Any person who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide is subject regulation under the Colorado Pesticide Applicators Act as of Jan 1 2007.



To meet the goals of the program the Department conducts exams, issues licenses, and requires technician training and continuing education. In addition, inspections checking for proper maintenance of equipment, and proper application, storage, and disposal of pesticides are conducted; and consumer complaints of misapplication of pesticides by commercial applicators are investigated. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/Home.html

The Pesticide Registration Program's goal is to ensure the protection of the public and the environment from unnecessarily hazardous or fraudulent pesticide products and devices through registration and inspection. The Program covers a broad range of products. The products include those that control insects, weeds and plant diseases, swimming pool and spa treatments, common household cleaners, and other disinfectants.

Prior to registration, product labels are reviewed and efficacy and hazards are considered. This ensures that pesticide products are properly labeled, packaged, formulated, and fulfill label claims. Inspections are conducted to check for proper registration, storage and display, and to review sales records. Other important functions of the program include: review and issuance of registrations for special local needs; application for and enforcement of specific exemptions; and licensing restricted use pesticide dealers. www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/Pesticides/Home.html

