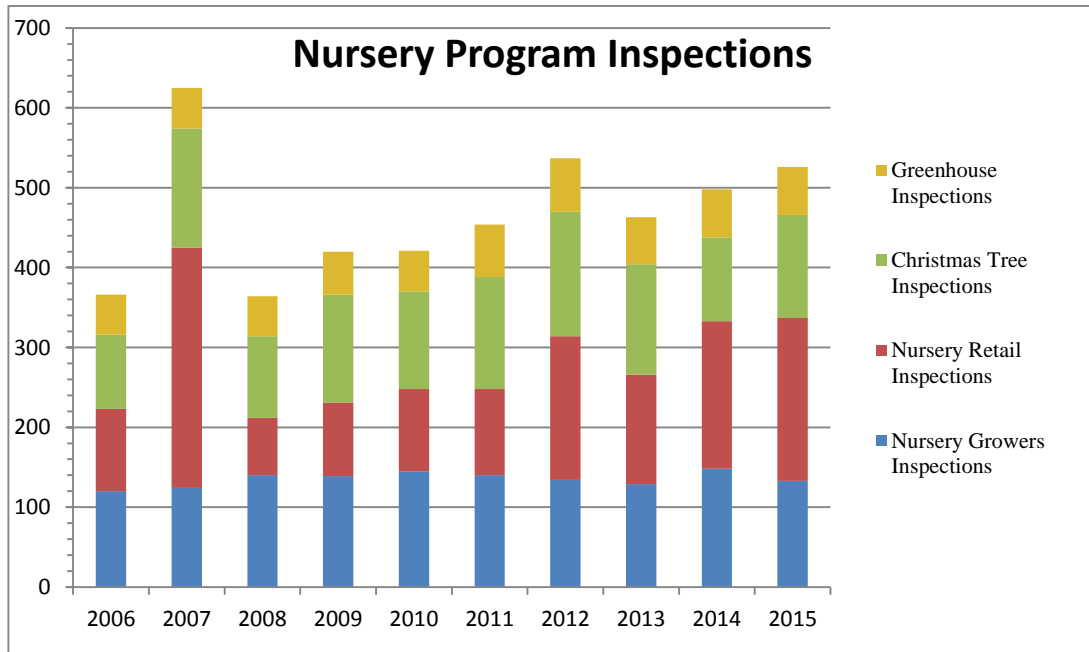


Nursery Inspection and Certification

Delaware's greenhouse and nursery industry reports \$17.5 million in annual gross cash receipts. The Nursery Inspection and Certification Unit inspects nursery stock and Christmas trees for insect and plant disease pests. All nursery businesses must maintain a current Nursery Industry License from Plant Industries. Certification and inspections are conducted to prevent the introduction of unwanted plant pest into Delaware and to facilitate grower shipments of nursery stock to other states and countries.



Licensing

In 2015, 1,100 acres of production nursery stock were licensed and inspected. Plant Industries issued 723 nursery industry licenses, including 58 greenhouse operations, 3 plant brokers, 1 wholesale florist, 1 distribution center, and 7 mail-order businesses, as well as 31 new Nursery Industry Licenses.

Given the staffing shortage, the Nursery Unit concentrated on maintaining the nursery licensing and certification requirements and inspecting growers that needed certificates of inspection for interstate sales.

Additional Inspections



Delaware's Nursery Program also conducted inspections for APHIS-PPQ, CAPS programs, including 55 pine shoot beetle, 26 chrysanthemum white rust and 29 red imported fire ant inspections.



Boxwood blight, *Cylindrocaldium pseudonaviculatum* was not detected this year in Delaware. During our statewide retail nursery inspections 58 retail nurseries were inspected for symptoms of boxwood blight.

Sanitary landfill permit conditions do not allow for the disposal of plant material for burial at the landfills. As a result, the Department now makes an official plant material burial request through the Department of Natural Resources, Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Section.

Chrysanthemum white rust (*Puccinia horiana*) was surveyed for during retail nursery inspections this year and no chrysanthemum white rust was detected. Also during compliance visits there were no Pine shoot beetle (*Tomicus piniperda*) quarantine violations detected.

***Ribes* Permitting**

Online Ribes Permit: http://dda.delaware.gov/pdfs/Ribes_Permit.pdf

CERTIFICATION OF CURRANT PLANTS

STATES REGULATED: All

MATERIALS REGULATED: Plants of *Ribes spp.*

RESTRICTIONS: Shipment of regulated materials into and cultivation within Delaware will be allowed, provided a permit authorizing shipment into this area and planting and propagation within the area is obtained from the Plant Industries Section. No permits shall be issued for the plants *Ribes aurium* or *Ribes nigrum*.

Online Nursery License Applications and Inspections System

Web Address For Online Nursery Licensing Site: <https://egov.delaware.gov/NILA>

The website allows users to apply, renew, update, and print their Nursery Industry License.

- In January of 2015 the system was transitioned from private industry administration to state administration.
- The new web address for the online license application also changed in January of 2015.
- The search option allows for public user to refer to Nursery Businesses registered with Department. Option is located under Services.

