

## **Bio: Dana Rhodes**

Dana D. Rhodes is the Plant Health Program Manager and serves as the State Plant Regulatory Official for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. She has over 27 years of experience in the horticultural field. Ten years have been with the Department of Ag with regulatory responsibilities. Dana has a Bachelor's degree in Biology emphasis in Botany and Environmental studies. Prior to working with PDA, Dana worked in the green industry as an interior/exterior landscaper, greenhouse grower, nursery/garden center owner and grower. Work with the department of agriculture currently includes quarantine pest issues, nursery/greenhouse certification programs, and inspections. Dana also works closely with the National Plant Board on the Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) program, a new national initiative partnering with AmericanHort and USDA for production of healthy plants for planting. SANC has offered the unique experience of seeing several types of growing operations and their approach to production practices, including sanitation, water management, and pest management.

