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**Irrigation Pathogens & Water Quality**

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**Webinar Presentation**

**A Path to Plant Biosecurity, Water and Environmental Sustainability**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

**Noon to 1:00 pm (Eastern)**

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**Summary:**

Crop health, water shortage and environmental footprint are three interconnected issues of global significance to the ornamental horticulture industry. Plant diseases not only cost growers profit margin and business reputation but also affect retailers, landscapers and consumers. Without water no plant can be grown nor can existing crops survive. This webinar will discuss the research concepts and approaches that are being used to address these issues through a multi-institutional project, co-sponsored by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture-Specialty Crop Research Initiative and the green industry. It also will highlight some latest research data that stimulate critical thinking and illustrate a path to plant biosecurity, water and environmental sustainability.

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Check out the project website at [www.irrigation-pathogens.info](http://www.irrigation-pathogens.info) for details on ongoing research and education activities.  
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