

Special Provisions
2026 and Succeeding Crop Years

Year: 2026	Commodity: Nursery (NVS) (1010)	County: Ouray (091)
Date: 4/2/2025	Plan: Dollar Amount Of Insurance (50)	

Cold Protection Requirements for Container Nursery Stock

I. General Cold Protection Facts

A. Plant root tissue does not harden off as quickly as above ground parts. Root systems of all plants in containers above the ground require more protection than when a plant is planted in the ground, as the ground serves as an effective insulator.

B. Objectives for nursery container Cold Protection Requirements (CPRs):

1. To provide effective and feasible cold protection methods for applicable Plant Categories in each hardiness zone.
2. To provide maximum insurability for applicable Plant Categories in each hardiness zone.

C. Both the Basic CPRs and the more specific Operational CPRs are required for containerized and container-grown plants based on the hardiness zone for the plant. Good Nursery Practices are defined as horticultural practices generally in use in the United States for the production of nursery plants in making normal progress toward the stage of growth at which marketing can occur and are generally recognized by agricultural experts for the area where the plants are being grown, as compatible with the nursery plant production practices and weather conditions in the county. As assigned to a specific Plant Category in a specific hardiness zone, then CPRs shall include management and operations that prevent plant stress relative to, but not limited to, the following factors: over and under irrigation; salt accumulation including increased fertilizer release from incorporated slow release fertilizers; insect or disease damage; improper fertilization, herbicide, insecticide and fungicide applications such as incorrect products, improper timing, incorrect calibration and/or rates, and species injury susceptibility. Consideration will be given to circumstances wherein the above are unattainable or impossible to implement.

II. Basic Cold Protection Requirements (CPRs).

A. General Basic CPRs:

1. All plants shall be managed in accordance with Good Nursery Practices.
2. Basic CPRs shall be required with all Operational CPRs.
3. Good Nursery Practices shall include management and operations that prevent plant stress relative to, but not limited to, the following factors: over and under irrigation; salt accumulation including increased fertilizer release from incorporated slow release fertilizers; insect or disease damage; improper fertilization, herbicide, insecticide and fungicide applications such as incorrect products, improper timing, incorrect calibration and/or rates, and species injury susceptibility. Consideration will be given to circumstances wherein the above are unattainable or impossible to implement.

B. Descriptive Basic CPRs.

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Q. Smudge Pots, Portable Heaters and/or Wind Machines with sufficient capacity to provide protection for all plants throughout the duration of potential frost damage.

R. No Protection.

UNREPORTED PLANT CATEGORIES - For catastrophic level of coverage, for each insured practice, you must insure and report on the NVR, the selected value of all insurable plant categories in each unit. Any unreported plant categories will not be insured. Additionally, in the event of a loss, we will calculate pre-loss actual unit value for each unreported plant category and assign the value proportionately to the pre-loss actual unit value. The plants in each unreported plant category will be listed as undamaged in the Appraisal Worksheet.

Type

Plants of any species produced in standard nursery or greenhouse containers such as plug trays, sheet pots, tray packs, and bedding packs with cells equal to or less than 3 inches across at the widest point of the cell interior and they must maintain a firm root ball when lifted from the container.

Exclusions

Plants of any species produced in standard nursery or greenhouse containers such as plug trays, sheet pots, tray packs, and bedding packs with cells equal to or less than 3 inches across at the widest point of the cell interior and they must maintain a firm root ball when lifted from the container.

Liners in trays containing multiple species, subspecies, varieties or cultivars are not insurable.

Plants in connected containers (i.e. plug trays, sheet pots, tray packs and bedding packs) with cells larger than 3 inches across at the widest point of the cell interior shall be treated as a separate container.

For cold protection purposes, liners consisting of Annual Plants & Plants Grown for One Year or Less, palms, cycads and, have separate Cold Protection Requirements from liners consisting of perennials other than palms, cycads and plants grown for one year or less.

(2) Annual Plants and Plants Grown for One Year or Less

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