



## SELLING SPECIFIC PRODUCTS

# NURSERY PRODUCTS & SUPPLIES

In Idaho, there are a variety of rules and regulations that apply to the production and sale of nursery products and supplies. Below, you will find a brief overview of requirements for specific products and supplies, the agency, or agencies, with regulatory oversight for each type of product, and links to agency websites where you can find more detailed information. Rules and regulations undergo continuous review and are revised from time to time. All agencies, descriptions, and links provided below were current at the time of publication. It is your responsibility to ensure the rules you are complying with are the most current. Please visit the websites provided and contact the overseeing agencies to assure you are aware of, understand, and are operating within the most current regulatory framework for each product you produce and sell.

### SEED, FERTILIZER, & SOIL AND PLANT AMENDMENTS

All commercial feed, seed, fertilizer, and soil and plant amendments sold in Idaho are regulated by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) through the Division of Plant Industries. The rules and regulations they enforce are passed by the Idaho Legislature. The rules reference publications by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAFPCO). Some of these publications have a cost barrier for full access but can be shared with you free of charge if you contact the Commercial Feed, Fertilizer, & Amendments Program of ISDA. ISDA program officers can walk you through the AAFPCO and AAFCO requirements with you, ensuring you're covering all your bases before spending time and money printing labels you can't use.

#### *Commercial Fertilizers*

Commercial Fertilizers must be registered with the ISDA Department of Plant Industries. ISDA will review labels for accuracy and require sampling of fertilizer products.

#### *Commercial Soil & Plant Amendments*

Producers must register their business and products with ISDA before distributing in Idaho. Registration applications are reviewed to ensure compliance with standards and products are periodically sampled to verify product claims.

### COMPOST

Most farm and ranch compost operations are regulated by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). ISDA has regulations on labeling and sale of compost, including compost from food scraps or animal manure. These regulations are set by the Idaho Legislature. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for compost piles if they have additions that are sourced from outside the agricultural operation. Check also with your local public health district and county clerk for additional regulations in your area!

#### *Related Websites:*

<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/>  
<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/>  
[https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/  
current/02/index.html](https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/02/index.html)  
<https://www.deq.idaho.gov>  
[https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/  
health-wellness/community-health/  
public-health-districts](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health-wellness/community-health/public-health-districts)  
<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/licenses/>

## NURSERY PRODUCTS

If you sell nursery or florist products in any capacity, you likely need a license from ISDA. This includes anyone who propagates, grows, installs, or sells nursery products in Idaho. If you are a farmer or gardener whose nursery stock sales are incidental to your overall operation and your sales do not exceed \$500 per year, you may request an exemption from the licensure requirement. Licensure helps in ISDA's fight to reduce pests and other invasives from entering Idaho or our export partners. Specific nursery plants as well as source areas are sometimes subject to quarantines to prevent disease or pest spread and protect all of Idaho's agricultural economies. (*See Fact Sheet 4.3 Plant Products for more information on quarantines*).

### *Related Websites:*

[https://agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/  
nurseries-florists-and-landscaping/](https://agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/nurseries-florists-and-landscaping/)  
<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/licenses/>