

# KENTUCKY

## SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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### **NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION**

All trees, shrubs, vines, roses, strawberry, raspberry and blackberry; herbaceous perennial plants and roots; grass "plugs", "sprigs" and sod; ornamental bulbs, corms, tubers, and rhizomes; and any part of the above groups of plants capable of disseminating injurious insects and plant diseases. For regulatory purposes the term "Nursery Stock" includes all plants grown out of doors which live for more than one year, whether nursery grown or not.

### **GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS**

Trees, plants or parts of plants, whether nursery-grown or not, that are sold, shipped or transported into Kentucky shall bear a copy of a certificate of inspection from a state or United States government inspector.

Unless a state provides the Kentucky State Entomologist with a current listing of certified nurseries and nursery dealers, then each non-resident nurseryman or dealer that wishes to ship nursery stock into Kentucky must submit a copy of his/her current certificate or license.

### **NOXIOUS WEEDS**

No species are listed as noxious weeds. Any plant species that is a threat to agriculture and agricultural production is considered as a noxious weed.

### **QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

### **SHIPPING HEMP PLANTS TO KY:**

Only varieties/strains listed on the [Summary of Varieties list](#) may be sold in Kentucky without pre-approval.

A [New Hemp Variety/Strain Request](#) form must be submitted to the KY Dept. of Ag by a Kentucky license holder who is requesting to bring any new variety(s) into Kentucky. Sellers will not receive pre-approval; approval is only granted to KY license holders who request to bring the planting material in. If approved once, a variety will be added to the list and permitted for additional purchase by others.

To find full details of the regulations on hemp seed or propagule acquisition in Kentucky, refer to the [Hemp Grower Regulations](#) (see Section 10)  
Additional hemp related [information](#)

Businesses distributing hemp seeds in KY must be properly permitted by the seed program at UK-Division of Regulatory Services.