Hurricane Season Disaster Preparedness of Plant Nurseries

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Hurricanes and tropical storms can cause short- and long-term economic losses to agricultural operations. In 2017, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, announced a $2.5 billion economic impact ($2,558,598,303) to Florida agriculture had been caused by Hurricane Irma. Twenty-four percent ($624,819,895) of these losses came from the Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture industry. A preparation checklist was created to allow producers to remain resilient and minimize losses in their nurseries. This was in collaboration with producers, who are members of the Extension agent’s advisory committee.

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