

Pesticide recertification; irrigation crop clinic set

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Pesticide applicators recertification workshops are designed to provide pesticide use and safety education for both commercial and private applicators. All seven units of Continuing

Education Credits (CEU) are provided for private applicators and two CEU's on pesticide laws and regulations are provided for commercial applicators.

People who are currently licensed with Colorado's Private Pesticide Applicator program can attend one of these programs and receive all the required CEU credits needed for their license renewal. It is not intended for people who have never taken the required testing for becoming a Private Pesticide Applicator. In addition, these programs will not lead to recertification for people whose applicator license has expired.

Presenters include Sandra McDonald and CSU Extension Agents Bruce Bosley and Alan Helm.

Programs are being scheduled as follows:

—Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Fort Morgan Extension office at 8:30 a.m.

—Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Yuma Community Building at 2 p.m.

—Friday, Jan. 15 at the Haxtun Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

—Friday, Jan. 15 at the Sterling Extension Office at 2 p.m.

—Monday, Jan. 18 in Burlington at 1 p.m.

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To register call on or before 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. A minimum of 12 participants is required for any one program to run.

Farmers facing tighter irrigation water allocations will have an opportunity to learn about limited-irrigation practices for each individual crop, at the Colorado-Nebraska Limited irrigation Crop Clinic January 19-20 at the Ramada Inn in Sterling.

The clinic's goals are to provide education for farmers and their advisors about:

—understanding crop-growth stages when water stress is and is not acceptable.

—optimizing limited irrigation water for crops and crop rotation systems.

—recognizing weed, insect and disease pest shifts under crop drought stress.

—appreciating the benefits of leaving old crop residues for soil moisture and organic matter retention.

—developing a cost-efficient crop and crop system fertilizer plan.

To register, call Bruce Bosley at 522-3200 in Sterling or 542-3540 in Ft. Morgan on or before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.