

Registrations being taken for pesticide application workshops

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

Pesticide application is regulated by a very strict set of laws and regulations. Since 2007, these regulations are enforced by the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA).

These regulations include the licensing of private and commercial pesticide applicators. The purpose of licensing is to ensure the applicators have a basic knowledge of how pesticides work as well as how to handle and apply them safely and correctly.

To become licensed, an applicator must take and pass a test developed by CDA. Under the Colorado Pesticide Applicators Act, to maintain a private or commercial applicator license, applicators must accumulate seven Continuing Education Credits (CECs) in core subjects and CEC(s) in each of the categories in which they are currently licensed.

Colorado State University Extension and Mountain West PEST (Pesticide Education and Safety Training) are offering four Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education Credit Workshops in February 2011. The training will provide required continuing education credits to applicators already holding valid CDA licenses.

The Pesticide Applicator training sessions are scheduled as follows:

—Feb. 2 from 3-5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the High Plains No-Till Conference at the Community Center in Burlington. Two laws and regulation credits will be offered during the conference Feb. 1-2. Online registration is available at <http://cctaapplicator.eventbrite.com>.

—Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Phillips County Event Center in Holyoke. Online registration is available at <http://phillipscountyapplicator.eventbrite.com>. The registration deadline is Jan. 31.

—Feb. 14 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Weld County Extension Office at Island Grove Park in Greeley. Online registration is available at <http://weldcountyapplicator.eventbrite.com>. The registration deadline is Feb. 7.

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—Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds exhibit building in Hugo. Online registration is available at <http://lincolncountyapplicator.eventbrite.com> . The registration deadline is Feb. 7.

These workshops provide education for the safe handling and application of pesticides to agricultural commodities, as well as information on new products and application technology.

If interested in attending any of the workshops scheduled, contact Alan Helm for more information at the Sedgwick County Extension Office 970-474-3479 or on his cell phone at 970-466-1466.

A minimum of 40 pre-registrants for each program is required.

Programs will be canceled if minimum pre-registrations are not met by the deadline.