

Nebraska's noncommercial pesticide applicators seeking first-time certification or recertification in 2010 to buy or use restricted-use pesticides can get training through University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

Several sessions for training have been scheduled in the SW4 Extension area. The schedule is:

Feb. 3—1 p.m. Imperial, fairgrounds.

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Feb. 10—10 a.m. Trenton, TCDC building.

Feb. 16—1 p.m. Benkelman, community building.

Feb. 24—1 p.m. Hayes Center, fairgrounds.

March 3—1 p.m. Imperial, fairgrounds.

There is a \$30 per person training cost for initial or renewal certification. Please bring both copies of the letter from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to the training if you are renewing your certification. This letter will be the form that goes into the state for your certification. If you do not bring the letter with you, you will be required fill out new forms.

For those unable to attend any of the training dates, self-study packets are available at the local University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension office. The cost of the self-study course is \$60 payable at the time the course is completed.

Following the certification meeting or the completion of the self-study course, the information is sent to the state that you completed pesticide training and are certified. Once you are certified you need to become licensed.

To become licensed you will receive a billing statement from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for their license fee. The cost for a three-year private applicator license is \$25. After the NDA receives your payment you will be issued a license. Producers will not be considered licensed to apply pesticides until the license has been issued the NDA.

For more information contact Robert Tigner, UN-L Extension Educator, (308)882-4731, or your local extension office.