The training dates for individuals that have their Private Pesticide Certification expiring in 2009 have been set for this area. The dates will also allow those wishing to get their initial certification to achieve that.

The certification is required for those people that wish to buy and/use federally restricted pesticides. Restricted pesticides include insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides that are on the federal list.

The certification is good for three years when re-certification is required. There have also been some changes in the fee structure and requirements for those being either re- or initially certified.

The following dates are for the trainings in the SW4 locations (all times are local times):
Feb. 10—Imperial, 4-H Building, 10 a.m.
Feb. 10—Imperial, 4-H Building, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 —Trenton, TCDC Building, 10 a.m.
Feb. 12—Benkelman Community Building, 6 p.m.

There are other training dates available out side of the SW 4 that can be found on the web at: http://elkhorn.unl.edu/pesticide/UserFiles/File/private%20schedule.pdf or by calling he local extension office.

The training will consist of watching presentations and discussion on several issues.

There is a $30 per person training cost for initial or renewal certification.

For those recertifying, bring both copies of the letter that was sent from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to the training. 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 your 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, the information about who completed the course (either at a meeting or self-study) and is certified is sent to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Once certified, applicators need to become licensed. A billing statement will be sent from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for the license fee. The cost for a three-year private applicator license is $25. After the NDA receives payment they will issue the license.

Applicators will not be able to purchase or apply pesticides until the license has been issued the NDA.