

Views from VanDeWalle

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Pesticide Education Program & More

This week, I am sharing information with producers from a column recently written by my colleague, Jenny Rees. For those needing pesticide applicator training, chemigation and other crop programming, here are options shared by Jenny.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training is for those who purchase and/or use restricted use pesticides on land you own/rent. Those desiring initial certification or recertification have the same options:

1-Attend a face to face training.

2-Take the online training at <https://pested.unl.edu/certification-and-training>

3-Attend a Crop Production Clinic (need to stay the entire day) <https://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc>

Commercial/Noncommercial Applicator Training is for those who apply pesticides on other people's ground and receive a payment for those applications.

Initial certification involves purchasing the books in the categories you wish to be certified in. All need to be certified in the general standards (00) category in addition to the specific application category. You then have choices of walk-in testing, attending a training session, or taking the test at a computer center. Info. on the commercial/non-commercial tab at: <https://pested.unl.edu/certification-and-training>.

Recertification training for those with the Ag Pest Control-Plant category (01) is to attend our Crop Production Clinics. The closest to this area include Jan. 11 in Beatrice, Hastings on Jan. 17, and York on Jan. 19. Info at: <https://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc>. Recertification for other categories can be found at: <https://pested.unl.edu/certification-and-training>.

Chemigation is for anyone who applies fertilizer and/or chemicals through water systems like pivots and subsurface drip irrigation. Options for initial and recertification include face-to-face meetings and online testing at: <https://water.unl.edu/article/agricultural-irrigation/chemigation>.

Dicamba and Paraquat training are offered by the manufacturing companies. Info. on dicamba training here: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/dicamba.html>. Info. on paraquat training here (English & Spanish): <https://campus.extension.org/login/index.php>

Worker Protection Standard training materials can be found at <https://www.pesticideresources.org/wps/full-library/#categories:training-materials>. At this site, use the drop-down menu and select the "role" of those being trained. There are different training requirements for 'workers' vs. 'handlers'.