

IN THE FIELD

Extension Crop Production Clinics Going Virtual in January

Pre-registration for the clinics is required and costs \$80. Program agendas and online registration for each site will be available on the [CPC website](https://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc).
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Private Pesticide Applicator Training Options for 2021

A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of restricted use pesticides in the production of agricultural commodities on land owned or rented by them or their employer. Applicators are not eligible to purchase or apply restricted use pesticides until they are both certified and licensed. In 2021, private applicators have six options to become certified for another three years. Please read all six options below as modifications have been made to the certification process this year due to COVID-19.

Option 1: Attend a Nebraska Extension in-person Private Applicator Certification/Recertification program. Attend a 3-hour workshop at any location across Nebraska convenient for you. After the presentation, submit your original NDA recertification form to the program educator, and they will submit your paperwork to the NDA. Upon receiving your form, the NDA will provide you, by mail, additional paperwork to complete. **The cost of this program is \$50 for program attendance, and an additional \$25 for the NDA license (to be paid at a later date).**

To meet state and local guidelines regarding COVID-19, **pre-registration for meetings will be required** this year. Space is limited to assure that we are able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing during the training. Facial coverings will be required for you to attend. To pre-register for a training, please visit <https://go.unl.edu/nepesticidetraining> or contact your local extension office.

If a training date must be postponed or canceled due to weather or other circumstances, you will be called directly. Notification will also be placed on the county extension website and local radio stations.

Be sure to bring the following two items with you to the in-person trainings:

- Bar-coded recertification form you received in the mail in December from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.
 - If you misplaced your bar-coded recertification form, we do have an alternative form you can complete at the training. Please bring your dark orange & green private pesticide application card if possible.
- \$50 cash or check made out to University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Registration is REQUIRED and Space is Limited		
visit https://go.unl.edu/nepesticidetraining or contact your local extension office		
January 26	1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.	Neligh
January 28	1:30 p.m.	O'Neill
February 9	1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.	Pierce
February 16	6:00 p.m.	O'Neill

February 17	8:30 a.m.	Norfolk
February 18	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk
February 23	1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Hartington
February 25	9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	Creighton
February 25	6:30 p.m.	Norfolk
March 4	1:00 p.m.	Neligh
March 10	9:30 a.m.	O'Neill
March 11	9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.	Norfolk
April 8	1:30 p.m.	O'Neill
April 13	9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	Norfolk

Option 2: Complete your pesticide training online available by visiting <https://pested.unl.edu>. This online training contains multiple modules consisting of videos, activities, reading, and quizzes. Once all the modules are completed, a certificate will be emailed to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture with your NDA recertification form. Additional materials on licensing will then be sent. **The cost of this option is \$50 and an additional \$25 for the NDA license (to be paid at a later date).**

Option 3: Crop Production Clinics are offered during the month of **January**. This year's clinics will be offered virtually, with limited in-person viewing available at select locations if current COVID-19 conditions permit. Visit the clinic website agronomy.unl.edu/cpc for all dates, times, locations, agendas, and registration information. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$80.00/person.

Option 4: Attend a live training session on Zoom. These will be offered in March and April. Contact the extension office in Dixon County at 402-584-2234 for details. **The cost of this program is \$50 for program attendance and an additional \$25 for the NDA license (to be paid at a later date).**

Option 5: Hard copy home self-study and exam. This option is for those with limited access to internet and a computer. Please contact the UNL Pesticide Safety Education Program at 402-472-1632 to arrange for a hard copy to be mailed to you. Cost is \$75/person and an **additional \$25 for the NDA license (to be paid at a later date).**

Option 6: Testing-only option. Take a written, closed-book exam given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) in Lincoln. All walk-in testing sessions are currently being held by appointment only. Starting January 1, 2021, applicators should visit pested.unl.edu for a list of available test-only dates, times, locations, and to register. Upcoming dates at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln include Jan. 6 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$5/person and an **additional \$25 for the NDA license (to be paid at a later date).**

There is additional training required for use of restricted use dicamba herbicides and all paraquat products. Information on paraquat trainings can be found at pested.unl.edu/certification-and-training. In 2021, restricted use dicamba herbicide trainings will be offered in Nebraska through the registrants (companies).

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility in using alternative training options to the traditional in-person trainings in 2021.