

# Pesticide Applicator Continuing Ed Credit Workshops Offered In Colorado



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In Colorado, pesticide application is regulated by a very strict set of laws enforced by the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA). Some of the regulations include the licensing of private, commercial, limited-commercial and public pesticide applicators. The purpose of the license is to demonstrate a level of competency by pesticide users on the safe use of pesticides.

To become licensed, a private applicator must take and pass an open book test developed by the CDA. Commercial applicators must take a closed book test for categories in which they wish to be licensed. All pesticide applicator licenses are valid for three years. Under the Colorado Pesticide Applicators Act, applicators must recertify either by re-examination or by attending pesticide education programs to acquire continuing education credits (CECs) in core subjects and for a commercial applicator, one or two CEC(s) in each of the categories in which they are currently licensed.

Colorado State University's Southeast Area Extension is offering two Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education Credit Workshops in December. The first workshop is in Springfield at the Baca County Fairgrounds Minnick Building on Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m. The second workshop will be in Rocky Ford at the Otero County Extension office on Dec. 5 at 8 a.m. The training is aimed to provide new information on pest control, health and environmental safety, pest management technology and changes in pesticide laws and regulations. The workshops also provide all seven credits required for both private and commercial applicators to be recertified.

The workshop fees are \$40 for private and commercial applicators. If you are interested in attending one of the workshops, please contact your local County Extension Office (Bent, Baca, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers) for more information and registration forms. You can also contact

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