

Initial Pesticide Certification Workshops

LOCATIONS:

October 6 - Ned Hatathli Center (NHC) 4th Floor, One Circle Drive, Tsale, AZ 86556.

October 8 - University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office, 101 E. Beal St., Suite A, Kingman, AZ 86401.

November 3 – Casa Grande Area – Location yet to be determined

TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 7:50 am registration

8:00 am - 11:30 am (3.5 hours)

- Pest Management; Federal Pesticide Laws, Labels and MSDS documents;
Manual Chapters 1,2,3,
- Pesticide formulations; Pesticides in the Environment;
Manual Chapters 4,7
- Health, Safety and Protective Equipment; Emergency Response.
Manual Chapters 5,6,9,

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch break

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm (2.5 hours)

- Pesticide application methods; Mixing, measuring & loading pesticides;
Manual Chapters 10, 11
- Equipment calibration, cleanup and container disposal;
Manual Chapters 10,11
- Backpack sprayer calibration demonstration.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

National Core Applicator Certification Exam.

Instructors:

AZ Dept. of Agric. --- Jennifer Weber;

Univ. of AZ Cooperative Extension: --- Ed Northam and Kai Umeda

NOTE#1: The National Pesticide Applicator Certification Core Manual is the reference material on which this training workshop is based; the manual is available on-line <http://www.nasda.org/workersafety>
This manual became the standard reference and study guide for AZ Dept. of Agriculture's core applicator training on August 1, 2009. We recommend reading and studying this manual prior to the workshop.

NOTE#2 You may attend the six hours of training for CEU credit if you are already an AZ Dept. of Agric. Pesticide credential holder.

NOTE#3 If you have previously taken the core exam and need to take an AZ Dept. of Agric. category exam to finish your commercial certification (such as forestry applicator, agricultural pest control advisor), this can be arranged while the core exam is being given -- call Jennifer Weber, Pesticide Safety Field Consultant, AZ Dept. of Agric. at 602/542-0985 or email jweber@azda.gov.

Note#4 A government issued ID will be needed to take the exam. It will be collected before you are given an exam and returned upon completion and finding the exam intact. No materials can be used during the exam, no phones or other electronic devices and no leaving the room. All materials needed to take the exam will be provided and must be returned upon completion, including scratch paper. If a student does not follow these rules, instructors will collect the exam and the student has failed the exam and is done for that day. They have failed, even if they have enough correct answers to pass. They can come back in 7 days to retake it, but the failure counts as one of their 4 opportunities in a year.

This process may seem extreme but this is very important as this is a national exam. AZ's credibility is on the line; if this test material were to get away from us, it would be a serious embarrassment for Arizona.

Questions please contact:

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