

Nebraska's noncommercial pesticide applicators seeking first-time certification or recertification in 2011 to buy or use restricted-use pesticides can get training through University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension. Several sessions for training have been scheduled in the SW4 Extension area. The schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 24, 1 p.m., fairgrounds, Hayes Center;
- Jan. 26, 1 p.m., community center, Benkelman;
- Feb. 2, 1 p.m., fairgrounds, Imperial;
- Feb. 3, 7 p.m., fairboard community building, McCook;
- Feb. 28, 1 p.m., Grandview Retirement Center, Stratton;
- Mar. 30, 1 p.m., fairgrounds, Imperial.

There is a \$30.00 per person training cost for initial or renewal certification. Participants are asked to bring both copies of the letter from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to the training if renewing a certification. This letter will be the form that goes into the state for the certification. New forms will need to be filled out if the forms are not brought with participant.

For anyone unable to attend any of the training dates, self-study packets are available at the local University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension office. The cost of the self-study course is \$60.00 payable at the time the course is completed.

Following the certification meeting or the completion of the self-study course, the information is sent to the state that pesticide training and certification has been completed. 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.

The NDA will issue a license once payment is received. Applicators will not be considered licensed to apply pesticides until the license has been issued by the NDA.

For more information contact Robert Tigner, UN-L Extension Educator, (308)882-4731 or the local extension office.