

**Agri-Business / Cropland. Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial, and Government Applicators across Northwestern Montana.
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The Montana State University Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programs are offering multiple 6 credit program opportunities for private applicators across region 1. The Pest Management Tour is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private recertification cycle. Region 1 participants include Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead, Missoula, Ravalli counties, and the Flathead Reservation.

Commercial / Government applicators are also urged to attend. The Pest Management Tour is offering 5 government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, Forest Pest Control, Right of Way Pest Control, Reg. Weed Pest Control, Agricultural Vertebrate Pest Control, and Reg. Rodent Pest Control.

The 2008 Pest Management Tour will cover many subject areas of local interest including Forest Entomology, Rodent Control, Weed Management in Pastures, and Biocontrol of Weeds. MSU and MDA representatives speaking at this tour include Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Invasive Weed Specialist), Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Kevin Wanner (Insect IPM Crop Specialist), Roy Fenster (MSU Associate Wildlife Specialist), Jerry Marks (Missoula County Extension Agent), Sarah Holden (MDA Agricultural Specialist), and Cecil Tharp (Pesticide Education Specialist).

The Pest Management Tour will begin at around 8:30 and finish at 4:00 p.m (see exact agendas online for more details). Locations for the tour are:

October 20th

Eureka, MT: To be announced (contact the Rae Lynn Hays 'Lincoln County Agent' at (406)296-9019 for more information)
Kalispell, MT: Montana Fish Wildlife Parks Building, 490 North Meridian Road

October 21st

Plains, MT: Grange Hall
Pablo, MT: To be announced (contact Rene Kittle 'Flathead Reservation Agent' at (406)675-2700 for more information)

October 22nd

Missoula, MT: Ruby's Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street
Corvallis, MT: Grange Hall

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact your local Extension agent for more information regarding these programs as well as pre-registration. For more details regarding speakers, subject areas, coordinator contact information, see the PSEP website at www.pesticides.montana.edu, then select 'private', then select 'Pest Management Tour'. For any other Pesticide Education questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist, at the Pesticide Safety Education Program office (406-994-5067, ctharp@montana.edu).