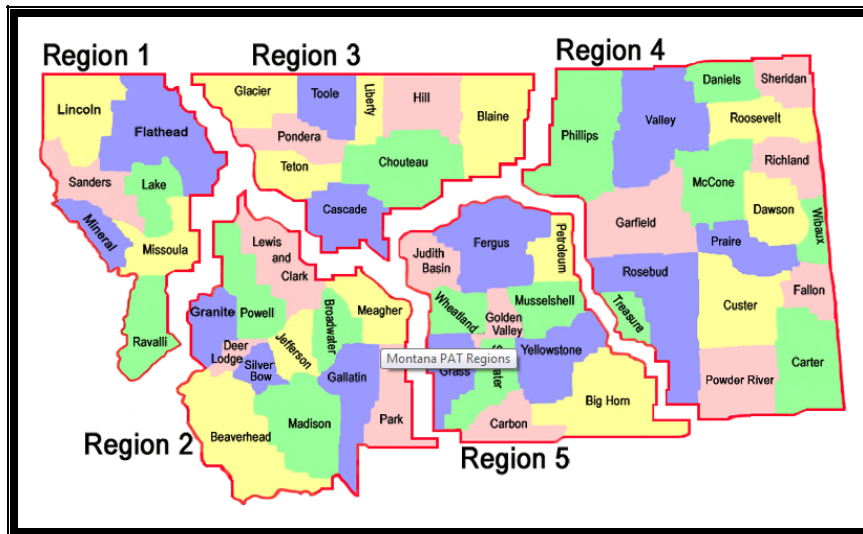


2011 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial and Government Applicators across Eastern Montana.

Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist)

The Montana State University Pesticide Education and Integrated Pest Management Programs are offering multiple 6 credit program opportunities for private applicators across eastern Montana (Private Applicator Region 4) from October 3rd – 7th.



Map of Montana private pesticide applicator training regions.

Private applicators may opt to attend only a morning or afternoon session for 3 credits as well. The 2011 Pest Management Tour is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private recertification cycle. Private applicator licenses in region 4 will expire on January 1st, 2011. Applicators within this region must attain 6 private applicator recertification credits to re-qualify into the next certification cycle. Region 4 PMTour participants include Roosevelt, Daniels, Valley, Phillips, Garfield, McCone, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon/Carter, and Custer counties.

Commercial / Government applicators are also urged to attend. The Pest Management Tour will be offering government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, Right of Way, Special Utility Pest and Regulatory Weed Pest Control.

The 2011 Pest Management Tour will cover many subject areas of local interest including urban / horticultural pests, cropland weeds, pesticide safety, plant pathology, recordkeeping, agricultural pesticide storage and security, and the impact of pesticides in the environment. MSU representatives speaking at the tour include Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Mary Burrows (MSU Plant Pathologist), Rande Roth (MDA Agricultural Officer), Diana DeYoung (MDA Agricultural Officer), Michaela Hystad (MDA Agricultural Officer), Steve Saunders (DOW AgroScience) and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist).

The tour will cover 10 counties over 5 days:

October 3^d

Froid, MT: Froid Community Center , Contact Roosevelt County Extension, Ann Ronning at (406)787-5312.

- *RSVP Ann Ronning, \$10.50 at door for ½ day, \$20 full day, includes catered lunch.*

Scobey, MT: Nemont Friendship Room, 720 2nd Ave West, Contact Daniels County Extension, Nicole Winkler at (406)487-2861.

- *RSVP Nicole Winkler for free catered lunch.*

October 4th

Glasgow, MT: Cottonwood Inn, Contact Valley County Extension, Shelley Mills at (406)228-6241.

Malta, MT: Great Northern Hotel, Contact Phillips County Extension, Marko Manoukian at (406)654-2543.

October 5th

Jordan, MT: VFW Hall, Contact Garfield County Extension, Eric Miller at (406)557-2770.

- *\$5 will be charged at the door.*

Circle, MT: McCone County Fairgrounds, Contact McCone County Extension, Ken Nelson at (406)485-2605.

October 6th

Miles City, MT: Eagles Club, Contact Custer County Extension, Christina McRae at (406)874-3370.

- *RSVP Christina, \$5 at the door for catered lunch*

Baker, MT: The Garage, Contact Fallon/Carter County Extension, Elin Westover at (406)778-3431.

- *RSVP Elin for free catered lunch*

October 7th

Glendive, MT: Courthouse, Community Room, Contact Dawson County Extension, Bruce Smith at (406)377-4277.

Wibaux, MT: Wibaux County Courtroom, Contact Wibaux County Extension, Dave Bertelsen at (406)796-2486.

- *RSVP Wibaux County Extension, \$5 at the door for catered lunch*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See the detailed program agenda online at www.pesticides.montana.edu and select '2011 Pest Management Tour'. Contact your local Extension agent for more information regarding location, catering and pre-registration. For any other questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist, at the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (406)-994-5067, ctharp@montana.edu.