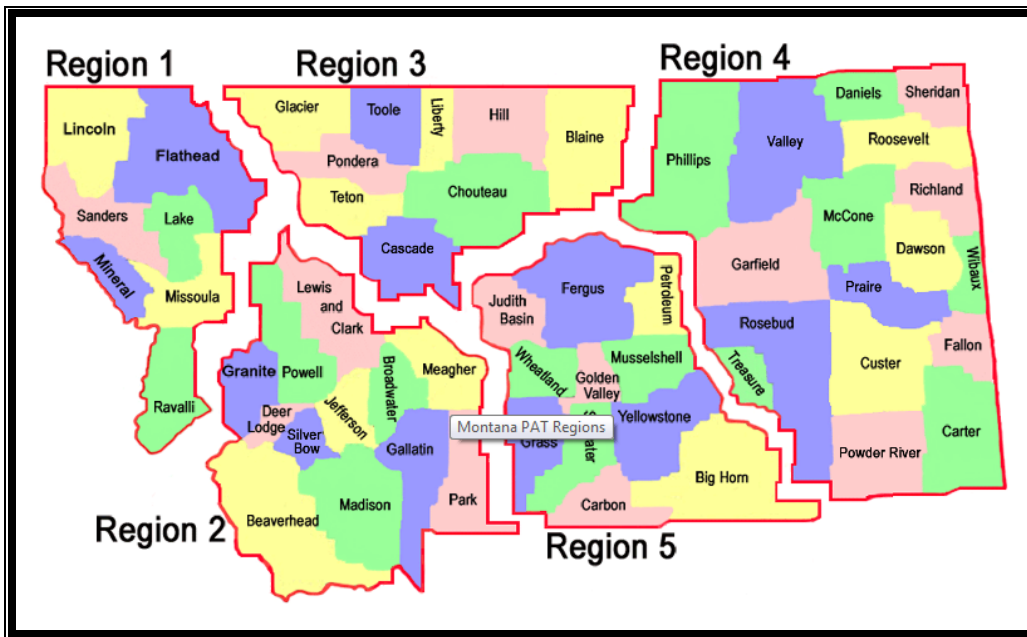


2012 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial and Government Applicators across South-Central Montana.

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The Montana State University Pesticide Education and Integrated Pest Management Programs are offering multiple 6 credit program opportunities for private applicators across south-central Montana (Private Applicator Region 5) from October 8th – 12th.



Map of Montana private pesticide applicator training regions.

Private applicators may opt to attend only a morning or afternoon session for 3 credits. The 2012 Pest Management Tour is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private applicator recertification cycle. Private applicator licenses in region 5 will expire on January 1st, 2012. Private applicators within this region must attain 6 private applicator recertification credits to re-qualify into the next certification cycle. Region 5 PMTour participants include Fergus, Wheatland, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Bighorn Yellowstone counties and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Credits currently accumulated by applicators can be viewed at <https://app.mt.gov/pest/index>.

Commercial / Government applicators may also attend. The Pest Management Tour will be offering 3 government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research and Agricultural Plant Pest Control for attending either the morning or afternoon sessions.

This program will cover many subject areas of local interest including crop insect management, cropland weed management, pesticide safety, management of rangeland weeds, rodent management, management of livestock pests, and pesticide mode of action. MSU representatives speaking at the tour include Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Hayes Goosey (MSU Research Scientist), Dr. Greg Johnson (MSU Veterinary Entomologist), Dr. Jim Knight (MSU Extension Wildlife Specialist), Dr. Kevin Wanner (MSU Crop Insect Specialist) and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist).

The tour will cover 7 locations over 4 days:

October 8th

Lewistown, MT: Unknown Location, Contact Fergus County Extension, Darren Crawford at (406)535-3919.

Harlowton, MT: Kiwanis Youth Center, located at 204 3rd St. NE, Contact Wheatland County Extension, Mandie Reed at (406)632-4728.
- RSVP Mandie Reed for free catered lunch.

October 9th

Big Timber, MT: Unknown Location, Contact Sweet Grass County Extension, Marc King at (406)580-2556.

Columbus, MT: Unknown Location, Contact Stillwater County Extension, Contact Lee Schmelzer at (406)322-8035.

October 10th

Hardin, MT: The Little Big Horn Center, MSU Extension, 316 N Custer Ave, Contact Bighorn Extension, Breanne Ilse at (406)665-9770.

Lame Deer, MT: Charging Horse Casino, Contact Northern Cheyenne Reservation Extension, Ryhal Rowland at (406)477-6498.
--RSVP Ryhal Rowland for free catered lunch

October 11th

Billings, MT: Big Horn Resort, Contact Yellowstone County Extension, Steve Lackman at (406)256-2828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See the detailed program agenda online at www.pesticides.montana.edu and select '2012 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.