Pesticide applicator 2019 training dates

If you have a pesticide applicator license expiring April 2019 — either private or commercial, or you need to get a new license — trainings begin soon.

Commercial/ noncommercial applicators

Commercial/noncommercial pesticide applicators are professionals who apply restricted-use pesticides for hire or compensation. Anyone who applies pesticides to the property of another person, either restricted- or general-use products, for control of pests in lawns, landscapes, buildings or homes must also have a commercial pesticide applicators license. Public employees (those employed by a town, county, state) applying mosquito control pesticides whether restricted or general use, must also hold a commercial or noncommercial certification.

Commercial/noncommercial applicators have four options to recertify or get a new license.

Traditional training classes — visit *http://pested.unl.edu/commercial* for a statewide list of dates, locations, registration information and categories. Trainings at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln will be held:

- Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 8:30 a.m. (Initial)
- Thursday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. (Recertification)
- Thursday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. (Recertification)
- Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 8:30 a.m. (Initial)
- Thursday, Mar. 28 at 9 a.m. (Recertification)
- Thursday, April 11 at 8:30 a.m. (Initial)

Cost is $80 per participant if you pre-register; $90 per participant at the door. It is highly recommended you obtain and review the written study materials prior to attending. This will greatly improve your chances of passing the written examination. Study materials for all commercial categories must be purchased online at *http://pested.unl.edu* (click on "Classes & Study Materials").

Testing-only option — Take a written closed-book exam given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Visit *www.nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/applicator_testing.html* or call 402-471-2351 for statewide dates, times and locations. Free.

Testing sessions at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln will be held (exams must start between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.):

- Thursday, April 18
- Thursdays, May 2, 16 & 30
- Thursday, June 13
- Thursdays, July 11 & 25
- Thursday, Aug. 15
- Thursday, Sept. 12
- Thursday, Oct. 17
- Thursday, Nov. 7
- Thursday, Dec. 12

Pearson VUE testing — Take a computer-based test provided by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. No training is given with this option; testing only. Not all categories are offered, so visit *www.nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/pearson_vue_testing.html* for categories, dates, locations and registration. Cost is $55 per exam. (Multiple categories are each charged the full fee.)

Crop Production Clinics (recertification only) — Categories Ag Plant, Regulatory or Demonstration/Research can use this option. See information under Private Applicators

Private applicators

Private pesticide applicators are farmers or producers raising an agricultural commodity on land they own or rent. Or an employee making pesticide applications on their employer's farm. Private applicators have five ways to recertify or get a new license.

Traditional training classes — visit *http://pested.unl.edu* and click on "Classes and Study Materials," then "Private Training Schedule" for dates and locations. Cost is $40 per participant collected at the door. No pre-registration required.

Trainings at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln will be held:

- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.

Crop Production Clinics (recertification only) — The Crop Production Clinics held in southeast Nebraska will be:

- Friday, Jan. 15 — LaVista (LaVista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway)
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 — York (Holthus Convention Center, 3130 Holen Ave.)

Note: all clinics start at 8:45 a.m. If you are planning to receive recertification as an applicator, be sure to arrive early and register with NDA at the check-in table. They need proof you were there for the full day. Cost is $80. For more information, go to *http://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc*.

NEW online private self-study program — An online training can be found at *https://psep.education/applicator*. This is a 100 percent online, self-paced training with 10 modules. There are questions within the modules and a score of 100 percent is needed to pass. Cost is $75.

Self-study manual — Purchase a self-study manual from your local Nebraska Extension office. Answer the questions in the back of the book and return the test to the Extension office. Extension staff will check your answers. Cost is $60 per manual. This method is being phased out in 2019.

Testing-only option — Take a written, closed-book exam given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. See list of sessions under Noncommercial Applicators.

Ag Estate and Succession Planning workshop, Jan. 23 & March 5

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County is hosting an in-depth Ag Estate and Succession Planning two-day workshop at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The first session will be on Wednesday, Jan. 23 and the second session will be Tuesday, March 5. Both workshops will be 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., with check-in and refreshments at 9:15 a.m.

Cost to attend both days is $50 for one person and $25 for each additional family member sharing materials. Fee includes refreshments, lunches and handouts. Pay at the door with cash or check. Debit/credit card payment available for an additional fee. Registrations required by Jan. 21 by calling 402-441-7180. Please plan to attend both days to complete the workshop.

The morning tracks will be the same for all participants. In the afternoon, there will be two tracks — one for participants with a successor in place, and the other for those who have not identified a successor.

General topics will include:

- Importance of estate planning.
- Basic legal considerations and issues with estate planning.
- Family communications.
- Long term and other insurance products, and their use with planning.
- Lease considerations.
- Family negotiations.

Topics for those with a successor will include:

- The financial considerations to bring back the next generation.
- Management transfer plans.
- Concept of fair vs. equal.
- Legal tools in succession planning.

Topics for those who have not identified a successor:

- Basic estate transfer tools.
- End of business tax considerations.
- Options for dispersing assets including tax-free options, charitable giving.

For more information about the workshop, call Allan Vyhnalek at 402-472-1771.

Successful Farmer Series

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County's fourth annual "Successful Farmer Series," will be held weekly starting Jan. 4 and ending Feb. 8. Multiple sessions and topics allow ag producers to pick the topics most relevant to them and their operation. All sessions will be 9–11:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Refreshments will be provided. Attendees at last year's series estimated a $16 per acre value gained by participating.

Scheduled topics are:

- Friday, Jan. 4 – Cover Cropping 2.0
- Friday, Jan. 11 – Alternative Crops
- Friday, Jan. 18 – Spray Drift Management (featuring a mobile lab)
- Friday, Jan. 25 – Changes in Ag
- Friday, Feb. 1 – Diseases and Nutrient Deficiency ID
- Friday, Feb. 8 – Ag Marketing (attendees will be given access to a computer to follow along)

All topics will feature expert presenters from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Other experts will be available to address more specific questions or interact with attendees during the breaks. This is also a great opportunity to visit with other producers in the area.

Registrations are not required, but are appreciated two days prior to the session(s) you want to attend by contacting Karen Wedding at kwedding2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180, or going to *https://lancaster.unl.edu/ag*. The cost is $5 per session or $15 for all six sessions. Pay at the door with cash or check. Debit/credit card payment available for an additional fee.

CCA credits available for certified crop advisors. The series will be livestreamed for free — to watch, register online.

Upcoming green industry conferences

NEBRASKA TURFGRASS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 8–10, 2019

NEBRASKA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION
Location: La Vista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Pkwy, La Vista, NE 68128
402-472-5351 • *https://nebraskaturfgrass.com/conference*

GREAT PLAINS GROWERS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 10–12, 2019

A CONFERENCE FOR BEGINNING & SEASONED GROWERS
Hosted by University Extension from Mo., Kan., Neb. and Iowa

Location: Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Dr., St Joseph, Mo.

The conference will focus on a wide range of topics for both fruit and/or vegetable growers.

- Jan. 10 workshops – Food safety, hops potential, honey bees & beekeeping, selling local foods, cover crops and soil health.
- Jan. 11–12 general tracks — Tree/small fruit, conventional & organic production, vegetable IPM, greenhouse & hydroponics, season extension, technology and cut flowers.

Keynote speaker will be Alex Hitt, owner of Peregrine Farm, an extremely diversified 2.5 acre farm growing cut flowers plus small fruits and vegetables outside Chapel Hill, N.C. Presentation — "Transitioning Your Farm to the Next Generation."

Contact Buchanan County Extension Office
816-279-1691 • *www.greatplainsgrowersconference.org*

NEBRASKA GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 23–24, 2019

NEBRASKA ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION AND NEBRASKA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION
New location: Holthus Convention Center, York, Neb.
www.nearborists.org • www.nnla.org