

## Pesticide Applicator Trainings

If you have a pesticide applicator license expiring April 2020 — 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 <https://go.unl.edu/pestedcom> 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 at 8:30 a.m. on:

- Tuesday, Feb. 4 (Initial)
- Thursday, Feb. 6 (Recertification)
- Thursday, Feb. 20 (Recertification)
- Thursday, Feb. 27 (Initial)
- Tuesday, Mar. 17 (Initial)
- Thursday, Mar. 26 (Recertification)
- Thursday, April 9 (Initial)

Cost is \$80 per online preregistration or \$90 per mail, fax and at-the-door registration. It is highly recommended you obtain and review the written study materials prior to attending an initial training. This will greatly improve your chances of passing the written examination. Study materials for all commercial categories must be purchased online at <https://go.unl.edu/pestedcom> (click on “Purchase 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](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/applicator_testing.html) or call 402-471-6852 for statewide dates, times and locations. Free.

Testing sessions at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln will be held Thursdays, April 16 & 30, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, Aug. 6 & 20, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 & 29, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10. Exams must start between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**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 [https://nda.nebraska.gov/pesticide/pearson\\_vue\\_testing.html](https://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 for commercial applicators)** — These were held in January.

### 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 four ways to recertify or get a new license.

**Traditional training classes** — visit <https://go.unl.edu/2020pat> 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. 25 at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m.
- Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10 at 9 a.m., followed by optional dicamba applicator training at 12 p.m.

**Crop Production Clinics (initial and recertification for private applicators)** — These were held in January.

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

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

## Growing Nut Trees Seminar, Feb. 20

Nebraska Nut Growers Association (NeNGA) and Heartland Nuts ‘N More co-op are sponsoring a seminar, Growing Great Nut Trees for Future Generations, a great opportunity to learn how to plan, grow, harvest and market high-quality nuts. This seminar will be Thursday, Feb. 20, 7–9 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. There is no cost to attend. Door prizes will include several seedling nut tree varieties and nut seeds.

Growing nut trees can be a great family activity now and for the future. Everyone has different expectations and goals when growing nut trees. This seminar will introduce most aspects of what it takes to accomplish your goals and expectations. Heartland Nuts ‘N More will also present the processing and marketing of the nuts. You will also have an opportunity to meet with local professional growers of several

trees to large orchards.

Some of us remember in our younger days when our parents or grandparents had us gather nuts from one of their nut trees. Then, usually rudimentary forms of cleaning/cracking were used. The nuts were then used for special pies, cookies and confections for the holidays and special events. Now, one can grow and harvest higher-quality nuts and use new techniques to make the process fun and rewarding. The using of grafting techniques that NeNGA can teach you will yield higher-quality nuts and shorten the time to production.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Heartland Nuts ‘N More, President Larry Martin, 402-784-6887 [www.heartlandnutsmore.com](http://www.heartlandnutsmore.com)
- Nebraska Nut Growers Association, Nut Evaluation Chair John Knorr, 402-788-2717 [www.nebraskanutgrowers.org](http://www.nebraskanutgrowers.org)

## Landlord/Tenant Cash Rent Workshop, Feb. 3

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County is hosting a Landlord/Tenant Cash Rent workshop on Monday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Check-in starts at 10:15 a.m. No cost to attend and lunch is provided free. Register by Jan. 31 by calling 402-441-7180 to ensure meal count.

Learn about:

- Agricultural finance and the real estate market.
- Current trends in ag finance across Nebraska.
- Negotiation skills for effectively managing land leases.
- Current considerations on lease provisions.
- Strategic farmland succession and communications.

“Landlords and tenants often struggle with land management questions,” said Allan Vyhnales,

Extension Educator and workshop presenter. “Both are concerned with fair treatment, but it can be difficult to keep up with the current trends. Our workshop will provide participants with up-to-date information so they can be confident about their lease arrangements.”

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

## Southeast Nebraska Soil Health Conference, March 3

Nebraska Extension’s annual Southeast Nebraska Soil Health Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 3 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Hickman Community Center, 115 Locust St., Hickman. This year’s focus will be: “Feeding the Underground and Above Ground Livestock.” This conference is for producers or land-owners who have an interest in soil health, grazing cover crops

or no-till farming practices.

- Speakers will include:
- Dwayne Beck, South Dakota State University
  - Paul Jasa, UNL Extension Engineer
  - Ray Ward, Ward Laboratories
  - Gary Lesoing, UNL Extension Educator
  - Mary Drewnoski, UNL Extension Ruminant Nutritionist
  - Farmer Panel

There is no cost to attend the conference and lunch will be provided, thanks to our sponsors. Please pre-register by Friday, Feb. 28 by going to <https://lancaster.unl.edu/ag> or by calling the Extension office at 402-441-7180.

If you would like to set up a booth or display (cost \$100) or be a program sponsor, contact Randy Pryor at 402-450-6058.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

**8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

**Lancaster Extension Education Center  
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln**

A workshop for nursery & green industry professionals, public works employees, landscape managers, arborists, tree board volunteers and cemetery & grounds keepers.

Topics include:

- Newer Herbicide Products for Lawn Weed Control
- Problematic Landscape Soils
- Good Pruning Techniques
- ID & Management of Common Diseases of Woody Plants

**ISA and NAA CEU credits available**

**REGISTER BY FEB. 28**

Cost \$45/person. Breakfast refreshments & lunch included.

Mail in this registration form with payment of cash or check.

Or call 402-441-7180 to pay with credit card (additional fee).

For more information, call Sarah Browning at 402-441-7180 or go to <http://hortupdate.unl.edu>

### ProHort Update Registration Form

Employer/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 each = Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include cash or check payable to: Lancaster County Extension  
Mail to: Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County  
444 Cherrycreek Road, Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68528**