

## Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicator

Farmers and agricultural industry personnel can obtain either a “Private” or “Commercial” pesticide applicator license through the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). OSU Extension helps in the licensing process by providing study material, practice exams, and local test preparation classes. OSU Extension also provides annual re-certification sessions for applicators to attend to obtain the continuing education requirements needed.

**Private Pesticide Applicator’s Licenses** are for farmers who apply restricted-use pesticides on his/her own land (or rented land) and produce an agricultural commodity. Each private applicator is required to take & pass the CORE test (general safety for the applicator and the environment) and any category(ies) that correspond to the crops he/she grows. There are 7 categories which certification can be received: Grain and Cereal Crops (category 1), Forage Crops and Livestock (category 2), Fruit and Vegetable Crops (category 3), Nursery and Forest Crops (category 4), Greenhouse Crops (category 5), Fumigation (category 6), and Specialty Uses (category 7). Complete details on the licensing process for private pesticide applicators and study materials can be found at: <http://pested.osu.edu/home/privateapplicator/licensing>

**Commercial Pesticide Applicator Licenses** are for farmers or industry personnel who apply pesticides for a business or on land owned by someone else, and usually receive payment for their services. In agriculture this includes agricultural businesses who custom spray crops, as well as farmers who are hired to custom spray for fellow farmers. The commercial license area also includes applicators who work for a government or public agency such as a K-12 schools, colleges, universities, villages, townships, and park districts, in addition to applicators who apply to sites accessible to the public.



Each commercial applicator will need to take and pass the CORE test (general safety for the applicator and the environment) and the category(ies) that correspond to their commercial spray operation. These categories include: Aerial Pest Control (category 1), Agricultural Pest Control (category 2 with 6 sub-categories); Aquatic Pest Control (category 3 with 3 sub-categories), Forest Pest Control (category 4 with 2 sub-categories), Industrial Vegetation (category 5), Ornamental Plant & Shade Tree Pest Control (category 6 with 4 sub-categories), Vertebrate (category 7), Turf (category 8), Animal Pest Control (category 9), Domestic, Institutional, Structural & Health Related Pest Control (category 10 with 4 sub-categories), Livestock Predator Control (Category 11 for USDA employees only), and Wood Destroying Insect Diagnostic Inspection (category 12). Complete details on the commercial categories, licensing process, and their sub-categories can be found at: <http://pested.osu.edu/commercialrecert>

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# 2017 Test Preparation Classes for Northeast, Ohio

OSU Extension in Northeast Ohio will be providing two training sessions to help farmers prepare for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Private Pesticide Applicator's Exam. Attendance at one of these classes is not required but is a great opportunity for applicators to learn what they will need to study for the test. This first class will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Geauga County Extension office. Call the Geauga County Extension office at 440-834-4656 to register. The second class will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Trumbull County Extension office. Call the Trumbull County Extension office at 330-638-6783 to register. The registration fee for each class is \$35/person which includes CORE study materials.



## 2017 ODA Testing Sessions

Are you looking to take obtain your private or commercial pesticide license or wish to add an additional category to your existing license? The Ohio Department of Agriculture will be holding testing sessions during the winter/spring of 2017 in Northeast Ohio. These tests are administered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and are held at Extension offices in northeast Ohio as a courtesy to producers. Pre-registration is required for each location and can be made by calling the ODA at 614-728-6987 or 1-800-282-1955 (press 3 then 1).

### Ashtabula County

Location: OSU Extension Office  
Basement Meeting Room  
39 Wall Street  
Jefferson, Ohio 44047  
For Directions Call 440-576-9008

### Date

March 8 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

### Geauga County

Location: Geauga County Extension Office  
Patterson Center Basement  
P.O. Box 387  
14269 Claridon-Troy Road  
Burton, OH 44021-0387  
For Directions Call 440-834-4656

### Dates

February 22 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
March 22 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
April 26 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
May 24 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
June 28 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

### Trumbull County

Location: Trumbull County Extension Office  
520 West Main Street, Suite #1  
Cortland, OH 44410  
For Directions Call 330-638-6783

### Date

February 13 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
March 13 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
April 10 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)  
May 8 (beginning at 10:00 a.m.)