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## **Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-cert Dates**

If you live and farm in the Ohio Valley you are probably still waiting on the Fall Season to arrive. Typically the time between temperatures in the 80s and snow. Well if you took a nap you may have missed it, I did. It is already snowing and muddy like it normally is in January or February.

In my time with OSU Extension we try to schedule things after harvest. I am not sure when after harvest might be this year. There are acres of soybeans and corn still in the field. As you drive along you can often see field after field of crops not yet harvested, and the forecast is not promising to see that change anytime soon.

Since we do not know when harvest will get started again, we have set some dates for the coming months. At this point we have the Small Farm College and Beef Quality Assurance dates listed below in the Dates to Remember. We can now add the dates for Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-certification.

For the past 8 years I covered Adams, Brown and Highland Counties for the Pesticide and eventually Fertilizer programs as I was the Extension Educator for all three counties. While I thought everyone was aware of changes, I guess some still are not aware. I now cover only Adams County and Highland County was filled in March by Brooke Beam to be the OSU Extension Educator for Agriculture and Natural Resources/Community Development. In May, James Morris filled the same position in Brown County.

During those 8 years, private applicators registered for the re-certifications with the Brown County office just to streamline the registration process. This year you will need to pre-register with the county office staff in the county you plan to attend the training. For those of you wishing to attend in Adams County you will need to contact Barbie at 544-2339. If you wish to attend in Brown County, call 378-6716 or in Highland County call 393-1918.

You will receive a mailing from the Ohio Department of Agriculture in the near future with all dates, times and locations for our area. I have scheduled two classes for Adams County that will hopefully work for everyone needing re-certified by March 31, 2019. Both classes will be at Frisch's in West Union, with one during the day and one in the evening. Remember if you have both Fertilizer and Pesticide license, you will need four hours of credit.

The first class will be on January 23, 2019. We will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the fertilizer training for one hour, take a half hour for lunch, then do the 3-hour pesticide training. The second opportunity will be on Thursday, February 7, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with fertilizer and following the same schedule.

The cost of the training will be \$10 for those who only need fertilizer re-certification. If you need pesticide re-certification the cost will be \$35 with or without the fertilizer. The \$35 charge will include



your meal. Please pre-register so I can let Frisch's know how many to be prepared for at least one week prior to the date you wish to attend. They need to know so they can schedule enough people to work on those days. Again, you can pre-register in person or call the Adams Co. Extension Office. The office is located in the Courthouse Annex in West Union or call 544-2339. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 12:30 until 4:00 p.m. Please pay when you pre-register.

### **Dates to Remember**

- November 19 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Third Monday versus the normal second Monday of the month due to Veteran's Day on November 12. Please pre-register at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call the Ohio Dept. of Ag at 800-282-1955.
- January 16 Small Farm College will begin. This is an 8-week course offered from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights. This OSU Extension event will be in the round room at North Adams High School. Registration material will soon be available at the OSU Extension offices throughout Ohio including the Adams County Office. Materials are available online today. Go to the OSU Extension Website, <http://adams.osu.edu>
- January 22 Beef Quality Assurance Certification. Union Stockyards with the meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 or once everyone is finished eating, so please do not come at 6:30 to eat. Call Janet at 393-1958 to register.