DATE:  February 1, 2006

TO:  All Private & Commercial Pesticide License Holders

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SUBJECT:  2006 Pesticide Classes

Please mark your calendars now! North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Alleghany County Center, will be offering several classes that will help you meet your pesticide recertification credit requirements this year.

Points to remember:

■ Private applicator (most farmers) must have all classes taken by September 30, 2006.
■ You need two hours of X (specialty) training over three years. You can get these hours at any meeting that advertises X credits.
■ You need two hours of V (safety) training, generally taken the last year of your certification.

Commercial Applicators ~~ You need to have your recertification credits done during the five years of your certification. Watch for meetings that advertise the letter of your certification. You cannot get all of your hours in the same year. You also must renew your license every year by paying the fee to NCDA, even though your certification lasts five years.

If either private or commercial applicators let their license expire, you have to take a test to renew. If you need a license for the first time, you also have to take a test.

You may also find all of this information on the North Carolina Department of Agriculture website: www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticide/
We currently have scheduled the following classes and test dates for Alleghany County. These will be all of the V classes offered, but other X classes and commercial credits will be scheduled and announced throughout the year. Please make sure you attend one of these sessions if your license expires in 2006!!

### Scheduled “V” Trainings

**Tuesday, February 21, 2006**  
6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.  
Alleghany County Office Building  
Conference Room  
Sparta, NC

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006**  
6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.  
Alleghany County Office Building  
Conference Room  
Sparta, NC

**Tuesday, July 25, 2006**  
1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.  
Upper Mountain Research Station  
Laurel Springs, NC

**Tuesday, September 12, 2006**  
6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.  
Alleghany County Office Building  
Conference Room  
Sparta, NC

### Scheduled “X” Trainings

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006**  
6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.  
Alleghany County Office Building  
Conference Room  
Sparta, NC

Program: Integrated Pest Management for Christmas Tree Growers

**Thursday, April 20, 2006**  
3:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.  
Field Location (to be announced)  
Program: “Fraser Fir Scouting Workshop”

**Tuesday, July 25, 2006**  
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon  
Upper Mountain Research Station  
Laurel Springs, NC

### Test Dates

The test is for those who DO NOT have a license or their license has EXPIRED. Please call us at 372-5597 if you want to take a test.

**Wednesday, March 15, 2006**  
1:00 p.m.  
Agricultural Services Center  
1st floor Conference Room  
Jefferson, NC

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006**  
1:00 p.m.  
Alleghany County Office Building  
Conference Room  
Sparta, NC  28675
Recertification Credits Needed

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* All Private Applicators must earn a minimum of 2 credits each in both V and X (during 3 year certification cycle).

** Aerial applicators must earn an additional 3 credits for the first subclass and one credit for each additional subclass on their Aerial License (during 2 year certification cycle).

Additional Requirements for Commercial Ground Applicators

1. The required credits for each category must be obtained during at least two years of the five year certification period.

2. MULTIPLE CATEGORIES: Individuals who are certified in two or more categories must complete the total number of credits in the category carrying the highest requirement and then three credits in each additional category. (Note: Demonstration and Research is an exception; this category always requires 10 credit hours).

Look up your credit information, check out current exam schedules, and view up-to-date recertification classes on the following website: http://www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/pesticid
or call 919-733-3556