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Pesticide Applicator Training in Southeast Idaho

The Situation

Private and professional applicators of pesticides in southeast Idaho are required to maintain certification by attending classes for this purpose. Many of the classes offered for recertification are not held at or near many of the cities located in the southeast corner of the state. Time and money required to travel long distances to attend classes are limited. Many of the training topics may not be suited to crops or pests located specifically in southeast Idaho.

Our Response

Extension Educators in Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, and Oneida counties have organized a yearly Pesticide Applicator Training that is offered in each of the aforementioned counties. The recertification classes are offered at no cost to the producers and provide three to four hours of recertification credits. Training topics are geared for specific problems encountered in the southeast corner of Idaho. Producers are able to attend with little or no travel-time expended.

Program Outcomes

Private pesticide applicators have been able to receive their total needed recertification credits attending Pesticide Applicator Training in five southeast Idaho counties. Some 1,040 participants have received over 3,123 recertification credits since 1998. Private applicators need only receive three credit hours/year in order to remain certified. They are able to receive these credits while attending meetings in their respective counties with little loss of time and money. Participants have been able to receive training on specific topics such as Cereal

Leaf Beetle, Grazing and Weed Problems in Pastures, Alfalfa Weevil, Green Manure Crops, Bee and Wasp Control around the Farm, and many other topics of interest to producers in southeast Idaho. Trainers in the classes promote a relaxed atmosphere where producers are encouraged to ask questions and receive the answers needed for specific problems. Some of the trainings include games that help producers test their knowledge of the chemical topics of the day. Producers can stay close to home, receive credits, and enjoy the three-hour Pesticide Applicator Training.

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