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North Central Idaho Area Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing

The Situation

Numerous individuals from government agencies, private enterprise, municipalities, and others are required to test for Idaho State Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license. The licenses are needed for judicious application of pesticides to specific commodities or site locations.

Often, these individuals need to test for a specific category or multiple categories for the professional pesticide applicator license. The tests are rigorous and many individuals seeking licenses need additional instruction to adequately address and pass the I.S.D.A. testing material.

Our Response

Since 1984, University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System educators in north central Idaho have worked cooperatively with the I.S.D.A. annually to train individuals for taking the professional pesticide applicator test.

The two-day training and testing program was developed and has proven to be of value to those testing. Particularly to those testing that have limited formal agricultural education background. This year's area Professional Pesticide Applicators Training and Testing program was held March 6 and 7 in Lewiston, Idaho.

Achievements

Following the training and testing program, the I.S.D.A. provided information regarding test results and benefit of the program. Results are outlined on the back of the impact statement.

Test results summary: Three-fourths of those taking the tests made passing scores on the following tests--Agricultural Herbicide, Law and Safety, Right-of-Way Weed Control, Consultant, Private Applicator, and Agricultural Fungicide/Insecticide.

More specifically, all of those testing for private applicator and right-of-way weed control passed; 91% passed the law and safety test; and 88% passed the agricultural herbicide test. On the other hand, 50% passed the consultant test and 33% passed the agricultural fungicide/insecticide tests.

For attendees that have pesticide applicator's licenses, I.S.D.A. pesticide license recertification credits were provided. Certified Crop Advisor continuing education units were also available.

The Future

North central Idaho extension educators and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture representatives will cooperatively continue to provide training and testing annually.



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Provide more training for the consultant and the agricultural fungicide/insecticide tests during the next professional pesticide applicators training and testing program.

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Students passing various categories of the Professional Pesticide Applicator and other tests

