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Apps for Choosing Nozzles

Pesticide applicators have apps to help in choosing sprayer nozzles. These applications have been created by various nozzle manufactures. The applicator chooses the desired drop output (coarse, fine, etc.) and inputs equipment-related factors such as boom height, sprayer speed, boom spacing, or other items. The app are designed to be downloaded to several platforms such as smartphones, andriods, ipads, and iphones. Some of the available apps are:

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T-Jet

Recent studies have begun to look at the differences of spray nozzle output with water only compared to typical pesticide tank mixes. The University of Nebraska has developed an app that compares the spray droplet output between glyphosate and water when using various manufacturer nozzles. The app is available at:

Commercial Recertification Conferences Planned

The dates for the Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Conferences have set. The conferences will be held:

- Jan. 30, 2014 – Dayton Convention Center
- Jan. 31, 2014 – Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center
- Feb. 19, 2014 – Akron, John S. Knight Center
- Mar. 6, 2014 – Columbus Convention Center

Commercial pesticide applicators will be able to complete their five hour recertification requirement by attending one of these sessions. The conferences will feature speakers from Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and representatives from the pesticide application industry. Topics and issues important for pesticide application professionals will be discussed during the conference. Also, there will be

sessions that address every commercial category available on an Ohio pesticide applicator license.

Registration for the conferences will be available online at pested.osu.edu beginning October 1, 2013. The conference will cost \$75 and a lunch option is available for an additional \$20. Online registration will close at midnight three days prior to the individual conference. Mailed registrations need to be received one week prior to the scheduled conference. More information is available at 614-292-4070 or pested.osu.edu

Comment Period on Federal Bed Bug Strategy

A comment period is open until September 18 to make comments on a bed bug strategy that will be implemented by the following federal agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Environmental Protection Agency.

The priority areas outlined in the strategy are prevention, surveillance and IPM management, community efforts, education and communication, and research. A draft copy of the strategy is available at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0537-0002> Information about submitting comments is available at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0537>

Extension Educators Invited to Attend Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection Training

October 9 will be the next training session for inspectors wanting to become licensed for wood-destroying insect inspections. Ohio regulation requires a license for anyone performing insect inspections on property as part of a real estate transaction. Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection is Category 12 on a commercial pesticide applicator license. Inspectors adding the WDI category to their license are required to attend the mandatory five-hour training session and the category 12 exam. For the October 9 training session, Extension Educators who are interested in learning more about inspecting structures for insect damage may attend for a discounted rate.

The WDI inspector training will be held at the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Reynoldsburg from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Immediately following the training, inspectors have the opportunity to take the exam for Category 12. Inspectors who do not currently have an Ohio commercial pesticide applicator license will also be able to take the Core exam after the training to meet the licensing requirements.

Anyone interested in attending the training can go to the Pesticide Safety Education Program website at <http://pested.osu.edu> for information and to register for the class. The registration, which includes lunch, is \$90 if pre-registered and \$100 at the door. Any questions can be directed to the Ohio Pesticide Safety Education (PSEP) office at 614-292-4070

OSU Extension Educators who would like to learn more about inspecting structures for insect damage may attend the training at the discounted rate of \$25 and should call the Ohio PSEP office to register.

Upcoming Events

More information about the following events is at: <http://pested.osu.edu>

Pesticide Applicator Training Educator Inservice

January 7 & 8, 2014, Ohio 4-H Center, OSU Campus, Columbus

Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences

Jan. 30, 2014 – Dayton Convention Center

Jan. 31, 2014 – Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

Feb. 19, 2014 – Akron, John S. Knight Center

Mar. 6, 2014 – Columbus Convention Center

Pesticide Safety Training – Commercial New Applicators & Trained Servicepersons

September 25, 2013 - Core and Trained Serviceperson training in the morning and Categories 8, 5, 2c and 6c in the afternoon. Four hours of commercial recertification credit is available.

Taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Wood-Destroying Insect Inspection Training

October 9, 2013 - Mandatory training required for applications becoming licensed in commercial category 12. Recertification credit is available. See pested.osu.edu for more information.

Taught at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

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