PRIVATE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION 2022 - 2023

** Program Suggestions **

CREDIT CONTENT	LETTER CODE	LESSON TOPICS/CONTENT	CATEGORY or CATEGORIES
General Safety	S	- Emergency Response & Spill Management - EHS Presentation on Farm Safety - Herbicide Labels that Require Runoff Mitigation Measures - Label Comprehension Exercise / PPE Demonstration - Pesticide Safety Education Station for Field Days / Hands-on Demos - Pollinator Protection / Virginia Bee Cooperators Program - Protecting Non-Target Organisms / Bees in Row Crops - Safer Insecticide Options for Vegetable Crops - Safety Review (tailored to audience, using a game format) - Respiratory Protection	**90, 91**
Legal Update	L	***Full Legal Update Required at ALL Recertification Courses including:*** ***Federal Issues*** - Pesticide Product Registration Status & Label Changes - Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule - USDA Recordkeeping Requirements & Recommendations - Worker Protection Standard / Compliance Assistance ***State Issues*** - Applicator Certification Regulation Changes - Business License Regulation Changes - Common Violations - Enforcement / Product Registration Regulation Changes - OPS Inspections and Investigations - VA Pollinator Management Plan - VDACS Disposal & Recycling Programs	**90, 91**
Pest Management and Application Technology	P	***Category-Specific Pest Management Presentations:*** - ID & Management of Insect Pests, Plant Diseases, and/or Weeds - Resistance Issues with Pests - New Herbicide / Seed Technologies: *products, use patterns, stewardship tactics [w/ emphasis on drift mitigation], efficacy, and resistance management* - Top 5 or 10 Pest Management Issues of Local Importance: *Spotted Lanternfly, Asian Longhorn Tick, Fire Ants, Aquatic Weeds, Noxious Weeds, Bedbugs, Managing Mites, Forestry Biocontrol, etc.* - Vertebrate Pest Management - Weed Management in Stormwater BMPs ***Category-Specific Application/Handling Equipment Demonstrations:*** - Ag. Drones Research - Ag. Soil Fumigation Basics - Applicator Math for RTs and Private Applicators - Bedbug Fumigation for Vehicles and Containers - Techniques and Calculations for Fertigation and Chemigation - Proper Configuration and Safe Operation of Spray Application Equipment: *nozzle selection, calibration, selecting formulations, drift management, etc.* - Spray Water Chemistry - Spot Applying Pesticide Equipment - Tree Injections, Soil Drenches	**Content must match pesticide use patterns for the category or categories requested.**

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** NOTE **

This sample program lists topics and materials from the last two in-service sessions. These are program suggestions, not requirements. It is <u>not</u> necessary to include all topics in a program (with the exception of the Legal Update provided by VDACS – this is required!). Recertification is on a biennial cycle. You may be able to use effective lessons two years in a row.

For Additional Ideas and Program Support Materials, Refer to:

- Virginia Pesticide Safety Educators Workshop Canvas Site (canvas.vt.edu/courses/46970):
  (All ANR agents have access to the Canvas site – must login using your VT PID and password.)

  - Resources such as Certification and Recertification Information, Training Modules, Instructor's Guides, PowerPoints, Factsheets, and Evaluation Templates can be found here.

- "Agents" section of the VT Pesticide Programs website (vtpp.ento.vt.edu/Agents.html):
  (Information is available here, along with a Canvas login button.)

  - Training Opportunities
  - New Agents and Specialists
  - Agent Resources
  - Forms
  - FAQs

- Private Applicator Recertification Calendar on VT Pesticide Programs website (vtpp.ento.vt.edu/Agents/parcourses.html):

  - The PAR calendar includes a list of all courses and corresponding credits. This may be useful when searching for program ideas, and finding courses for clients.

- Agendas of previous Pesticide Safety Educators Workshops
  (Located in Canvas – click 'Modules' button to view.)

- VCE Educator's Kits (white 3-ring binders + materials)
  (Most kit content is also available online in Canvas.)

- Program support materials placed in unit offices, planning districts, or districts.

Recertification Program Topics That are <u>Always</u> Relevant Include:

- New pest management methods.
- New pest management products.
- Proper use of pesticide products; pesticide management.
- Effective and proper use of handling devices, proper protective equipment (PPE) and application equipment.
- Equipment calibration.
- Integrated pest management (IPM).
- Identification and management of pests of local importance.