

# 2020 Pesticide Safety Education Program

## New Mexico State University / Cooperative Extension Service

The Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) at New Mexico State University promotes the responsible use of pesticides through educational resources and training. Training covers a broad range of human safety and environmental issues for a statewide target audience of approximately 2,800 private applicators, 2,200 commercial applicators, and 120 pesticide dealers. This is a collaborative effort with New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service (NMSU-CES), New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA), USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The program reaches over 500 individuals annually. Through recertifying 350 current pesticide applicators and training 150 new license holders with an average annual salary of \$34,570, this program added or maintained over \$17,000,000 to New Mexico's economy. Workshop evaluations indicate that 98% of participants learned a new skill that will assist them when applying pesticides, and 75% of participants learned a new pest or plant management practice that will decrease pesticide use.

We conduct workshops annually in New Mexico to provide certified applicators (private, public, and commercial) with information on new and emerging insect, disease, and weed pests in field crops, greenhouse crops, forage crops, fruit and vegetable crops, turf area, and shade trees and ornamental plantings. These applicators will receive CEU credits required for license renewal.

### CEU Workshops for 2020:

All workshops have moved to an **online only** format. **Free** pre-recorded presentations will be available from **mid-September to mid-November** for 1 CEU per recording. To register for these presentations in order to obtain CEU credits for your license, please visit: [pesticide.nmsu.edu](http://pesticide.nmsu.edu)

### Pre-license Training for 2020:

Individuals who wish to become certified to apply pesticides can also register and listen to **free** pre-recorded pesticide license exam material on our [pesticide.nmsu.edu](http://pesticide.nmsu.edu) website starting **mid-September**. These individuals receive training in pesticide safety, pesticide laws and regulations, sprayer calibration, integrated pest management, and basic principles in entomology, plant pathology, and weed science.

**If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Phillip Lujan in advance at (575) 646-1822 or [pl11@nmsu.edu](mailto:pl11@nmsu.edu).**

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NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

**Upcoming Pesticide Applicator Workshop in 2020 has moved to an online format only!**

**For up to date details please visit: [pesticide.nmsu.edu](http://pesticide.nmsu.edu)**



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