

## **Agri-Business / Cropland. 2009 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial, and Government Applicators across Southwestern Montana.**

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The Montana State University Pesticide Education Program (PEP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programs are offering multiple 6 credit program opportunities for private applicators across region 2. Private applicators may opt to attend only a morning or afternoon session for 3 credits as well. The Pest Management Tour is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private recertification cycle. Region 2 participants include Beaverhead, Granite, Madison/Jefferson, Powell, Gallatin, Broadwater, Meagher, Park, and Lewis & Clark counties.

Commercial / Government applicators are also urged to attend. The Pest Management Tour is offering 6 government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, Agricultural Animal Pest Control, Forest Pest Control, and Ornamental & Turf Pest Control.

The 2009 Pest Management Tour will cover many subject areas of local interest including Mountain Pine Beetle, management of insect pests of livestock, invasive weed management, cropland weed management, crop disease identification and management, and pesticide safety. MSU representatives speaking at this tour include Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Invasive Weed Specialist), Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Greg Johnson (Veterinary Entomologist), Toby Day (Extension Horticulture Associate) and Cecil Tharp (Pesticide Education Specialist).

### ***October 5th***

Helmville, MT: Helmville Community Center; Pre-register by contacting Jodi Pauley at (406)846-3680, Lunch Provided!  
Phillipsburg, MT: Contact Dan Lucas for more information at (406)859-3304

### ***October 6th***

Dillon, MT: Pre-register by contacting JP Tanner at (406)683-3785  
Whitehall, MT: Whitehall Community Center, for more information contact Andrea Sarchet at (406)287-3282

### ***October 7th***

Townsend, MT: 4-H Community Building, Broadwater County Fairgrounds, Pre-register by contacting Virginia Knerr at (406)266-9242, Lunch provided with \$5 fee.  
White Sulphur Springs: Sheriff's Training Center, 101 West Crawford, Pre-register by contacting Rachel Soto at (406)547-3612. Lunch provided with 10 – 15 dollar fee.

### ***October 8th***

Livingston, MT: Best Western Yellowstone Inn, 1515 West Park Street, Pre-register by contacting Tracy Mosley at (406)222-4156. Lunch provided with \$10 fee.  
Willow Creek, MT: Willow Creek Firehall, Pre-register by contacting Ron Carlstrom at (406)388-3213. Lunch provided with \$15 fee.

### ***October 9th***

Helena, MT: 4-H Building, Fairgrounds. Pre-register by contacting Larry Hoffman at (406)447-8346. Lunch provided with \$10 fee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact your local Extension agent for more information regarding these programs as well as pre-registration. For more details regarding speakers, subject areas, coordinator contact information, see the MSU PEP website at [www.pesticides.montana.edu](http://www.pesticides.montana.edu), then select 'Pest Management Tour'. For any other Pesticide Education questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist, at the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (406-994-5067, [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)).