

## **Agri-Business / Cropland. 2010 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial, and Government Applicators across North-Central 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 north-central Montana (Private applicator region 3) from October 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 3 participants include Toole, Cascade, Teton, Pondera, Glacier, Liberty, Chouteau, Hill, and Blaine counties.

Commercial / Government applicators are also urged to attend. The Pest Management Tour is offering 5 government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research, Aerial, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, Agricultural Animal Pest Control, and Aquatic Pest Control.

The 2010 Pest Management Tour will cover many subject areas of local interest including wireworms, grasshoppers, western salsify, cheatgrass, beneficial insects, insect identification, pesticide safety, and pesticides in the environment. See the program agenda online at [www.pesticides.montana.edu](http://www.pesticides.montana.edu) by selecting '2010 Pest Management Tour' to see topics of local interest. MSU and MDA representatives speaking at this tour include Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Invasive Weed Specialist), Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Kevin Wanner (MSU Crop Insect Specialist), Ruth O'Neill (MSU Insect Diagnostician), Linda Johns (MDA Agricultural Officer) and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist).

### ***October 5<sup>th</sup>***

Great Falls, MT: Family Living Center, Montana Expo Park, Fairgrounds. Contact Wade Crouch at (406)454-6980 for more information.  
Choteau, MT: Choteau Country Club. Contact Mark Major for more information at (406)466-2491

### ***October 6<sup>th</sup>***

Conrad, MT: Pondera Shooting Sports Building. Pre-register by contacting Dan Picard at (406)271-4054 for \$6.00 lunch.  
Cut Bank, MT: Cut Bank Voting Center. Pre-register by contacting Damon Bunting at (406)873-2239 for free catered lunch.

### ***October 7<sup>th</sup>***

Havre, MT: Student Union Building Ballroom, MSU Northern. Pre-register by contacting Joe Broesder at (406)265-5481x233 for free catered lunch.  
Chinook, MT: Walner Hall, 337 Ohio. Contact Michael Schuldt at (406)357-3200 for catered lunch.

### ***October 8<sup>th</sup>***

Chester, MT: Our Savior Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Contact Jesse Fulbright at (406)759-5625 for more information.  
Fort Benton, MT: Agricultural Center. Contact Tom Allen at (406)622-3751 for more information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact your local Extension agent for more information regarding these program opportunities 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)).