

**2015 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial and Government Pesticide Applicators across North-Central Montana.**

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The Montana State University Pesticide Education and Integrated Pest Management Programs are offering the Pest Management Tour (PMT) for private and commercial applicators across north-central Montana (Private Applicator Region 3; Figure 1) from October 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. This program is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private applicator recertification cycle. Region 3 private applicators must attain six private applicator recertification credits by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to re-qualify into the next certification cycle. Region 3 PMT participants include Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Chouteau, Toole, Liberty, Hill and Blaine counties.

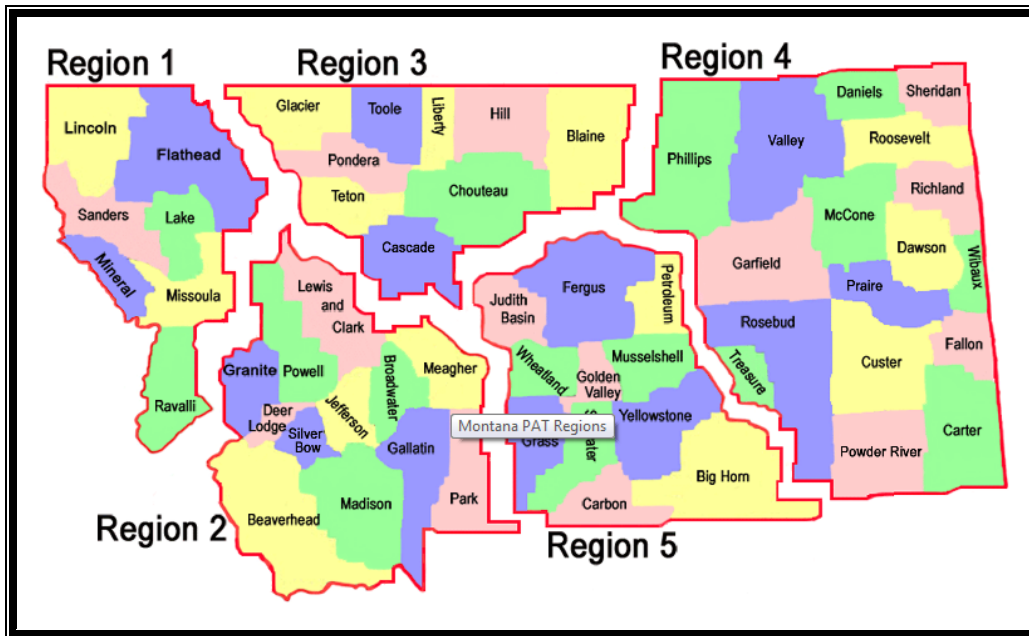


Figure 1. Map of Montana private pesticide applicator training regions.

Credits will be offered for private and commercial / government applicators. Private applicators may opt to attend only a morning or afternoon session for 3 private applicator credits; or both for 6 credits. Two commercial / government applicator credits will also be offered in the categories of dealer, demonstration & research and ag plant pest for attending either the AM or PM sessions. Pesticide applicator credits can be viewed online at <https://app.mt.gov/pest/index>.

Speakers will deliver presentations on calibration, livestock insect pests, cropland insect pests, plant disease management, cheatgrass, herbicide resistance, forage pest management and other cropland weeds. MSU representatives speaking at the tour include Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Rangeland Weed), Dr. Emily Glunk (MSU Forage Specialist), Dr. Kevin Wanner (MSU Crop Insect Specialist), Noelle Orloff (MSU Plant Diagnostician), Dr. Greg Johnson (MSU Veterinary Entomologist) and Dr. Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist).

The tour will cover 9 locations in 5 days:

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

**Chinook, MT:** Contact Blaine County Extension for exact location, Ben Hauptman at (406)357-3200, No fee & lunch on your own, Starts at 8:40 am.

**Havre, MT:** Contact Hill County Extension for exact location, Nicole Gray at (406)231-5150. No fee & lunch on your own, Starts at 8:40 am.

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

**Chester, MT:** Our Savior's Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 10 E Madison Ave, Contact Liberty County Extension, Jesse Fulbright (406)759-5625. No fee & lunch on your own, Starts at 9:00 am.

**Shelby, MT:** Comfort Inn, Contact Toole County Extension, Joe Parks at (406)424-8350. No fee & lunch on your own, Starts at 9:00 am.

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

**Cut Bank, MT:** Voting Center, 913 E. Railroad, Please pre-register by contacting Glacier County Extension by October 5<sup>th</sup>, Kari Lewis at (406)873-2239, No fee and free lunch! Starts at 9:05 am

**Conrad, MT:** Senior Center. Please pre-register by contacting Pondera County Extension by October 5<sup>th</sup>, Shaelyn Meyer at (406)271-4053, No fee and free lunch! Starts at 9:05 am

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

**Choteau, MT:** Stage Stop Inn, Please pre-register by contacting Teton County Extension by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Rhea Brutosky at (406)466-2491, No fee and lunch on your own. Starts at 8:30 am

**Great Falls, MT:** MT ExpoPark's Family Living Center, Contact Cascade County Extension, Rose Malisani at (406)454-6980 ext. 305, No fee and lunch on your own, Starts at 8:30 am.

### October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Fort Benton, MT:** Ag Center, 1205 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Please pre-register by contacting Chouteau Extension by October 5<sup>th</sup>, Tyler Lane at (406)622-3751, No fee & free lunch! Starts at 9:00 am

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** See the detailed program agenda online at [www.pesticides.montana.edu](http://www.pesticides.montana.edu) and select '2015 Pest Management Tour', or contact your local Extension agent for local information. For any other questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist, at the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (406)-994-5067, [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu).