

AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR MEETING



Updates on pest management and pesticide safety practices in **agriculture and outdoor sites** for certified applicators

MARCH 18, 2025

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Registration fee is \$30. Please register at:

<https://go.uvm.edu/vtaa25>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

*Those seeking **NY pesticide credit** must submit a copy of their applicator ID to sarah.kingsley@uvm.edu by March 14, 2025 and check-in for 8:50 am roll call.

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This program will provide pesticide recertification credits:

- ***4.0 Vermont (1A,2,3A,3B,6, 7B,10 & Private 1,2,3,4,5,6)***
- ***4.5 New York (CORE)***

In order to receive credits, you must log in individually, with your Pesticide Applicator ID Number (entered at registration). You will also have to log in by 8:50am, stay logged in for the duration of the meeting, and answer the poll questions that come up during and at the end of the meeting. If you are watching with someone else and both want credit, you will need to each have a device logged in and answer the poll questions separately.

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8:50am **Check-in (required for pesticide credits)**

9:00 Introduction

Sarah Kingsley-Richards, University of Vermont PSEP

9:05 Updates from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture

Steve Dwinell, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

9:30 The Vermont Enforcement and Compliance Process

Dave Huber, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

This presentation will cover the Agency's approach to administrative enforcement – who, what, when, where, and why. Recent representative actions will be discussed in addition to a general enforcement overview.

10:15 FieldWatch Introduction

Sydney Miller, Vermont Bee Lab

Learn about Vermont's progress in introducing FieldWatch– a free-to-use mapping tool that enables easy communication and collaboration between pesticide applicators, crop producers, and beekeepers to reduce accidental pesticide exposure to honey bees and sensitive crops, as required by Vermont's new rule for the Protection of Bees.

10:30 ~break~

10:40 Pesticide Handling Practices

Nancy Westcott, GoatThroat Pumps

The main focus will be the keys to improving results and safety with plant protection products. We will cover what is on the label, differences in measuring dry vs liquid products, WALES method for tank mixing (Water, Agitation, Liquid flowables, Emulsifiable concentrates, Solutions or soluble liquids), technologies to improve safety.

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11:50 Behind the Spray: Personal Risks and Pesticide Toxicity for Applicators
Pam Bryer, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

This presentation is aimed at helping pesticide applicators understand the risks associated with their career. We'll cover how EPA determines the proper PPE, how often applicators are injured on the job, and some of the fundamentals on understanding risk and EPA's pesticide risk assessment process.

12:50 Label Precautionary Statements
Matt Wood, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

Matt will cover pesticide label precautionary statements and what they mean in the real world of pesticide application. These statements cover sprayer tank cleaning, product compatibility, contamination of irrigation, surface or groundwater, crops not to apply to, aerial application, product use limits per application and per year, preharvest intervals, grazing restrictions and many others. Matt all but guarantees you will learn something you didn't already know!

1:50pm Final Comments & Announcements

2:00pm Adjourn

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