



To: 2021 Private Pesticide & Fertilizer Applicators needing  
**re-certification by ~~March 31, 2021~~ July 1, 2021**  
From: Gary Graham, Extension Educator, Agr/NR, Holmes County  
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Date: January 2021  
Re: **2021 Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-Certification**

Greetings. We are writing to let you know we are working on how the Holmes & Wayne County Extension offices will be offering pesticide & fertilizer re-certification sessions in 2021. You are on the lists as a person who will need to complete this recertification. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, **the Ohio legislature has extended the re-certification deadline to July 1, 2021.**

The coronavirus pandemic has altered how each of us are conducting our lives and it has impacted us at OSU Extension, especially as we try to meet the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the university and the State of Ohio. As a private applicator, we are providing you with four (4) options to obtain your recertification:

1. OSU Extension Self-Paced Online Recertification Course
2. Holmes & Wayne County IN-PERSON Re-certification dates (**SEE LIST included**)
3. State-Wide Live Online Webinar Options
4. Self-reading of print materials with test questions after each section. (*3-hour time limit*)

### **Option #1: OSU Extension Self-Paced Online Re-Certification Course**

Applicators can complete their re-certification by completing a self-placed online re-certification course (*can complete over multiple days*). The cost of this course is \$35 for pesticide re-certification and \$15 for fertilizer re-certification. This course is now open for enrollment.

Enroll at: <https://pested.osu.edu/onlinerecert>

### **Option #2: Holmes & Wayne County IN-PERSON Re-certification (*read thoroughly*)**

In-person re-certification programs will be held in 2021 for both pesticide and fertilizer recertification. There will be seven opportunities to attend a pesticide program and six opportunities to attend a fertilizer program. (**See complete list of all programs included with this letter.**)

**YOU MUST call in and pre-register to hold a spot for any program.** Groups will be limited to 47 at each program. **There will be NO Walk-Ins accepted the day of the programs in 2021.**

The re-certification programs will allow private applicators to receive both their pesticide (CORE and Categories 1 through 6) and fertilizer re-certifications (Category 15). **The registration deadline is three days before each program date.**

**Call the Wayne County Extension office to preregister at 330-264-8722.**

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**NOTE: Social distancing will be adhered to and face masks are required.** No refreshments or beverages will be provided (bring your own). Please know these sessions may be postponed or changed to an online format depending on the current public health situation.

### **Option #3: State-Wide Live Online Webinar Options**

OSU's Pesticide Education Program will be offering online webinar options to help producers obtain their pesticide & fertilizer re-certifications. These offerings will be held on:

- **Agricultural Fertilizer FIRST-TIME Certification (3-hour)**
  - Thursday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - Fee: \$35
  - Register at: <https://nutrienteducation.osu.edu/OnlineFertCert>
  - **OR you can attend in-person and view the webinar on site.**
    - (For those with poor or no internet options)
- **Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification**
  - Thursday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - CORE and all private categories
  - Fee: \$35
  - Register at: <https://pested.osu.edu/OnlineRecertPrivate>
- **Agricultural Fertilizer Recertification (one hour)**
  - Thursday, March 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
  - Fee: \$15
  - Register at: <https://pested.osu.edu/OnlineRecertPrivate>

### **Option #4: Self-Reading Of Print Materials With Questions To Answer**

- **Agricultural Pesticide Recertification (3-hour)**
  - April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - Sprunger Building, Kidron Auction, 13071 Emerson Road, Apple Creek, OH
  - Fee: \$35
  - Pre-register by calling: 330.264.8722

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We encourage you to use the option which best fits your schedule and your health and safety concerns. To reserve your spot at a meeting, preregister by calling 330.264.8722. You will need to give your program date you chose to attend, name, address, phone/voice mail (if have) and pesticide/fertilizer license number.

Respectfully,

Gary, Matthew, Frank  
Ohio State University Extension, Holmes & Wayne Counties

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