

**Commercial Pesticide Training**  
**The Ohio State University**  
**Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)**

**What We Know:**

- The Ohio State University PSEP is housed in OSU Extension under the leadership of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leader, the ANR Assistant Director.
- PSEP is the training partner of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- PSEP is responsible for commercial applicator programming within OSUE.
- PSEP is currently sustained through program cost recovery and an ODA grant.

**PSEP Goals:**

- To work with state specialists and educators to offer premier in-services, programs, and resources to meet the needs of extension and Ohio's pesticide applicators.
- To provide regional in-person and online commercial pesticide applicator recertification programs that are accessible to all Ohioans.

**Guidance from the ANR Assistant Director to Be Effective September 6, 2022:**

- Commercial Pesticide Recertification trainings provided by OSU will be taught by:
  - State Specialists
  - ANR Field Specialists
  - County ANR Educators who are AP 3 or above ranking and have 5 years of PAT experience
  - County ANR Educators approved by the ANR Assistant Director
- PSEP will be the sole provider of five credit-hour commercial pesticide recertification programs.
  - Except for:
    - Programs approved by ANR Assistant Director after review of the requests.
    - Regional conferences that historically have been offered by another OSU Extension provider that the ANR AD has approved.
  - These five-hour commercial pesticide recertification trainings provide the financial resources for PSEP to sustain the program, offer ANR in-services, develop resources and provide travel expenses for conference speakers.
- Programs with less than five commercial recertification hours may be offered by other OSU Extension providers and do not require ANR AD approval.
- To eliminate internal competition, all OSUE commercial applicator recertification credits will be billed at a minimum of \$15 per hour. Earnings will stay with the provider's Extension account.
- If an OSU Extension provider hosts a program with commercial credits (any number), the agenda should be shared with PSEP so they can add the information to their "find a credit" section of [pested.osu.edu](http://pested.osu.edu).
- To avoid scheduling conflicts, OSU Extension providers must coordinate program plans with PSEP to receive approval for any five-hour program.