

UPDATE ON PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAININGS

Please note that the format of the pesticide safety trainings offered each fall has changed beginning in 2016:

- Pesticide safety training for field workers is a now two-hour course that satisfies the WPS (Worker Protection Standards) training requirements and is coordinated by the Tulare County Farm Bureau. The course is for field workers only and does not meet the requirements for pesticide handler or applicator trainings.
- The UC IPM instructor training workshops qualify participants to train their own pesticide handlers and field workers. A grower or company can send one employee to the workshop to become qualified to conduct in-house trainings on pesticide safety. This course is available in English and Spanish and includes continuing education units (CEUs).
- Continuing education units are offered through the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's office and various private enterprises.

Worker Protection Standards Training for Field Workers:

The Tulare County Farm Bureau in partnership with Nationwide Insurance will be offering Worker Protection Standards training on pesticide safety for field workers on **November 1st in Exeter and November 15th in Dinuba**. All courses will be taught in a single, 2-hour session repeated throughout the day for field workers. This will only satisfy WPS Training. The training is not for private applicators or pesticide handlers. No CEUs will be offered. Courses are limited to 75 participants per class. Please call the Tulare County Farm Bureau at 732-8301 to RSVP by October 31st. See the [Farm Bureau flyer](#) for more information.

“Train the Trainer” Instructor Workshops for Training Pesticide Handlers and Field Workers:

The UC Integrated Pest Management Program (UCIPM) and AgSafe are offering [Pesticide Safety Instructor Training Workshops](#) in both English and Spanish. Participants who successfully complete the program will be qualified to train both pesticide handlers and field workers under the Worker Protection Standard. Topics will include pesticide exposure, signs and symptoms of illness, emergency medical care, proper use of personal protective equipment, safe handling and transportation of pesticides, and laws and regulations regarding labels and safety data sheets. CEUs are also included. Trainings for fall 2017 are available in Clovis and Bakersfield.

Trainings in Tulare County are planned for March 2018. Sign up for the [pesticide safety mailing list](#) or [contact Lisa Blecker](#) for announcements of upcoming trainings.

Continuing Education Classes:

Continuing education units (CEUs) for DPR licenses are being offered at several locations in Tulare County:

The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is offering a [course for 2.5 CE units](#) (2 hours of Laws and 0.5 hours of Other). This course is repeated with the same material on several dates. Attendees may receive CE hours for only one instance of attending the course. To sign up, contact the Agricultural Commissioner's Office at 559-684-3352.

Gar Tootelian is offering two courses in Dinuba: The Agricultural Commissioner's CE course on October 19th, and a separate course on November 16th. Note that approval of CE hours is pending as of this posting. For more information, please contact Sonia Garcia at (559) 638-6311 or sgarcia@gtipros.com.

Miller Chemical and Fertilizer is offering a course on November 7th at the International Agri-Center on adjuvants and pollinator protection for 2 CEUs. For more information, contact Octavio Magallanes at (559) 287-8873.

Also see the [DPR website](#) for a list of approved continuing education courses.