

Hidalgo County

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TO: Certain Ag Producers

SUBJECT: Private Applicator License Training and Testing

You have indicated an interest in obtaining a private applicators license issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the opportunity to attend the required training and testing. The next training and testing will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2008** at the Cameron County Extension Office, 1390 West Expressway 83 in San Benito. The name of the building is the San Benito County Annex Building, locally known as the old Levis Building and is located at the corner of Williams Road and the Expressway. The meeting room is by the entrance that faces the Expressway. **Registration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the class will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Do not be late. You must attend the entire session. We will have a break in the training for lunch which will be on your own.**

This training will be conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. For your convenience, arrangements have been made for TDA personnel to provide testing immediately after the training. The training will conclude around 2:00 p.m. and the test will be given after the conclusion of the training. The test usually takes about two hours.

A registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged for this training. This includes a set of training manuals. You may wish to obtain the manuals prior to the training so that you may review them ahead of time. To get your manuals, come by the Hidalgo County Extension Office in Edinburg, pay the \$50.00 registration fee and we will furnish you with the manuals. The manuals may also be ordered online. If you do not wish to review the manuals prior to the training, the registration fee may be paid at the door. Pre-registration is not required.

To become a licensed private applicator, you must attend this mandatory training, make a passing score of 70 or higher on the exam and then submit an application to TDA along with a \$60.00 license fee. The private applicator license is valid for 5 years. By the end of the five year licensing period, you must receive 15 hours of continuing education in order to renew the license for another five years.

While this training is specifically designed for private applicators, it is also an excellent review for anyone needing to study for the commercial/non-commercial license test.

If you are unsure of which license will meet your needs, contact TDA's regional office in San Juan at 956-787-8866 for assistance.

**I recommend that you bring a calculator and a pen or pencil.** If you have any questions, please give me a call.

**Private Applicator License Training Schedule for 2008**

February 6

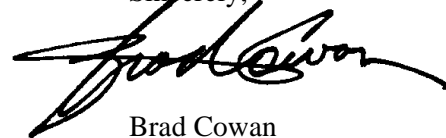
May 7

August 13

November 5

Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Check with the Extension office prior to the date to confirm.

Sincerely,



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Persons with special needs are requested to call in advance so these may be addressed.