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Private Applicator Supplement

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Preface

This manual is for agricultural pesticide applicators who wish to become certified as private applicators of restricted-use pesticides under the provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. It is a supplement to the 1991 revision of the national "core" training manual "Applying Pesticides Correctly — A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators."

That manual, unlike earlier editions, does not include information relating specifically to agriculture. Instead, it covers basic information that applies to the entire range of categories in which certification is granted. To complete preparation for certification, private applicators must supplement the core information in the earlier manual with the agriculture-specific material in this manual.

While much of the material contained here has been taken from earlier editions of the national core training manuals, it has been updated and expanded to reflect changes in technology and to offer private applicators the depth of knowledge necessary to cope with the increasing complexity of pesticide use.

The manual consists of five separate units, or modules, that include learning objectives and review questions and answers. Trainers are encouraged to change the order of the modules to suit their individual needs and also to supplement this material with specific examples that relate to the needs and interests of local audiences.

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