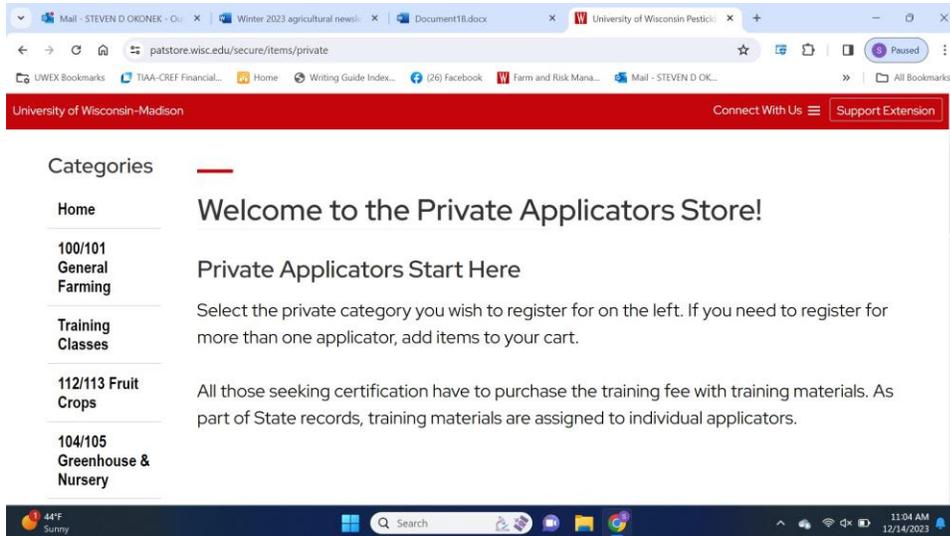


Winter 2024 agricultural newsletter

Pesticide applicator training

Welcome to 2024! The only thing that does not change is change. Pesticide applicator training is a good example of change as we are once again seeing a change in how this is administered. You must order your manual online. We do not sell them in the Extension office. Go to the UW PAT (Pesticide Applicator Training) store at <https://patstore.wisc.edu/secure/home> page down and select the blue private applicator tab. You should see this screen:



Click on the 100/101 General Farming tab to order your book. When you have completed your order, click on Training Classes to select the training class you want to attend. There are several around the state and the sessions are listed in alphabetical order by county. Sign up for the session you wish to attend. We do not do registrations at the local office.

Grain quality

Check your grain in storage often this winter and spring. Grain that was grown in a stressful environment is more prone to cracks in the seed coat and other issues that can increase the amount of fine and broken kernels in the grain. Fines in the grain will restrict air movement in the bins and can increase the chances of mold and insects doing further damage to the grain.

Moldy and damaged grain can plug unloading equipment and cause bridging in the bins. Grain that does not flow through unloading equipment is the number one reason for people entering bins. People that enter bins with bridging grain have a high chance of being entrapped and injured or killed. Grain bin entrapments increase in the spring following a stressful growing season. Be diligent. Monitor your grain.

For more information on safe storage of grain, use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4eamxc3u>

Calendar

Crop inputs, Nitrogen, January 16, 1-3pm Blair Community Center, Chris Bandura, Conservation Cropping Outreach Specialist, will discuss biological products and their performance. Steve Okonek, Jackson and Trempealeau County Extension will present information on the best nitrogen rates.

Grain marketing, January 24, 1-3 pm, Jackson Electric Cooperative.

Grain marketing, January 24, 10 am-12, Dunn County Government Center

Wisconsin CAFO update meetings, January 29, Rice Lake, January 30, Curtiss. To register go to [HTTPS://go.wisc.edu/cafo2024](https://go.wisc.edu/cafo2024)

2024 Wisconsin Corn/Soy/Pork Expo, February 1-2 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Grass Works Grazing Conference, February 1-3, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

Crop insurance and crop production update, Melrose American Legion, Melrose WI., February 8, 11 am to 2 pm. Compeer Financial will supply the latest crop insurance update. Steve Okonek will supply the latest crop input updates.

Weed and pest control, February 13, Osseo City Hall, 10:00 am – 12:00, Rodrigo Werle, UW Madison Extension Cropping Systems Weed Scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will present the latest weed control strategies. **CCA CEUs (Continuing Education Units) will be available.**

Private pesticide applicators training (PAT), February 15, Buffalo County Court House, 9-3. See above article concerning registration.

Grain markets and agronomy update, Melrose American Legion, Melrose WI., February 22, 11 am to 2 pm. Cargill will supply the latest grain marketing. Steve Okonek will supply the latest crop input updates.

Private pesticide applicators training (PAT), February 27, Pepin County Court House, 9-3. See above article concerning registration.

Focus on Forage Webinar series, times, and dates to be determined. CEUs will be available

Grain marketing, February 19, 10 am-12, Dunn County Government Center.

Grain marketing, March 1, 1-3 pm, Jackson Electric Cooperative.

Private pesticide applicators training (PAT), March 12, Trempealeau County Court House, 9-3. See above article concerning registration.

Grain marketing, March 15, 10 am –12, Dunn County Government Center.

Private pesticide applicators training (PAT), March 28, Jackson Electric Cooperative, 9-3. See above article concerning registration.