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Commercial manure applicators wishing to recertify and those wanting to certify for the first time should attend. The workshop will provide the required three hours of annual training and will cover applicator rules, manure application on snow-covered and frozen ground, manure nitrogen management update and video on foaming pits and a review of case studies.

All currently certified commercial manure applicator licenses will expire on March 1, 2011. Those wanting to renew must complete training requirements and submit forms and fees to the DNR prior to March 1 to avoid paying late fees.

Applicators unable to attend the Jan. 6 program must schedule a time with their ISU Extension county office to watch the training DVD. Due to scheduling conflicts, many extension offices will no longer accept walk-in appointments to watch these DVDs. Instead county offices offer scheduled dates and times to provide this training.

Beginning March 1, applicators unable to attend training during one of the scheduled reshows at a county extension office, will be charged a $10 fee to view the training at their convenience. There will not be a fee charged for scheduled training dates and live workshops. If attending the workshops or watching the three-hour DVD is not convenient, commercial applicators may contact their local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam to meet certification requirements.

In addition to the commercial manure applicator training offered on Jan. 6, ISU Extension also will offer seven dry/solid manure workshops for commercial manure applicators in February 2011. Information regarding these workshops and locations is also contained in the link to the brochure listed above.

Applicators with questions about the commercial manure applicator certification program should contact their ISU Extension county office or visit http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/ffmag/mac.html.
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