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Iowa State University Extension is offering two training sessions in southeast Iowa to help individuals prepare for the commercial pesticide applicator examinations. One session will be held in Marion on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Linn County Extension Office at 3279 7th Ave. A second session will be offered in Bettendorf on Monday, March 8 from 1-5 p.m. in the Scott County Extension Office, 875 Tanglefoot Lane.

The training sessions will cover the Iowa Core Manual and categories 1A (Agricultural Weed Management), 1B (Agricultural Insect Control), 1C (Agricultural Crop Disease Management), 3O, T, and G (Ornamental, Turf, and Greenhouse Pest Management), 4 (Seed Treatment) and 6 (Right-of-Way). Training on the Iowa Core Manual is scheduled for the first 90 minutes, with the training on the other categories to follow.

There is a \$25 fee per person for the training session. These training sessions do NOT qualify as continuing instructional courses. For more information contact an ISU Extension specialist – Jim Fawcett at (319) 337-2145, Patrick O'Malley at (319) 337-2145, or Virgil Schmitt at (563) 263-5701.

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