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Two training sessions designed to help prepare individuals for the commercial pesticide applicator examinations will be offered in southeast Iowa.

One session will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Linn County Extension Office in Marion, 3279 7th Avenue. The second session will be offered in Bettendorf on Monday, March 9, in the Scott County Extension Office, 875 Tanglefoot Lane. Training will begin at 9 a.m. at both locations.

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 will be from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Training on the other categories will begin at approximately 10:45 a.m. and conclude in early afternoon.

There is a \$25 per person fee at each training session. These training sessions do not qualify as continuing instructional courses. For more information, please contact Jim Fawcett at (319) 337-2145 ([fawcett@iastate.edu](mailto:fawcett@iastate.edu)), Patrick O'Malley at (319) 337-2145, or Virgil Schmitt at (563) 263-5701 ([vschmitt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmitt@iastate.edu)).

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