



## Outstanding Pesticide Dealer and Applicator Honored

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) and the North Dakota Agricultural Association (NDAA) presented the 2011 North Dakota Outstanding Pesticide Dealer of the Year Award to CHS Milton in Milton and the 2011 Outstanding Applicator of the Year Award to Rocky Rice from Hunter Grain Co. in Hunter.

The awards were presented Tuesday, Nov. 29, during the Northern Ag Expo at the Fargodome in Fargo.

“NDDA inspectors say Rocky Rice has the best records they have ever seen,” said Jim Gray,

NDDA pesticide division director, who presented the awards on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. “He is amazingly conscientious about when and where he sprays, and he is diligent in telling his customers and nearby landowners about when and where he is applying chemicals.”

Rice is a 23-year employee of Hunter Grain Co.

CHS Milton Country Operations Group is a diversified farm business in northeastern North Dakota, marketing grain and selling and applying agricultural chemicals, fertilizer and seed. The main office is in Milton, with stations in Calvin, Edmore, Fairdale, Hampden, Langdon, Loma, Sarles, Park River, Pisek and Lankin.

“CHS Milton requires extensive safety training for all existing and new employees,” said Gray, “The company also sends representatives into local schools to discuss farm safety and pesticide stewardship, and they host grower meetings to discuss industry trends and issues. These efforts help build a relationship between the pesticide industry and the general public.”

“These awards recognize good stewardship of soil, water and

air through the safe and proper use of plant nutrient and crop protection products,” said Gary Knutson, NDAA executive director. “The North Dakota Agricultural Association is proud to recognize people who excel in customer service and environmental awareness.”

North Dakota has nearly 8,000 certified commercial applicators.

The winners were nominated by North Dakota Department of Agriculture pesticide inspectors.

### A Note From the 2011 Recycling Season

Container Services Network had another near-record year for pesticide container recycling in North Dakota. Twenty-two dealers and applicators participated in the recycling program and brought in 70,603 pounds of material. This number was the third highest in weight since the North Dakota Department of Agriculture began keeping records in 1997.

Container Services Network is the contractor for ACRC, the Ag Container Recycling Council.

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# 2012 Commercial Pesticide Certification Calendar

Here are schedules you can use for planning your training needs during the next several months. These recertification trainings are structured to give existing certified commercial/public applicators/dealers the information necessary to maintain or renew their certificates in the appropriate categories. Preregistration is required for all trainings because of material and space limitations. If you do not preregister, you have no guarantee you will get seated at the training.

New this season is a \$25 late fee. So get those preregistrations in 10 business days before the training.

A Training Preregistration form was printed in the October PQ and is available at: <http://ndsupesticide.org>.

Home-study course recertification is available for those categories that are not on the training calendar or for the following minor categories: home industrial and institutional, metam-sodium, public health, vertebrate and wood preservation.

Request your materials for these courses with the Nontraining Study Materials form published in the October PQ. It also is available online at the URL listed above.

## ■ Ground and Aerial for AgPest, Right-of-Way, Seed Treatment and Research and Demonstration Recertification

Date	Time	Location
Feb. 14, 2012	Registration 7:30 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Grand Forks, Grand Forks Public Safety Center, 1220 52nd St. S.
Feb. 16, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Linton, Emmons County Extension, 100 4th St. N.W.
Feb. 16, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Mohall, Renville County Extension, 205 Main St. E.
Feb. 16, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Langdon, Research Extension Center, 9280 107th Ave. N.E.
Feb. 16, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	LaMoure, LaMoure County Courthouse, 202 4th Ave. N.E.
Feb. 16, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fessenden, Wells County Extension, 600 Railway St. N.
Feb. 21, 2012	Registration 7:15 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Minot, Research Extension Center, 5400 U.S. Highway 83 S.
Feb. 28, 2012	Registration 7:15 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Bismarck, State Capitol Building, 600 E. Blvd. Ave., Pioneer Room
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Crosby, Divide County Extension, 300 2nd Ave. N.
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	LaMoure, LaMoure County Courthouse, 202 4th Ave. N.E.
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Devils Lake, Ramsey County Courthouse, 524 4th Ave. N.E., #5
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Wahpeton, Richland County Courthouse, 418 2nd Ave. N.
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Streeter, Central Grasslands REC Meeting Room, 4824 48th Ave. S.E.
March 1, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Watford City, McKenzie County Courthouse, 201 5th St. N.W.
March 6, 2012	Registration 7:15 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Devils Lake, Ramsey County Armory Meeting Room in Memorial Building, 524 4th Ave. N.E.
March 20, 2012	Registration 7:30 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Williston, Research Extension Center, 14120 U.S. Highway 2
March 22, 2012	Registration 7 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fargo, Fargodome, 1800 N. University Drive

## ■ Fumigation Recertification

Date	Time	Location
March 13, 2012	Registration 9:30 a.m., Training 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Fargo, Cass County Courthouse Annex, 1010 2nd Ave. S., Lower Level
March 13, 2012	Registration 9:30 a.m., Training 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Grand Forks, Grand Forks County Extension, 151 4th St. S., Suite 302
March 13, 2012	Registration 9:30 a.m., Training 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Williston, Williams County Courthouse, 205 E. Broadway
March 13, 2012	Registration 9:30 a.m., Training 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Fessenden, Wells County Extension, 600 Railway St. N.

## ■ Greenhouse, Ornamental and Turf Recertification

Date	Time	Location
Feb. 1, 2012	Registration 7:30 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fargo, Expressway Suites, 4303 17th Ave. S.
Feb. 24, 2012;	Registration 7:15 a.m., Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fargo, Fargodome, 1800 University Drive N.
March 15, 2012	Registration 8:30 a.m., Training 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Devils Lake, Ramsey County Courthouse, 524 4th Ave. N.E., #5
March 15, 2012	Registration 8:30 a.m., Training 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Williston, Williams County Courthouse, 205 E. Broadway
March 15, 2012	Registration 7:30 a.m., Training 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Dickinson, Stark County Courthouse, 51 2nd St. E.

## ■ Aerial Applicators Recertification

Date	Time	Location
Feb. 22, 2012	Registration 8 a.m., Training 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.	Convention Center, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Feb. 23, 2012	Training 10 a.m.-noon	

## ■ Public Health Recertification

Date	Time	Location
May 24, 2012	Registration 9 a.m., Training 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Bismarck, Burleigh County Extension, 3715 E. Bismarck Expressway
May 24, 2012	Registration 9 a.m., Training 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Fargo, NDSU, IACC HALL, Room 422
May 24, 2012	Registration 9 a.m., Training 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Grand Forks, Grand Forks County Extension, 151 4th St. S., Suite 302
May 24, 2012	Registration 9 a.m., Training 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Williston, Williams County Courthouse, 205 E. Broadway

## ■ Right of Way ONLY Recertification

May 22, 2012; NDWCA Annual Sprayer School	TBA*	TBA* western North Dakota
May 23, 2012; NDWCA Annual Sprayer School	TBA*	TBA* central North Dakota
May 24, 2012; NDWCA Annual Sprayer School	TBA*	TBA* eastern North Dakota

\* TBA: To Be Announced in a future issue of the *Pesticide Quarterly* newsletter.

## Training Opportunities for New Applicators/Dealers “Introductory Basic Core Training”

The training is designed for commercial or public applicators and dealers who are new to pesticide certification in North Dakota. It will cover basic pesticide safety and handling practices, as well as relevant laws and regulations as they pertain to the distribution and use of pesticides.

This training is not category specific. It will emphasize practices and procedures that should be useful to all applicators or dealers, whether they are seeking certification in the Agricultural Pest Control category, Wood Preservation category or any of the 10 other use categories found in North Dakota. The training also will describe the certification process and how to prepare for and take exams to obtain a pesticide certificate.

People who wish to participate should call the NDSU Pesticide Training and Certification Program office at (701) 231-7180 or (701) 231-6388 to preregister. Preregistration forms also are available on the Web at [www.ndsupesicide.org](http://www.ndsupesicide.org). Preregister at least 10 days before the training date so we can ship training materials and send you your confirmation information (this will include the Web URL, along with login instructions).

### Basic Core Trainings

Date	Time	Location
March 26, 2012	Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. CDT	Statewide via Internet videocast
April 23, 2012	Training 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. CDT	Statewide via Internet videocast

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## Coordinator's Comments

The 2011 growing season was full of surprises, but the fact that we have received very little precipitation since August means we have been able to do an incredible amount of field work. The residue has been worked down, fall fertilizing went on without a hitch, fall-germinating weeds and volunteer crops have been eliminated, and in the east, ditching was done to improve spring drainage.

In short, we've got a very impressive jump on pest problems for 2012, we are ahead in the fertility department and the ground is practically ready for spring planting. Another plus is that the soil is not super saturated,

so it will be better able to absorb spring runoff.

All of this is very welcome news; however, this is setting us up for some potential herbicide carryover problems. Essentially, we applied herbicides later than normal in 2011 and we likely will be planting earlier than normal simply because so much of the field work has been done.

Regardless, having such a mild fall and winter is marvelous.

All the best on a prosperous new year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew A. Thostenson".

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