

Preble County Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Eaton First Church of God

Program Agenda

9:00-9:30	Bill Bowers	Managing Modes of Action to Prevent Herbicide Resistance in Weeds	Core	Room A
9:30-10:00	Rex Brubaker	Safety and other Considerations for Fumigating Grain Bins	Category 6	Room A
10:00-10:30	Jarrold Hittle	Integrated Pest Management for Weed Control in Pastures	Category 2	Room A
10:30-11:00	Bill Bowers	Controlling Noxious Weeds in Grain Crops	Category 1	Room A
11:00-11:30	Alice Harris	Preventing Pesticide Exposure and Responding to Accidental Pesticide Exposure	Core	Room A
11:30-12:00	Julie Lamberson	Security and Storage Procedures for Pesticides	Core	Room A
1:00-1:30	Julie Lamberson	Fertilizer Application, Setbacks, and Rates of Application	Category 15	Room A
1: 30-2:00	Frances Springer	Utilizing Manure as an Alternative Fertilizer Source	Category 15	Room A

Speaker Biographies

Bill Bowers

Bill Bowers was raised on a family farm in Preble County. He received his bachelor degree in Business from Wilmington College and received his master's degree in Business Administration from Miami University. Bill is currently employed by Bayer Crop Science as the District Manager for Dekalb/Asgrow seed.

Rex Brubaker

Rex Brubaker is the Grain and Fertilizer Manager at the West Alexandria location of Brubaker Grain & Chemical, Inc. He grew up working in the family operation and moved into his current position in 2013. His responsibilities include oversight of the day to day grain, fertilizer, and chemical operations, as well as management of the grain stored in the elevator's 3.5 million bushels of storage. In season, he also works with farmers on analysis and recommendations for their fertilizer and chemical programs.

Experience with fumigation:

Rex Brubaker is a 10C commercial licensed pesticide applicator certified with the State of OH. As grain manager, Rex has several years of experience applying best practice grain handling and storage methods. Along with continual monitoring, this often reduces the needs for treatments such as fumigation. However, since in some conditions this treatment is still required, Rex also has considerable experience with fumigants and their use. This includes storing and handling them safely, proper and safe techniques of application, and documentation and recordkeeping.

Jarrold Hittle

Jarrold Hittle is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Environmental Policy and Management. He has spent his entire career in the conservation and environmental planning field with stops at Knox Soil and Water Conservation District, Licking County Planning Commission, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). He is currently a Program Specialist for the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In that role he works directly with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Natural Resources Conservation Service assisting staff and supervisor training, grazing management planning and design, and conducting pasture walks and grazing schools.

Alice Harris

Alice Harris received her bachelors and master's degrees from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. She then went on to earn her PhD in Entomology from Kansas State University. Alice began working for BASF as a Tech Service PDP in Iowa in 2016 where she worked with both the research farm and sales teams. She moved to Ohio in 2018 to become the BASF Ohio Tech Service Representative where she still holds this position.

Julie Lamberson

Julie Lamberson is the Safety and Risk Coordinator at Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Public Health with a minor in Environmental Science and Chemistry from Indiana University. She has experience as an Environmental Manager at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and as an Environmental consultant at Gordon Ag Group.

Frances Springer

Frances grew up on a hog farrow to finish, brood cow, and 800 acre grain farm in Auglaize County. She attended Ohio Dominican University and has a bachelors in Business Administration. Frances formerly worked for the Auglaize SWCD and currently works for the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a manure nutrient management specialist. For half of her 22-year career she worked with farmers identifying and implementing best management practices in the Grand Lake Watershed following its designation as a Distressed Watershed. Frances currently works statewide to investigate and resolve pollution complaints.