The MSU Pesticide Education Program (PEP) is coordinating the annual pesticide education program update for Montana pesticide educators/managers/leaders. Please register online by March 25. There is a $100 registration fee. Checks should be written to MSU PEP if paying at the door. For Montana PAT Coordinators, PAT Funds can be used towards the registration fee and hotel expenses. Please indicate your payment preference and hotel room dates on the registration form. All other attendees should follow directions online to reserve your rooms at the Holiday Inn Express under the “Pesticide Education Room Block” by February 29th. Commercial/Government credits will be awarded.

April 1st: Holiday Inn Express, Bozeman, MT

10:00 – 10:05 am  Welcome
Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Pesticide Education Specialist

10:05 – 10:50 am  Common Insect Pests of Greenhouses
Dr. Laurie Kerzicnik, MSU Arthropod Diagnostician

10:50 – 11:20 am  Common Plant Diseases in Greenhouses
Dr. Eva Grimm, MSU Plant Disease Diagnostician

11:20 – 12:05 pm  Hints to Managing Greenhouse Pests
David Baumbauer, MSU Plant Growth Center Manager

CATERED LUNCH

12:45 - 1:45 pm  Pesticide Risk and How to Communicate Risk with the Public
Dr. Bob Peterson, MSU Professor of Entomology

1:45 – 2:45 pm  Glyphosate and Health Risk: Update & Impacts on Foreign Markets
Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Pesticide Education Specialist

2:45 – 3:00 pm  BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 pm  Neonicotinoids: Pollinator Risk & Investigation of Deer Toxicity
Dr. Jonathon Lundgren, Director ECDYSIS Foundation; CEO Blue Dash Farmer

4:00 – 5:00 pm  Vertebrate Pests and Risk to Human Health
Stephen Vantassel, MDA Vertebrate Pest Specialist

5:00 pm  Adjourned
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April 2nd: Holiday Inn, 5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT

8:30 – 8:35 am Welcome
Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Pesticide Education Coordinator

8:35 – 9:35 am General Pesticide Update: Paraquat, Dicamba Use on GMO Soybean, C and T update, and Legal Pesticides for Hemp
Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Pesticide Education Specialist

9:35 – 10:35 am Montana Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Resistance
Dr. Mary Burrows, MSU Extension Plant Pathologist
Dr. Timothy Seipel, MSU Cropland Extension Specialist
Dr. Kevin Wanner, MSU Crop Insect Specialist

10:35 – 10:50 am BREAK

10:30 – 11:50 am Weed-It Precision Spray Applications / Drone Update
Adam Hutton, AgriTech America Owner

11:50 – 12:00 pm Surveys & Adjourn

12:00 – 1:00 pm CATERED LUNCH

Afternoon Session: MSU Extension Only

1:00 – 2:00 pm Pesticide Education Productivity and Procedural PEP Updates (i.e. Fumigant Exams; New C and T Rule Proposal, etc.)
Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Pesticide Education Specialist

2:00 – 2:45 pm Regional Discussion and Roundtable Discussion (C and T Rule; Fumigant Exams; Initial Trainings; Targeted Trainings)
All Coordinators by District

2:45 – 3:00 pm 2020 PEP Recognitions and Awards
Amy Bowser

3:00 pm Adjourned