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TO: RGV Ag Producers
SUBJECT: Private Pesticide Applicator License Training and Testing

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the opportunity to attend the required training class in order to obtain a *private* pesticide applicator license issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The next class will be held on **Wednesday, July 31, 2019** at the Hidalgo County Extension Office, located at 410 North 13th Avenue in Edinburg.

Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the class will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Do not be late. You must attend the entire session. This training will be conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. There will be a break in the training for lunch, which will be on your own. The training will conclude around 3:00 p.m.

The registration fee for this class is \$70 and includes a set of study manuals. **RSVP is required as space is limited.** You will receive the manuals when you pre-register in person at the Hidalgo County Extension Office in Edinburg. Pre-registrations by phone are also possible by calling 956-383-1026.

To become a licensed private applicator, you must first attend this mandatory training and then sign up to go take an exam at a private company TDA has contracted with to administer their exams. Information on how to sign up to take the exam will be covered during the class. A passing score on the exam is 70 or higher.

The private applicator license is valid for 5 years. By the end of the five year licensing period, you must obtain 15 hours of continuing education in order to renew the license for another five years.

While this training is specifically designed for *private applicators*, it is also an excellent review for anyone preparing to take the commercial/non-commercial General agricultural license exam.

If you are unsure of which license meets your needs, contact TDA at 1-800-835-5832 for assistance.

I recommend that you bring a calculator and a pencil. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



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Persons with special needs are requested to call 956/383-1026 in advance so these may be addressed.