



February 23, 2026

Announcement: 2026 General Pest Management Workshop

The 2026 General Pest Management Workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Raymond, MS. Topics on pesticide safety and regulation, disease management, insect management, and weed management will be included in the program. Please see the enclosed agenda for specific topics to be presented. The program will begin at 8:45 AM and will end at 4:15 PM. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

Registration and payment of the \$25.00 regular registration fee by Monday, March 16, 2026, is required to reserve a spot in this workshop. After March 16, 2026, anyone interested in attending the workshop must contact Dr. Rebecca A. Melanson (contact information below) at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center to determine availability of space. Registration may be completed by sending in the enclosed registration form with your registration fee. Checks must be made payable to “Mississippi State University” and received by March 16, 2026. Please include “Pest Management Workshop” on the check and mail it and your registration form to the address below.

A copy of the registration form is enclosed. It will also be available online on the MSU Extension calendar on the MSU Extension website (extension.msstate.edu).

The 2026 General Pest Management Workshop has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce Bureau of Plant Industry (MDAC BPI) for consultant license renewal for categories A, E, G, I, J, K, M, and N (see back of page); commercial recertification for categories IA, III, VI, VII(C), and X (see back of page), and for professional services categories AGP, ORP, HCP, HCW, and ROW (see back of page). Only certificates expiring within 12 months will be reissued.

Please contact Dr. Rebecca A. Melanson if you have any questions.

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Consultant Certification Categories

- A. Entomology – Agricultural**
- B. Entomology – Forest
- C. Entomology – Household, Structural, and Industrial
- D. Entomology – Medical, Veterinary, and Public Health
- E. Entomology – Orchard and Nut Tree**
- F. Entomology – Ornamental
- G. Plant Pathology – Agricultural**
- H. Plant Pathology – Forest
- I. Plant Pathology – Orchard and Nut Tree**
- J. Plant Pathology – Ornamental and Shade Tree**
- K. Weed Control – Agricultural**
- L. Weed Control – Aquatic
- M. Weed Control – Forest and Right of Way**
- N. Weed Control – Ornamental and Turf**
- O. Weed Control – Industrial or Commercial Site

Commercial Certification Categories

- I(A). Agricultural Pest Control – Crop Pest Control**
- I(B). Agricultural Pest Control – Animal
- II. Forest Pest Control
- III. Ornamental and Turf Pest Control**
- IV. Seed Treatment
- V. Aquatic Pest Control
- VI. Right-of-Way Pest Control**
- VII(A). Industrial, Institutional, Structural and Health Related Pest Control
- VII(B). Fumigation
- VII(C). Industrial Weed Control**
- VII. Public Health Pest Control
- IX. Regulatory Pest Control
- X. Demonstration and Research Pest Control**
- XI. Aerial Application
- XII. Wood Preservation and Wood Products Treatment
- XIII. Antifouling Paint Pest Control
- XIV. Metam-Sodium

Professional Services Categories

- AGP - Agricultural Pest Control license or permit**
- ORP - Orchard Pest Control license or permit**
- HCP - Horticultural Pest Control license or permit**
- HCW - Horticultural Weed Control license or permit**
- ROW - Right-of-Way Weed Control license or permit**