MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program Assessment Packet

Programs Presented at this Pesticide Education Program
(Circle all that apply)

a. Chemical Updates – New Pesticide Products  f. Laws
b. Personal Protective Equipment  g. Reading the Product Label
c. Environmental Concerns with Pesticides  h. Your Applicator License
d. Calibration  i. Formul. and Adjuvants
e. Integrated Pest Management (weeds, insects, etc..)  j. Pesticide Toxicity

Program #:_________________________  County of Program:____________
County of Residence: ________________  Age:__________________________
Date:______________________________  Gender:  Male  /  Female
MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program
(Pre-Assessment)

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1. How many years have you sprayed pesticides (general or restricted use)?
   a. >20
   b. 10 – 20
   c. 5 – 10
   d. 1 – 5
   e. < 1 year

2. Why do you need a private applicator license (circle all that apply)?
   a. To apply insecticides
   b. To apply fungicides
   c. To apply herbicides
   d. To apply rodenticides
   d. other

3. What type of operation will you spray pesticides on?
   a. farming
   b. ranching
   c. hobby farm
   d. nursery
   e. other

4. How many years have you held a private applicator license?
   a. New applicator
   b. < 1 year
   c. 1 – 5 years
   d. > 5 years

5. What type of application equipment do you use?
   a. Backpack Sprayer or Handheld Tank
   b. ATV Boom Sprayer
   c. Tractor Boom Sprayer
   d. CO2 powered Backpack Sprayer
   e. Broadjet Sprayer
   f. Usually contract out, but like to know more on the subject.
   g. Other

6. When spraying pesticides, do you have a copy of the product label with you:
   a. at all times   c. once in a while
   b. most of the time d. never

7. Do you read the entire product label for every pesticide you use?
   a. always
   b. most of the time
   c. once in a while
   d. never
8. Do you follow all personal protective equipment requirements on the product label (proper coveralls, respirators, chemically resistant gloves, etc…)?  
   a. Always  
   b. Most of the Time  
   c. Once in a While  
   d. Never  

9. Do you wear caps while applying pesticides?  
   a. Always  
   b. 50-99% of the time  
   c. 1 – 49% of the time  
   d. Never  

10. Do you keep all livestock, pets, co-workers, and family members away from the spray site until after the restricted entry interval (REI) has passed?  
    a. Always  
    b. 50-99% of the time  
    c. 1 – 49% of the time  
    d. Never  

11. If you do not always follow REI, why is that?  
    a. The product label is exaggerating the risks involved  
    b. What is the REI?  
    c. I didn’t read the product label’s requirement on REI  
    d. Don’t have time  
    e. I always follow REI  

12. If you do not always follow the personal protective equipment requirement on the product label, can you state why?  
    a. Don’t have time to read the product label  
    b. To cumbersome  
    c. Heat  
    d. The product label is exaggerating the risks involved.  
    e. I always follow the product label  
    f. Other  

13. Have you ever had a spray accident in which you were exposed to excessive amounts of pesticide?  
    a. Yes, 3 or more times  
    b. Yes, 2 times  
    c. Yes 1 time  
    d. Never  

14. What route of exposure were you exposed (circle all that apply)?  
    a. dermal  
    b. eyes  
    c. inhalation  
    d. ingestion  
    e. not applicable
15. Did you seek any medical advice or attention?  
   a. received emergency support at the hospital  
   b. called the hospital or other medical personnel for advice  
   c. called the poison control center for advice  
   d. Did not have an accident - Not applicable  

16. When did this accident occur?  
   a. Mixing or Loading  
   b. While applying pesticides  
   c. Improperly stored pesticides  
   d. While removing PPE  
   e. Drift from other  

17. How often do you calibrate your sprayer?  
   a. Never  
   b. >5 years  
   c. 3 – 5  
   d. 2  
   e. at least every year  

24. You read and follow the product label ______ compared to when you were 1st certified.  
   a. More  
   b. Less  
   c. The same  

25. What subjects would you like to see at your next pesticide education program  
   (Circle all that apply)?  
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Thanks for taking this survey!