



# STATE OF IDAHO



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## **ISDA ANNOUNCES WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD TRAINING FOR AG OPERATORS**

Significant changes to federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) are scheduled to go into effect on January 2, 2017. These regulations directly impact operators of farms, forestry operations, nurseries and greenhouses, and employees in these industries. To help educate the regulated community, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will be hosting WPS seminars throughout the state during October and November.

The seminars will be focused on agricultural operators. Pesticide dealers, professional pesticide applicators and labor contractors who provide services to agricultural establishments are also highly encouraged to attend. Training sessions for agricultural workers will be scheduled at a later date.

Designed to protect agricultural workers and their families from pesticide exposure, the WPS was first implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992. It was recently revised for the first time in over 20 years.

Each WPS educational seminar will be two hours long and held at locations across the state. Each seminar is listed in local time.

### **Northern Idaho**

October 18, 2016	9 – 11a.m.	Shilo Inn	Coeur d’Alene
October 19, 2016	9 – 11a.m.	Kootenai River Inn	Bonnars Ferry
October 20, 2016	9 – 11a.m. 2 – 4 p.m.	Latah County Fairgrounds Lewiston Roundup	Moscow Lewiston

### **Southwest Idaho**

October 26, 2016	9 – 11a.m.	Elks Lodge	Caldwell
October 27, 2016	9 – 11a.m.	Elks Lodge	Mountain Home
October 28, 2016	9 – 11a.m.	Clarion Inn	Ontario, Oregon

**Eastern Idaho**

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November 15, 2016	9 – 11a.m. 2 – 4 p.m.	Ashton Community Center, Gym ISU, CHE Bldg. Rm# 217	Ashton Idaho Falls
November 16, 2016	9 – 11a.m. 2 – 4 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers Rm. Shoshone Bannock Hotel	Rexburg Fort Hall

**Central Idaho**

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November 17, 2016	9 – 11a.m. 2 – 4 p.m.	Best Western Burley Inn CSI, Taylor Bldg., Rm# 277	Burley Twin Falls
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The seminars will count towards recertification hours for certified applicators. For updates and additional information, please contact your nearest ISDA field office or the ISDA main office in Boise at (208) 332-8500.