

# Commercial Pesticide Certification Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (C03)

**Programs of Study:** Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

**Aligned Course:** Landscaping and Turf Science (5951)

## Description

This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of general or restricted use pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, including fruit trees, shrubs, flowers, turf, residential and commercial lawns, golf greens, athletic fields, and the like.

Applicators shall demonstrate practical knowledge of pesticide problems associated with the production and maintenance of ornamental trees, shrubs, plantings, and turf, including cognizance of potential phytotoxicity due to a wide variety of plant material, drift, and persistence beyond the intended period of pest control. Because of the frequent proximity of human habitations to application activities, applicators in this category must demonstrate practical knowledge of application methods which will minimize or prevent hazards to humans, pets, and other animals.

## Materials and Resources

There are a variety of training materials and resources found at the University of Tennessee Extension Pesticide Safety and Education Program web site <https://ag.tennessee.edu/PSEP/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Testing Centers

Testing is available at eight different locations across the state each week and on the first Wednesday of each month at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville campus. Locations and times are listed on the [Application to Take Certification Exam](#). The certification exams are delivered in a proctored environment.

## Test Owner and Registration

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Phone: (615) 837-5148

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/pesticides.html>

## Registration Procedures

The [Application to Take Certification Exam](#) application can be found at this link:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/agriculture/documents/pestcontrol/AgLicCerttest.pdf>

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<b>Exam Codes</b>	Commercial Pesticide Certification – Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (C03)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/pesticides.html">https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/pesticides.html</a>
<b>Exam Description</b>	<p>This category includes commercial applicators using or supervising the use of general or restricted use pesticides to control pests in the maintenance and production of ornamental trees, including fruit trees, shrubs, flowers, turf, residential and commercial lawns, golf greens, athletic fields, and the like.</p> <p>Applicators must be 18 years of age and shall demonstrate practical knowledge of pesticide problems associated with the production and maintenance of ornamental trees, shrubs, plantings, and turf, including cognizance of potential phytotoxicity due to a wide variety of plant material, drift, and persistence beyond the intended period of pest control. Because of the frequent proximity of human habitations to application activities, applicators in this category must demonstrate practical knowledge of application methods which will minimize or prevent hazards to humans, pets, and other animals.</p>
<b>Number of Questions</b>	100 questions
<b>Type of Questions</b>	Multiple-choice single answer, True or False
<b>Length of Test</b>	Two hours
<b>Passing Score</b>	70 percent
<b>Price</b>	\$25.00, Tennessee Department of Agriculture will accept school checks.