

Pesticide Safety Website Launched

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A mouse click is all that is separating pesticide applicators, whether they are commercial applicators or homeowners, from the latest information on pesticide safety, thanks to a new University of Illinois Extension website.

“Pesticide Safety Education Program” (<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/psep/>) was developed by Scott Bretthauer, Michelle Wiesbrook/ Phil Nixon, Jim Schuster, and Patty Bingaman, all Extension specialists.

The new site contains the current issue of the Illinois Pesticide Review as well as past issues. It

also features tips and fact sheets, a directory of training manuals, training schedules, certification information, and a comprehensive list of resources.

Among the topics covered in the latest Illinois Pesticide Review are the home, yard, and garden pest guide, information on the correct use of sprayers, and pesticide shelf life.

“The goal of this program and the website is to reach all users of pesticides with educational information on the effective, economic, and environmentally sound use of pesticides,” said Bretthauer. Δ