

Insec(tc)ure*: Are you insecure about your insect cures?

A UT Urban IPM Lab Newsletter for the Pest Management Industry

Verifying Your Category 7 or any TDA Certification CEUs

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The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has added 2 portals to allow anyone to check continuing education units (CEUs, otherwise known as pesticide points) of a commercial or private pesticide applicator. All that is needed is a name or a certification number.

Commercial Pesticide Applicators -

https://tnlcp.lcp.tracefirst.com/public_weblinks/commercial-applicators

Steps to access your CEUs in the TDA database.

1. Enter the name or the certification number for the applicator in the empty box https://tnlcp.lcp.tracefirst.com/public_weblinks/commercial-applicators and hit Search.

Pesticide Applicators - Commercial

Karen Vail

Displaying 1 program participation

License Number	Name	County	Program Participation Information	
12534	Karen M Vail	Knox County (Knox)	Program	Status
			C10	Current

The above screen is generated. Note the certification number, certified applicator name, county as well as the certification category (indicated as program) and Status are provided.

Next hit **View**, and 6 lines are added, but no CEUs are visible yet.

Next click on the **down arrow** to the left of "Renewed Status for Next Period".

Participant	Karen M Vail
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C10 Demonstration, Research, and Regulatory Pest Control	
Participation Status	Current
Current Period	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2026
Renewal Status For Next Period	07/01/2026 - 07/01/2029

The next line shows the number of points required before the cycle ends on June 30, 2026. In this case, category 10, requires 18 points. You'll notice I only have 17 points, so I'll need one more point before June 30th, 2026. I need to remember to sign the sheet when I'm presenting!

Renewal Status For Next Period	07/01/2026 - 07/01/2029
Total Required Points	18
Total Earned Points	17
Completed Courses	
Course Title	Points
Extension agent (& PMP) Training: Household Pests, Delusional Infestation (DI), Pollinator Stewardship and Emerging Issues in Beekeeping :: Extension agent (& PMP) Training: Household Pests, Delusional Infestation (DI), Pollinator Stewardship and Emerging Issues in Beekeeping	6
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Migrated Schools (External) :: 2024 Tennessee Mosquito and Vector Control Association Day 2	3
East Tennessee Pest Control Association (ETPCA) :: Hands on Ant Biology and Identification- August 13, 2024	2
East Tennessee Pest Control Association (ETPCA) :: 2025 Smoky Mountain Conference- Jan 15, 2025	6

Also, all the courses you attended are listed. If you notice a school is missing, you can send proof of attendance to pesticides.ceu@tn.gov.

Don't forget that category 7 requires 21 points by June 30, 2026 and 14 of those must be external. Also notice that I attended the same school twice in the same year and points are only awarded once for the same school in the same year.

If you are a farmer or private applicator, check this site, https://tnlcp.lcp.tracefirst.com/public_weblinks/private-applicators, for your CEU update.

Upcoming Category 7 Training Opportunities

Region 3 – TPCA Spring School, <https://www.tennesseepestcontrolassociationinc.com/events/region-3-tpca-spring-school/>

March 5, 2025

Dave and Busters,

540 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

8 am – 3:30 pm

Tennessee Points – 7 in cat 7-10-12

Kentucky points – 7 in 7A

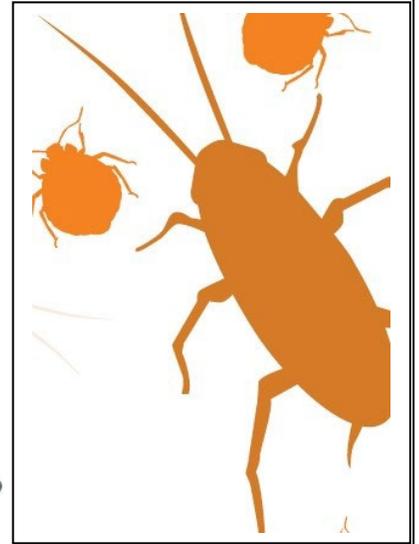
Alabama points – 10 in HPB, HPC, IIHC, PH,

WDC, WDB

Georgia 5 HPC 2 WDO

Save the date!

GET Educated.



**11TH ANNUAL TENNESSEE BED BUG, COCKROACH & RODENT
MANAGEMENT MEETING**

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 6, 2025

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CONFERENCE CENTER | 600 HENLEY STREET | KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

Check <https://bedbugs.tennessee.edu/resources/events/> for updates

TPCA Summer Conference

July 23-25, 2025

The Chattanooga

Check <https://www.tennesseepestcontrolassociationinc.com/calendar/> for updates

Category 7 Pesticide Certification Training

<https://psep.tennessee.edu/>

See the Upcoming Events scrolling calendar for the dates and locations of category 7 training by Dr. Darrell Hensley of the UT Pesticide Safety Education Program. And register for cat 7 training at

<https://psep.tennessee.edu/commercial-applicator/>

Wood-destroying Organisms (WDO) and General Pest and Rodent Control (GRC) Licensing Training

<https://psep.tennessee.edu/licensed-pest-control-operator/>

April 10, July 29 and October 9, 2025

Rutherford County Extension Office, 315 John R. Rice Blvd., Murfreesboro. Register at

https://secure.touchnet.com/C21610_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=1&CATID=14&SINGLESTORE=true

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Disclaimer

This publication contains pesticide recommendations that are subject to change at any time. The recommendations in this publication are provided only as a guide. It is always the pesticide applicator's responsibility, by law, to read and follow all current label directions for the specific pesticide being used. The label always takes precedence over the recommendations found in this publication.

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