KACAA Horticulture Proficiency Recognition Program

What is the Program?

KACAA is developing four areas for recognizing extension agents who have demonstrated proficiency in a given subject matter area. This is a voluntary program. Horticulture is the first area being offered for proficiency testing.

Who May Apply

Any Kansas Extension Agent (including FACS, 4-H) may take the proficiency exam. Extension Agents involved with test question development and/or grading are not eligible to take the exam.

Testing Date

April 18, 2001 10:00 a.m.
Ford County Extension Office
100 Gunsmoke Ave
Dodge City

Cost

$25 for KACAA members
$75 for non-members
Registration (non-refundable) must be paid at least 30 days prior to the exam.

Exam Format

The test is in two major parts; A test over general horticulture information and an identification section of horticulture plants, insects, diseases, weeds. A score of 80% or greater passes. Exams will not be returned following grading. Participants will be notified of their grade and recognition certificates will be presented at the Fall KACAA meeting.

The program is designed and operated by the KACAA Horticulture/Forestry Committee under the governing board of KACAA Subject Matter Proficiency Recognition Program.

Study Guides

1. Master Gardener Notebook ($30 per notebook + $4 shipping with copies available from Pam Paulsen, Larry Crouse, Scott Eckert, Phil Sell, Jacob Weber or Sy Nyhart; contact them regarding notebook availability and how to address the check) The information test will come from this material.

2. Plant, Insect, Disease & Weed ID List found at KACAA website: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/kacaa/horticulture_proficiency_exam.htm

3. http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/dp_hfrr/extensn/hortprob.htm lists Ward Upham's "Common Plant Problems in Kansas" which is of help for the ID section. Other helpful sources for the ID section is "Insects in Kansas" and the 3a and 3b study guides for the state pesticide exam. (The plants on the exam are very close to the list used for 4-H horticulture judging.)

Application for KACAA Horticulture Proficiency Recognition

Name_____

Address_____

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County_____

Member of KACAA? Yes_____ No_____

Application/Test Fee $25 members, $75 non-members

Make check payable to KACAA

Send application to: Bob Neier
Sedgwick County Extension Education Center
7001 W 21st N
Wichita, KS 67205

Application and check is due by March 18, 2001

Questions? Contact

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