



Licensing Requirements for Cleaning and Disinfecting Barns after H5N2 Composting

As part of the recovery process from H5N2 High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, cleaning and disinfection of the barns is required after composting bird carcasses. A commercial business hired to do the disinfection must have a pesticide applicator license issued by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Because of certain restrictions on chemicals, some farmer owners/operators may also require a license to disinfect their own sites.

If you are a commercial business doing the disinfection:

Applicators need the following license/certification to legally disinfect barns affected by Avian Influenza:

- **Commercial Pesticide Applicator** with certifications in Categories A and K (Core and Agricultural Pest Control – Animal) may commercially disinfect barns with general use or restricted use pesticides.
- **Noncommercial Pesticide Applicator** with certifications in Categories A and K (Core and Agricultural Pest Control – Animal) may disinfect barns with general use or restricted use pesticides if the application is a condition of employment and made on property owned or controlled by their employer.
- **Structural Pest Control Applicator** may commercially disinfect barns with general use or restricted use pesticides.

Applicators must have a fumigation certification to purchase and use fumigants for barn application. To qualify, applicators must pass an MDA administered fumigation certification exam. More details about fumigation are available on the MDA website.

Obtaining a license or certification requires several steps. A person must fill out an application form, pay a fee and pass designated certification exams. Licenses are processed more quickly by using the online application form. For more information, check the MDA website: www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticideapplicator or contact the Licensing Unit 651/201-6615, email pesticide.licensing@state.mn.us.

Applicators must confirm each product they are using is currently registered for use in Minnesota. You can look up product registration at www.mda.state.mn.us/productsearch.

(Turn over for information specific to farm owners/operators)

If you are hiring someone to disinfect your farm:

Be sure the company you are hiring is properly licensed to disinfect or fumigate a barn by using the MDA license lookup system.

1. Go to www.mda.state.mn.us/applicatorsearch.
 2. Under the License Type/Category, select one or more of the following:
 - Commercial Pesticide Applicator – Ag Pest Control Animal
 - Commercial Pesticide Applicator – Stored Grain and Fumigation
 - Structural Pest Control Applicator – Journeyman
 - Structural Pest Control Applicator – Master
 - Structural Pest Control Applicator – Fumigator
 3. Check the box “Company with Applicators”.
 4. Hit Search and a list will appear.
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If you are a farmer and disinfect your own site:

A farm owner/operator and employees of the farm may apply a general use pesticide for disinfection without a license or certification.

If you are using a restricted use pesticide (as designated by the EPA), farm owner/operators and employees of the farm must have a private certification or a noncommercial license. A private pesticide applicator certification is required for farm owner/operators and when two or fewer employees apply restricted use products. A noncommercial license is required when three or more farm employees are applying restricted use products.

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