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## Farwest offers easy route to pesticide recertification credits

**Portland, Oregon (August 6, 2026)** — Don't get bugged by nursery pests. Get even.

The 2026 Farwest Show will offer 7 hours of pest management classes, including four hours taught in Spanish. Translation into either English or Spanish will be available at most sessions.

"Nursery and greenhouse workers need an easy way to build their knowledge, keep it current, and stay certified so they can deal with pests and continue to ship a healthy product," OAN Events and Education Coordinator Jamie O'Brien said. "At Farwest, we've got them covered. Easy education, all in one place."

Three flexible Education Pass options let people pay only for the number of days they need. The options are as follows:

- **Three-Day Education Pass** — includes three days of show admission — \$189.
- **One-Day Education Pass (Wednesday or Thursday)** — Includes three days of show admission. \$119.
- **Half-Day Education Pass (Friday only)** — Includes three days of show admission. \$69.

Experts leading Farwest's pesticide recertification seminars will include:

- **Janna Beckerman**, environmental technical specialist at Envu, will teach a class on diagnosing and treating root rots, such as *Fusarium*, *Phytophthora*, *Pythium* and *Rhizoctonia*.
- **Josey Heston**, technical representative for BioSafe Systems, will teach a session on in-season sanitation to break the cycle of liverwort, moss and algae growth.
- **Sierra Laverty**, assistant professor and horticulture educator at the University of Idaho Extension, will teach a session on preventing and identifying insect pests that serve as pathogen vectors for fungal, bacterial and viral diseases.

- **Silvia Rondon, Ph.D.**, professor and director of the Oregon Integrated Pest Management Center at Oregon State University, will teach a session on preventing pesticide resistance and strengthening long-term nursery production.
- **Kirsten Pearsons**, integrated pest management (IPM) coordinator for T&L Nursery Consultants LLC, will teach a class on finding the right IPM tools and information for choosing best IPM strategies.
- **Luisa Santamaria, Ph.D.**, professor and Extension plant pathologist at Oregon State University, will teach a session on preventing, diagnosing and treating symptoms of vascular streak dieback (VSD).
- **Edgar Tuna**, greenhouse and nursery crop specialist and Western U.S. sales manager for Envu, will teach a class on the proper application of chemicals to treat for pests and pathogens.

Many Farwest education sessions are approved for pesticide recertification and continuing education credits. These include Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board, the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, and the International Society of Arboriculture. Those attending must stay for the full session to get credit. A complete list of approved credits is available at [FarwestShow.com/Continuing-Education](http://FarwestShow.com/Continuing-Education).

Of course, those attending Farwest Show pest management seminars can get a lot more out of it than just their recertification credits. They can tour the show floor, attend Solution Center mini-sessions, and meet people at the Farwest Show networking events taking place Wednesday and Thursday.

Networking events are free and included with your Farwest pass. The events include the Farwest Happy Hour on Wednesday, August 26, and then the legendary Farwest Pub Crawl on Thursday, August 27. These events offer lively conversations, fun, and the opportunity to build connections.

In addition to seminars and networking events, Farwest will have 14 different mini-sessions at the Solution Center, located on the expo floor. These are included with show admission at no additional cost. Pruning demonstrations, new product presentations, research updates, awards ceremonies and plant search tips and tricks are among the offerings.

To learn more and register, go to [FarwestShow.com](http://FarwestShow.com).

For questions about pesticide seminars, contact Jamie O'Brien at [JOBrien@OAN.org](mailto:JOBrien@OAN.org) or 503-582-2010. For questions about Farwest in general, contact Connie Lindsay at [CLindsay@OAN.org](mailto:CLindsay@OAN.org) or 503-582-2005.

## About Farwest

Each year, Farwest brings together growers, suppliers, service providers, retail garden centers, landscape professionals, and others from across the green industry. Produced by the Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN), Farwest showcases the latest plants, products, services, and educational opportunities while creating meaningful connections throughout the nursery industry. Those interested in signing up for a booth may go to [FarwestShow.com/Exhibitor-Sign-Up](https://FarwestShow.com/Exhibitor-Sign-Up) for information, or they may reach out directly to Connie Lindsay at [CLindsay@OAN.org](mailto:CLindsay@OAN.org) or 503-582-2005.

The Farwest Show is produced by the Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN). The OAN represents Oregon's \$1.3 billion nursery industry, which is the top agricultural segment in the state. Oregon is a nationwide nursery industry leader, in terms of sales as well as influence. It's the leading state for coniferous evergreens, deciduous shade trees, deciduous flowering trees, bareroot nursery products, B&B nursery products and cut Christmas trees. Proceeds from the show are reinvested into industry advocacy, research, workforce development and education, which benefit the nursery and greenhouse industry both regionally and nationally.

Complete details on the Farwest Show are available at [FarwestShow.com](https://FarwestShow.com).

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