



#### Who needs a fertilizer certification?

Fertilizer certification is required if you apply fertilizer (other than manure) to more than 50 acres used for agricultural production grown primarily for sale. If you have the co-op or other custom applicator make your fertilizer applications, you do not need the certification.

#### How much will it cost and how long is it valid?

The initial application fee for fertilizer certification will be same as the pesticide license fee: \$30. A person that already has a valid commercial or private applicator license will not be required to pay the application fee. The certification will be valid for three years.

#### What fertilizer is included in the certification?

Fertilizer is any substance containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other plant nutrient in a dry or liquid formulation. All application types (broadcast, side dress, sub-surface, knifing, etc.) are included in the certification requirement. The only application exempted is start-up fertilizers that are applied through a planter and manure. For this certification requirement, lime and limestone are not considered fertilizers.

#### What happens if I don't get certified?

Applying commercial fertilizer after September 30, 2017 without a certification could result in fines and/or being charged with a misdemeanor offense

## FERTILIZER CERTIFICATION WINDOW CLOSES SOON!

Legacy Farmers Cooperative and OSU Hancock Extension Office will be sponsoring a fertilizer certification training open to all area farmers. Ed Lentz, Extension Educator Agriculture and Natural Resources, will be providing the training needed for certification requirements. There is no cost to attend the training session or pre-registration needed.

**Date:** September 14, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 till 12:00 Noon

**Where:** Conference Room of the Hancock County Agriculture Service Center  
7868 County Road 140, Findlay, Ohio

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The certification process supports responsible agricultural practices and promotes the 4R program while allowing Ohio to continue to grow its vital agriculture industry.

