



# Pesticide Inspector Residential Training Program (PIRT)

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# About PIRT

The Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) program is a national training initiative that supports effective and consistent enforcement of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Developed by the EPA in 1994 and transitioned to a cooperative agreement model in 2024, PIRT **equips inspectors with the resources to conduct thorough, standardized inspections** across jurisdictions.

Responding to state requests for more regional access and increased training frequency, the EPA partnered with the National State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Foundation to reimagine PIRT as a flexible, field-informed program. PIRT delivers regionally-rotating, theme-based trainings that **enhance inspector competency, reduce enforcement disparities, and strengthen collaboration** across federal, state, tribal and territorial partners.

## About NASDA Foundation

### Our Mission

Our mission is to advance agriculture to shape a changing world.

### What We Do

We are the only educational, outreach and research organization that directly serves the nation's state departments of agriculture.

### How We Work

Established as a 501(c)(3) in 1981, the Foundation leverages its position as a convener to facilitate partnerships that improve food safety, support producers and strengthen regional supply chains.

## Program Impact

### Quarterly Regional Trainings

Hosting regionally rotating, quarterly training sessions for state, tribal and territorial inspectors responsible for on-the-ground enforcement of FIFRA.

### Uniform Inspection Training

Delivering uniform guidance for consistent inspection practices across jurisdictions, minimizing uncertainties for industry and reducing enforcement disparities.

### Federalism Support

Upholding the EPA's mission of cooperative federalism by providing states with the necessary tools to meet their primacy obligations in pesticide enforcement, emphasizing the effective collaboration between federal and state agencies in upholding national standards.

### Adaptive Curricula

Tailoring training curricula to address emerging regulatory and public health challenges, keeping inspectors updated on evolving standards.

### Building Public Trust

Strengthening public confidence by ensuring inspectors are well-equipped to protect the food we eat, the environments we live in and the infrastructure we rely on.

# Where We Work

Each year, the PIRT program brings high-quality training to inspectors who represent states across the country. By rotating training locations across regions, PIRT increases accessibility for state, tribal and territorial partners while ensuring **content is adapted to meet regional priorities and emerging issues** in pesticide enforcement.

In 2025, PIRT is delivering four trainings across the country. Two sessions have already taken place: a **Basic Structural PIRT** in Decatur, GA (February 3–6) and a **Worker Protection PIRT** in Grand Rapids, MI (May 12–15). Upcoming trainings include a **Tribal PIRT** in Polson, MT (July 21–24) and a **Basic Inspector PIRT** in Burlington, VT (October 6–9).

