

## Suggested Study Material Source List

### Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License (PCA)

Studying the suggested study material can make the difference between passing and failing Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) PCA examinations. The examinations are based on the study materials listed below. Options for obtaining study materials include purchasing, viewing, or downloading from the web and borrowing from public or college libraries.

#### Laws, Regulations, and Basic Principles of Safe and Effective Pesticide Use (Core Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Integrated Pest Management.](#)
- [Laws and Regulations Study Guide, Third Edition.](#) DPR, 2020.
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.](#) M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources \(UC ANR\) online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

#### Insects, Mites and Other Invertebrate Pest Control (Category A Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Insects, Mites and Other Invertebrates \(Category A\).](#)
- [Entomology and Pest Management, Sixth Edition](#) (or later edition). L.P. Pedigo.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition.](#) M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [Pest identification: Insects, mites, & other invertebrates.](#) University of California Integrated Pest Management Program (UC IPM).
- [How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides.](#) H. Riedl, E. Johansen, L. Brewer, and J. Barbour, 2006. Pacific Northwest Extension publication by Oregon State University, 2006.
- [Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees.](#) B. Moisset and S. Buchmann, 2011. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publication.

## Plant Pathogens (Category B Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Plant Pathology \(Category B\)](#).
- [Plant Pathology, Fifth Edition](#) (or later edition). G.N. Agrios.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition](#). M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [Pest identification: Plant pathogens](#). UC IPM Program.
- [How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides](#). H. Riedl, E. Johansen, L. Brewer, and J. Barbour, 2006. Pacific Northwest Extension publication by Oregon State University.
- [Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees](#). B. Moisset and S. Buchmann, 2011. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) publication.

## Nematode Pest Control (Category C Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Nematodes \(Category C\)](#).
- [Pest Control Adviser Study Guide: Nematodes](#). UC IPM Program.
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition](#). M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

## Vertebrate Pest Control (Category D Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Vertebrate Pest Management \(Category D\)](#).
- [Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage](#). S.E. Hygnstrom, R.M. Timm, and G.E. Larson, 1994.
  - Available online from the [Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management](#), University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension.
- [Pest identification: Vertebrate pests](#). UC IPM Program.
- [The Vertebrate Pest Control Handbook](#). Vertebrate Pest Control Research Advisory Committee.
- [Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes, Second Edition](#). T.P. Salmon, D.A. Whisson, and R.E. Marsh, 2006.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition](#). M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

## Weed Pest Control (Category E Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Weed Control \(Category E\)](#).
- [Principles of Weed Control, Fourth Edition](#). California Weed Science Society, 2014.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.
- [Applied Weed Science, Third Edition](#). M.A. Ross and C.A. Lembi, 2008.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.
- [Pest identification: Weeds](#). UC IPM Program.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.
- [Weeds of California and Other Western States](#). J.M. DiTomaso and E.A. Healy, 2007.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849
- [IPM in Practice, Principles and Methods of Integrated Pest Management, Second Edition](#). M.L. Flint, 2012.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849

## Defoliation (Category F Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Defoliation and Other Harvest Aid Practices \(Category F\)](#).
- [Harvest Aid Materials and Practices for California Cotton](#). R.B. Hutmacher, R.N. Vargas, S.D. Wright, and B.A. Roberts, 2003.

## Plant Growth Regulators (Category G Exam)

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- [Knowledge Expectations for Pest Control Advisers: Plant Growth Regulators \(Category G\)](#).
- [Plant Growth Regulators, Revised Edition](#). L. Rappaport, 2003.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.

## Supplemental PCA Exams Study Materials

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The PCA examinations are based on the primary suggested study material. It is highly recommended that the primary materials be studied to prepare for the examinations. The supplemental study material listed below *may* offer some additional help.

- [The Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides, Third Edition](#). UC IPM Program, 2016.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
- [Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Control](#). M.L. Flint and S.H. Dreistadt, 1998.
  - Order through the [UC ANR online catalog](#) or by phone: (800) 994-8849.
- [Weeds of the West, New Revised Edition](#). Western Society of Weed Science, 2012.
  - Order or request from booksellers and libraries.