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Changes Considered to Arkansas Dicamba Regulations

LITTLE ROCK, AR – On December 12, the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council considered regulatory changes for the application of products labeled for agricultural use that contain dicamba in Arkansas. The committee approved a motion that this rule be held for final consideration and recommended that the Arkansas State Plant Board consider its current rule and revise the rule using:

1) scientific-based evidence; 2) a dividing line to create north and south zones; and 3) ambient temperature and humidity applicable to temperature inversion during night-time hours.

The State Plant Board voted on November 8th during a public hearing and board meeting to approve regulatory changes for the application of products labeled for agricultural use that contain dicamba in Arkansas. Changes will prohibit the use in Arkansas between April 16 and October 31. The regulations include exemptions for the use of dicamba in pastures, rangeland, turf, ornamental, direct injection for forestry, and home use. Read the entire proposed rule, here.

Also today, the Plant Board held a public hearing and passed changes to the Arkansas Pesticide Control Act Regulation, Regulations under Act 410. ACA 2-16-402 (b). The proposed regulations clarify the Plant Board’s ability to request additional information about a pesticide before it is registered for use in the State of Arkansas. Find details, here. The proposed rule will be considered by the Arkansas Legislative Council prior to implementation.

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