NOTICE

The mission of the Arkansas State Plant Board is to protect and serve the citizens of Arkansas and the agricultural and business communities by providing information and unbiased enforcement of laws and regulations thus ensuring quality products and services.

State Plant Board Inspectors are authorized by law with the authority to enter private property for purposes of inspection to:

- open any bundle, package, or other container of plants or plant products.  
  A.C.A. 2-16-207(d)
- open any bundle, package, or other container of plants, plant products, articles, or substances.  
  A.C.A. 2-16-306(b)
- inspect pesticides wherever found and may sample and analyze or cause said samples to be analyzed.  
  A.C.A. 2-16-406(b)
- Have access for the purpose of inspecting any equipment;
- Inspect or sample lands actually or reported to be exposed to pesticides and lands from which the pesticides may have originated;
- Inspect storage or disposal areas;
- Inspect or investigate complaints of injury to humans or land;
- Sample pesticides being applied or to be applied; and
- Observe the use and application of pesticides.  
  A.C.A. 20-20-219(a)(1)

Pesticides are valuable to our state's agricultural production and to the protection of man and the environment from insects, rodents, weeds, and other forms of life which may be pests, but it is essential to the public health and welfare that they be monitored to prevent adverse effects on human life and the environment.

Please contact Terry Walker, Director of the State Plant Board, at 501-225-1598 or terry.walker@agriculture.arkansas.gov with any questions about inspections.

Respectfully,

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