Arkansas State Plant Board Approves Draft Regulation for Dicamba Use In 2019

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Agriculture Department’s State Plant Board met Dec. 6 to discuss changes to the current rules regarding the use of dicamba for “over-the-top” applications on dicamba-resistant cotton and soybean during the 2019 growing season.

The Plant Board moved forward with rule making by approving a draft regulation that would restrict applications of dicamba from May 21 to October 31.

The proposed rule includes a one-mile buffer zone around research stations, organic crops, specialty crops, non-tolerant dicamba crops and other sensitive crops for applications taking place from April 16 to May 20. Also approved by the Plant Board was a restriction on mixing glyphosate with dicamba applications from April 16 to May 20.

The proposed rule now goes to Governor Hutchinson for review. If approved by the Governor, a 30-day public comment period will take place prior to the Plant Board’s final vote to approve this revised regulation.

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