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Plant Board Pesticide Committee Approves Draft Regulation for Dicamba Use In 2019

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Pesticide Committee of the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s State Plant Board met Nov. 26 to discuss changes to the current rules regarding the use of dicamba herbicide in Arkansas during the 2019 growing season.

The Pesticide Committee approved a draft regulation for dicamba applications in Arkansas that, if approved by the full board, will permit limited use with buffer zones up to June 15.

This proposed regulation would allow for post-emergence applications on dicamba-tolerant crops from April 16 to June 15 with a one-mile buffer zone for University and USDA research stations, organic crops and commercially grown specialty crops.

The committee’s recommendation also stipulates that from May 20 to June 15, there will be a quarter-mile buffer zone for all non-dicamba tolerant crops and all sensitive areas. The committee also discussed training related to applying dicamba and the enforcement and fines associated with misuse.

The Arkansas State Plant Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, to review the draft regulation.

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