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State Plant Board Selects Scott Bray to be the Director

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Agriculture Department’s Plant Board met June 11 and took the following actions after hearing reports and recommendations from committees:

- The board unanimously voted to select Scott Bray as the Director. Bray has served as the Assistant Director since last August.

- The board approved proposed rule changes to the Industrial Hemp Research Program that include clarification of terms, an explanation of timelines for the application process, and additional and increased fees associated with the program. Read full details of the proposed rule changes here.

- The board approved proposed rule changes to the Arkansas Pest Control Program that include an increase in the number of registered agents that a licensed operator can supervise, the removal of practices and terms that are no longer in use, and a clarification of the definition of hidden damages. Read full details of proposed rule changes here.

- The board also voted to deny a petition requesting that the deadline for the in-crop application of dicamba be extended to June 30 due to the extreme weather that Arkansas farmers have faced this year.

The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation.

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