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Arkansas Regulations to Prohibit the Use of Dicamba Between April 16 – October 31 Receive Approval

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Today, the Arkansas Legislative Council approved the January report from the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee, which included a recommendation of approval for the proposed rule that will prohibit the use of dicamba in Arkansas between April 16 and October 31. 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](#).

This is the final step in the legislative approval process for this rule. The State Plant Board will now file the rule with the Secretary of State's Office, and the rule will become effective ten days after filing.

Background:

The State Plant Board voted on November 8th during a public hearing and board meeting to approve regulatory changes for the above referenced rule.

On December 12, the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council considered the above referenced rule and approved a motion that it 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.

On January 3, the State Plant Board's Pesticide Committee and the full State Plant Board voted to maintain the proposed rule as it is currently written.

On January 16, the rule was reviewed and approved by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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