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Changes to Arkansas Dicamba Regulations to be Reviewed in December

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Arkansas legislative committees will review proposed regulatory changes related to products labeled for agricultural use containing dicamba in December. The State Plant Board will also hold a public hearing and board meeting in December to consider a regulatory proposal to clarify pesticide registration procedures under the Arkansas Pesticide Control Act.

On December 5, the Arkansas House and Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development committees will provide review of the changes to Pesticide Enforcement Response Regulations regarding increasing civil penalties for egregious violations. The State Plant Board voted on September 21st during a public hearing and board meeting to approve changes for Pesticide Enforcement Response Regulations that increased the maximum civil penalty from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for egregious violations from applications of dicamba or an Auxin containing herbicide, or any new herbicide technology released after August 1, 2017. Read the entire proposed rule, [here](#).

On December 12, the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council will provide final review of the regulatory changes for the application of products labeled for agricultural use that contain dicamba in Arkansas. The State Plant Board voted on November 8th during a public hearing and board meeting to approve regulatory changes that will prohibit the use of dicamba products labeled for agricultural use in Arkansas between April 16 and October 31. The 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](#).

Also on Tuesday, December 12, the Plant Board will host a public hearing and board meeting to consider changes to the Arkansas Pesticide Control Act regulations that would clarify the Plant Board's ability to request additional information about a pesticide before it is registered for use in the State of Arkansas. Find details of the proposed rule, [here](#).

Agendas for the meeting are posted [here](#) for the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee and will be posted [here](#) when available for the Arkansas House and Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development committees. Meetings are open to the public.

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