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Plant Board Meetings Scheduled to Review Dicamba Regulations

LITTLE ROCK, AR – On October 31, 2018 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it will be extending the registration of dicamba products that allow for “over-the-top” applications on dicamba-resistant cotton and soybean plants to control weeds. The two-year registration will be in place through December 20, 2020. Additional information on the EPA decision can be found [here](#).

The Arkansas State Plant Board (ASPB), a division of the Arkansas Agriculture Department (AAD), has begun the process of reviewing the announced EPA label changes and will be considering the appropriate framework for the use of the products by farmers in Arkansas. Regulations for the current use of dicamba products in Arkansas can be found [here](#).

The following meetings are currently scheduled to discuss the use of dicamba products in Arkansas and the need, if any, for changes to Arkansas’s current dicamba regulations:

- **Monday, November 5 at 1 p.m.** -- A special called meeting of the ASPB to consider and rule on a petition to amend the current Arkansas dicamba regulations. Click [here](#) to see the full petition.
- **Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.** -- The ASPB Pesticide Committee will meet to take action, if needed, on the petition being considered on Nov. 5. The Committee will discuss dicamba regulations in Arkansas and prepare any recommendations to be considered by the full board.
- **Thursday, December 6 at 1 p.m.** -- The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the ASPB.

All meetings are open to the public and will take place at the Arkansas Agriculture Department located at 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR, 72205.

Approximately 3.28 million acres of soybeans and 480,000 acres of cotton were planted in Arkansas in 2018. Agriculture is Arkansas’s largest industry, contributing more the \$21 billion annually to the state’s economy.

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