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## **EXTENSION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSES**

By the authority of Governor's Executive Orders 20-03, 20-06, and 20-16, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture has temporarily suspended provisions of the following laws concerning pesticide applicator license renewals: Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-20-212(d), 20-20-210(a)(4), and 20-20-209(c)(2)(A).

Executive Order 20-06 orders "all state agencies to identify provisions of any regulatory statute, agency order or rule that in any way prevents, hinders, or delays the agency's ability to render maximum possible assistance to the citizens of this state while they are adhering to guidelines to prohibit the spread of disease or seeking assistance from the state to obtain benefits or services related to" any service to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Commercial and non-commercial restricted use pesticide applicators licenses currently expire December 31, 2020. Extending 2020 licenses to January 31, 2021 will allow the Department to complete an upgrade of its licensing database and prevent unnecessary person-to-person contact. Once complete, licensees will be able to submit renewal documents electronically, which will limit physical submission of paperwork at department offices, limit department employees from having close and sustained contact with each other in the preparation of physical licensing paperwork, and limit contact between licensees and department staff.

Pesticide applicators may submit renewal documents electronically for the 2021 year once the licensing database upgrades are complete. The anticipated completion date is January 1, 2021. Licensees who have provided the Department with an email address will receive renewal notices via email. Others will receive renewal notices by regular mail. Detailed instructions for license renewal will be included in the renewal notices.

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Additional information can be found here: <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/pesticide-section/licensing-permits/>