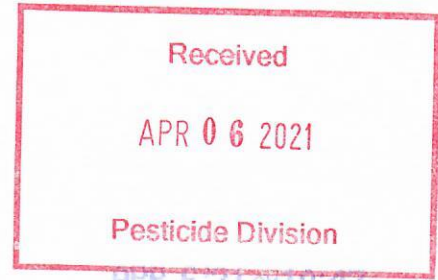


Date: April 1, 2021

Plant Industries Division
P. O. Box 1069
Little Rock, AR 72203



From: C & C Melon Company LLC
3909 CR 532
Monette, AR 72447

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion on the dicamba issue. My family has been commercial growers of watermelons since 1965. We grow approximately 300 acres of watermelons each year. My watermelon crop was damaged by dicamba in 2020. The estimated damage by the insurance company was \$85000.00 which I felt was estimated low.

I am against the dicamba rule as it is written. I would appreciate it very much if you would restore the April 16th cutoff date and impose the 80-degree cutoff. I also wish that the buffers could be doubled for sensitive crops such as watermelons and natural areas because I have experienced damage to my watermelon crop because of misuse of dicamba. In my opinion, whenever farmers are rushed for time they seem to ignore the rules and regulations for chemical use. I also support the new record keeping requirements for dicamba. I would greatly appreciate any consideration you could give to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clay Stewart".

Clay Stewart

C & C Melon Company LLC