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To the members of the Arkansas State Plant Board,

My name is Reed Storey. I have addressed this board many times in the past several years regarding the very subject I am discussing today, Dicamba. The board recently approved a new rule for Arkansas to move to a federal label for The Xtend Cropping System. It is my understanding that the rule the board sent to the governor was not the rule that was approved, therefore the current rule should be null and void.

Concerning the rule that was approved by the board. The board approved that Arkansas moves to a full federal label of The Xtend Cropping System based on lies presented by Mr. Tyler Hydrick and the assumption that The Xtend Cropping System was the only option to control pigweeds. This is completely false. The Enlist Cropping System is also available and has been proven to be a safer system when it comes to application and off target movement. I have been using the Enlist System for the last two years with no issues when I have applied the Enlist Products. By allowing the full season application of Xtend products, you will essentially be forcing growers to move to a more dangerous system.

Several citizens have stated that Arkansas is an outlier when it comes to university extension research and restrictions. This is completely false. Several other states have as strict or stricter regulations as Arkansas. The argument from multiple citizens in favor of Dicamba say states such as Tennessee and Missouri extension personnel show that Xtend products are safe. This is false. A quick search for “Kevin Bradley Dicamba”, “Larry Steckel Dicamba”, or “Tom Mueller Dicamba” will provide more than enough information to see Arkansas Extension is in line with other research.

Please vote to keep the current May 25 cutoff date rather than extend the time to apply Xtend products in crop.

Thank you
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