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## **New Rules for Dicamba Use Effective May 8**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s State Plant Board voted at a public hearing and special board meeting on May 3 to approve regulatory changes for application of dicamba herbicides on dicamba-tolerant crops in Arkansas.

Changes regarding dicamba use in the emergency rule include:

- Use of over-the-top spraying of Engenia, Xtendimax, and Tavium through June 30 on soybeans and cotton;
- Setting a half-mile buffer for certified organic crops and commercially grown specialty crops;
- Setting a quarter-mile buffer in all directions for soybeans and cotton varieties not tolerant of dicamba.

The entire “ARKANSAS PESTICIDE USE AND APPLICATION ACT AND RULES” can be viewed [here](#), and the approved changes regarding dicamba are available [here](#).

The Board’s regulatory changes concerning the use of dicamba were subject to a 30-day public comment period. The Board received 580 public written comments. Thirty-one individuals registered to provide testimony at the public hearing.

The rule change was adopted by the Arkansas Legislative Council’s Executive Subcommittee on May 6. The new rule was filed with the Secretary of State’s office and will become effective on May 8.

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