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Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Date Set for Proposed Dicamba Regulations

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – A 30-day public comment period and a public hearing date has been set for proposed regulations that allow the use of dicamba in Arkansas on soybean and cotton varieties resistant to dicamba. The draft regulations may be found here.

Written public comments will be accepted from Jan. 7 through Feb. 5. Comments may be submitted online here or mailed to: Attn: Pesticide Division, Arkansas State Plant Board, P.O. Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203.

A public hearing on the proposed regulations will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, 11301 Financial Centre Parkway, Little Rock. Comments may be made in person at the public hearing.

The Arkansas Agriculture Department's State Plant Board approved draft regulations for dicamba use in Arkansas at its Dec. 6 meeting. Under the proposed regulations, applications taking place between April 16 and May 20 will be subject to a one-mile buffer zone around research stations, organic crops, specialty crops, non-tolerant dicamba crops and other sensitive crops and will also include a restriction on mixing glyphosate with dicamba. The proposed rules would restrict applications of dicamba from May 21 through Oct. 31.

For more information, visit www.agriculture.arkansas.gov.

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