

## **South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) Develops Online Survey to Encourage Communication about Dicamba**

SDDA staff has fielded many calls from concerned growers who have allegedly been affected by Dicamba, but did not want to file a formal complaint. In response to this, SDDA developed an informal survey where growers can report their information without starting the formal complaint process. Information obtained from the survey will be used to communicate findings to the three companies that have the registered Dicamba products and EPA with information to help determine what is happening with these products.

The survey can be found online at <https://apps.sd.gov/doa/cat/dicamba.aspx>. Or you can find the link under "Happening Now" on the SD Department of Ag website at <http://sdda.sd.gov/>.

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## **EPA Compliance Advisory: High Number of Complaints Related to Alleged Misuse of Dicamba Raises Concerns**

This is an advisory for Complaints Related to Alleged Misuse of Dicamba

- [Compliance Advisory for Crop Damage Complaints Related to Dicamba Herbicides Raising Concerns \(PDF\)\(2 pp, 137 K, July 2017\)](#)

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## **Drought Update**

The most recent Drought and Climate update can be found online at SDSU Extension's iGrow website by [clicking here](#).

**Livestock Health** - Due to the recent increase in concerns for livestock health due to poor quality feed and water, information is being provided for testing feed and water:

- **Quick Water Test** - A list of SDSU Extension offices that can do a quick water test for livestock suitability can be found here <http://igrow.org/news/protect-livestock-during-drought-with-water-testing/>.
- **Water Testing Labs** - A list of feed and water testing labs can be [found here](#) if producers want to send their samples out for a more complete analysis.
- **Feed Nitrate Test** - A handful of Regional Centers can do a quick nitrate test for feed, but producers are encouraged to call ahead to make sure someone is available at the location

nearest them. Contact information for regional centers can be found here also: <http://igrow.org/news/protect-livestock-during-drought-with-water-testing/>.

- **Testing at Dakotafest** - Additionally, SDSU Extension will be doing quick nitrate testing for feed and water testing at Dakotafest in Mitchell all 3 days in tent #600. <http://igrow.org/news/bring-forage-and-water-for-testing-at-2017-dakotafest/>

**Drought Meeting** - SDSU Extension is again partnering with USDA FSA for a 7th drought meeting, scheduled for August 23rd at the Wall Community Center, 6-9 pm. Details can be found at <http://igrow.org/events/meeting-on-drought-management-wall/>.

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## Join the South Dakota Crowd and Register for ResponsibleAg

Register today and join thousands of others in the fertilizer industry committed to demonstrating a culture of safety, security and helping to assure compliance with the federal regulations. It's the right thing to do! Find out more online at <https://www.responsibleag.org/>.

South Dakota Participants:

- CHS, Inc. - Watertown
  - CHS Border States – Sisseton, Wilmot
  - CHS Eastern Farmers – Garretson, Worthing
  - CHS Farmers Alliance – Mitchell, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Corsica, Ethan, Letcher, White Lake
  - CHS Marshall – Elkton
  - CHS Midwest Cooperative - Philip, Draper, Highmore, Pierre, Onida
  - CHS Northern Plains - Gettysburg, Dupree, Eureka, Faulkton, Isabel, Selby
  - CHS Southwest Grain - Lemmon, SD
  - Crop Production Services - Emery, Parker, Parkston, Emery, Centerville, Vermillion, Spearfish, Elk Point, Harrold, Meckling, Northville, Brookings
  - Dakota Plains Ag - Claire City, SD
  - Gavilon Fertilizer LLC - Kimball, SD
  - North Central Farmers Elevator - Ipswich, SD
  - Simplot Grower Solutions - Beresford, SD
  - Wilbur-Ellis - Chester, SD
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## Search Getting Under Way for SDSU's Dean of the College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences

SDSU has contracted with Parker Executive Search (PES), a professional search firm with a strong record of identifying great leaders for SDSU. The search committee will work very closely with PES who will use their professional networks and strategic recruiting to build the most competitive pool of applicants possible.

### General timeline for the search:

Early August: development of position description and advertisement

August-September: advertising and recruiting of candidates

October: selection/initial interviews of top 8 (more or less) candidates

November: campus interviews with top 3 (more or less) semi-finalists

December: The Provost may extend an offer to the selected candidate

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## **Applications Now Open for Buffer Strip Incentives; Daugaard Administration Rolls Out Interactive Map**

To aid prospective applicants, the Daugaard Administration has rolled out a new web map to help landowners determine which waters qualify under the new riparian buffer strip program.

The web map, developed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, allows landowners and county directors of equalization to view and download maps of eligible lakes and streams. The map can also be used to estimate buffer strip lengths and acres. The interactive map database is located at [denr.sd.gov/datagis.aspx](http://denr.sd.gov/datagis.aspx).

Under the new law, eligible riparian buffer strips are assessed at 60 percent of the land's agricultural income value. The bill specifies 575 lake listings and 11,000 miles of streams that are eligible. Only land within 120 feet of a listed lake, river or stream may be classified as a riparian buffer strip and grazing is prohibited from May 1 through Sept. 30.

Property owners with eligible riparian buffer strips have until Oct. 15 to apply for a property tax incentive. Applications must be submitted to the director of equalization in the county where the property is located. Eligible applicants will receive tax relief for their 2018 assessment for taxes payable in 2019. To obtain an application or learn more about the property tax incentive, visit [dor.sd.gov/bufferstrips.aspx](http://dor.sd.gov/bufferstrips.aspx).

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## **Nominate a 4R Advocate Today!**

TFI is now accepting nominations for the 2018 4R Advocate program to recognize farmers and retailers who are doing excellent work implementing the principles of 4R Nutrient Stewardship on the farm. Nominations are due by October 31, 2017. [Apply online today here.](#)

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## **#WeWantYou...Find out what it takes to be a leader in agriculture**



Tomorrow's Ag Leaders (TAL) is a leadership development program sponsored by the South Dakota Agri-Business Association (SDABA) and designed to improve leadership skills of South Dakota men and women working in agri-business.

**Are you interested in:**

1. Increasing your understanding and knowledge of the programs, services and representation provided by SDABA?
2. Increasing your understanding of the state and federal legislative process?
3. Increasing your understanding and awareness of the various state and federal agencies that provide oversight of the agribusiness industry in South Dakota?
4. Increasing your leadership and communication skills through professional development?
5. Becoming a voice for agriculture through involvement in political campaigns or holding of public office?

**If the answer is Yes, then we are looking for you!**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

[Click here for more information, and to download the application.](#)

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## Calendar

### AUGUST

15-17 - [Dakotafest, Mitchell](#)

31 - September 4 - [South Dakota State Fair, Huron](#)

### SEPTEMBER

7 - [SDSU Southeast Research Farm Field Day](#)

### NOVEMBER

1 - [TAL Application Deadline](#)

15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls

### DECEMBER

13-14 - [Agronomy Conference, Sioux Falls Convention Center](#)

### 2018-2019

January 18-19, 2018 - Ag Expo 2018, Sioux Falls Convention Center

January 16-17, 2019 - Ag Expo 2019, Sioux Falls Convention Center

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