

EPA and States' Collective Efforts Lead to Regulatory Action on Dicamba

WASHINGTON (OCTOBER 13, 2017) — EPA has reached an agreement with Monsanto, BASF and DuPont on measures to further minimize the potential for drift to damage neighboring crops from the use of dicamba formulations used to control weeds in genetically modified cotton and soybeans. New requirements for the use of dicamba "over the top" (application to growing plants) will allow farmers to make informed choices for seed purchases for the 2018 growing season.

"Today's actions are the result of intensive, collaborative efforts, working side by side with the states and university scientists from across the nation who have first-hand knowledge of the problem and workable solutions," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "Our collective efforts with our state partners ensure we are relying on the best, on-the-ground, information."

In a series of discussions, EPA worked cooperatively with states, land-grant universities, and the pesticide manufacturers to examine the underlying causes of recent crop damage in the farm belt and southeast. EPA carefully reviewed the available information and developed tangible changes to be implemented during the 2018 growing season. This is an example of cooperative federalism that leads to workable national-level solutions.

Manufacturers have voluntarily agreed to label changes that impose additional requirements for "over the top" use of these products next year including:

- Classifying products as "restricted use," permitting only certified applicators with special training, and those under their supervision, to apply them; dicamba-specific training for all certified applicators to reinforce proper use;
- Requiring farmers to maintain specific records regarding the use of these products to improve compliance with label restrictions;
- Limiting applications to when maximum wind speeds are below 10 mph (from 15 mph) to reduce potential spray drift;
- Reducing the times during the day when applications can occur
- Enhancing susceptible crop language and record keeping with sensitive crop registries to increase awareness of risk to especially sensitive crops nearby.

Manufacturers have agreed to a process to get the revised labels into the hands of farmers in time for the 2018 use season. EPA will monitor the success of these changes to help inform our decision

whether to allow the continued "over the top" use of dicamba beyond the 2018 growing season. When EPA registered these products, it set the registrations to expire in 2 years to allow EPA to change the registration, if necessary.

For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-dicamba-use-genetically-engineered-crops>

Registration Open for the 2017 Agronomy Conference to be Held December 13-14

Save \$50 by registering by December 1st. The annual Agronomy Conference sponsored by SDABA is scheduled for December 13-14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The conference is designed for agronomists, crop advisers, farmers, industry partners and anyone interested in learning the latest crop protection ideas and technologies in the agriculture industry. CCAs can earn 20 CEUs over the two-day conference. Information can be found on the SDABA website at www.sdaba.org

4 Ways to Register.....

- Online: www.sdaba.org
 - Phone: 605/224-2445, have your credit card information ready.
 - Fax: 605/224-9913, use the form on the brochure you be receiving in the mail.
 - Mail: SDABA, 320 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, use the form on the brochure you will be receiving in the mail.
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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.](#)

CCA Corner

February Exam Registration Open Now!

CCA Exam Registration for the International, Local Board, Manure Management, 4R Nutrient Management Specialist (4R NMS), Resistance Management Specialist (RMS), and Sustainability Specialist (SSp) certifications is open October 2 - December 8, 2017. Emails have been sent to those who need to retake an exam and marketed to certified individuals for the specialty exams. All registration, Performance Objectives, study materials, and workshops are posted on the CCA Exam page. Please promote to anyone interested in becoming certified!

2018 Renewals Ready to Pay

Renewals for 2018 are available to pay. One email was sent to pay online, and printed invoices will be sent to those who have not paid in early December. Renewals are due by January 31, 2018 or a late fee will be applied.

ICCA of the Year--Nominations Open!

Do you know a deserving CCA? Nominations are open now through November 20, and more information is found on the ICCA of the Year awards page.

South Dakota Crop Production Report

Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2017 corn production is forecast at 772 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.25 million acres, is up 2 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 147 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year.

Sorghum for grain is forecast at 14.6 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 225,000 acres, is up 13 percent from 2016. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year's record.

Soybean production is forecast at 252 million bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at a record 5.61 million acres, is 9 percent above 2016. Yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, down 4.5 bushels from last year.

All **sunflower** production is forecast at 879 million pounds, down 17 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 604,000 acres, is up 64,000 from 2016. Yield is forecast at 1,455 pounds per acre, down 503 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 79,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 525,000 acres.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

1 - [TAL Application Deadline](#)

15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls

DECEMBER

5-6 - Ag Horizons Conference, Pierre, SD <http://sdwheat.org/ag-horizons/>

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

2018

January 9 - 93rd South Dakota Legislature Opens www.sdlegislature.gov

January 18-19, 2018 - Ag Expo 2018, Sioux Falls Convention Center www.agexpo-sd.org

March 9 - Last day of the main run of the 2018 Legislative Session

March 26 VETO Day for the 2018 Legislative Session www.sdlegislature.gov

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