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2018 Dicamba Ag Herbicide Use in Indiana

Effective November 4, 2017 the Indiana Pesticide Review Board classified all pesticide products containing at least 6.5% dicamba, and having agricultural use labels, as Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in Indiana. These products include previously over-the-counter herbicides that were sold to unlicensed applicators and farmers in years past.

1. Who can purchase and apply dicamba agricultural herbicides in 2018?

All dicamba products, as described above, may now be purchased and used **only** by commercial applicators licensed in Category 1 (agricultural pest management) or permitted private applicators (farmers/growers). Certification details available at http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/how_do_i_ca.html and http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/private_applicators.html.

2. What must I do differently in 2018 when I apply these products?

As with all pesticides, you must read and follow all label directions, including product-specific use directions on websites cited on the product label. In addition, you must now keep RUP application records for at least two years from the date of application.

3. Are there more requirements if I want to use the new dicamba products?

Yes, if you want to use Engenia (BASF), XtendiMax (Monsanto), or FeXapan (DuPont), there are additional requirements for 2018. Among other new label restrictions, prior to applying any of these three products, every applicator **must** complete state-required dicamba training. This training requirement applies to every commercial applicator, registered technician, private applicator or non-certified applicator working under the private applicator's supervision who makes applications to soybeans or to any other crops listed on these product labels.

4. Do I need to complete training before I purchase these products?

Individuals who are already certified applicators (both private and commercial) do not need to complete training to purchase the products, but the training must be completed before making any applications.

5. What type of dicamba training will be accepted in Indiana?

Only Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) approved dicamba training will be accepted. Although the registrants of the three products have produced their own training materials, only the approved Indiana materials will meet the training requirements.

6. Where and when will the trainings be held?

Starting January 1, 2018 all training will be run through the existing CCH program for commercial applicators and PARP program for private applicators. Every 2018 PARP will include the dicamba training. Likewise, many Category 1 CCH trainings will include

the required dicamba training. CCH training events will be posted as PROGRAM NAME/MANDATORY DICAMBA TRAINING. Schedules for approved PARP trainings will be available at <https://ppp.purdue.edu/private-applicators/recertification-parp/parp-events/>. Schedules for approved CCH trainings will be available at <https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/oiscweb/#!/publicrecords/pesticide/conferences>.

7. Who can provide training?

Only OISC-approved trainers, including Purdue Cooperative Extension Service (CES), OISC staff, and select industry cooperators will be allowed to present the hour-long classroom training through traditional pesticide training venues.

8. What does the training cover?

The training will cover the legal application requirements for these products, including recordkeeping requirements, weed management practices, buffer requirements, protection of susceptible crops, chemistry, mixing, handling, window of application, equipment preparation, resistance management, and associated application challenges and risks. The objective of the training is to prepare the applicator for the regulatory and practical rigors of applying these products safely and effectively, so as to maintain the availability of this weed control option in the future.

9. Will I receive a certificate after completing the training?

No certificate or special pesticide license designation will be issued. However, the training instructor and OISC will maintain a roster of those attending the required training and will collect the applicator's name, address and license number. Attendees must keep a record with the training date, location, and who provided the training they attended, as part of the mandatory label-required recordkeeping for use of these products.

10. Is the training one-time or do I need training every year?

If these products continue to be registered for use after 2018, training may be an annual requirement. USEPA will have to approve the continued use of these products after December 2018, and the training requirement may be revisited at that time. For now, you must complete training prior to using these products in Indiana in 2018.

11. Will my out-of-state registrant training allow me to apply dicamba in Indiana?

No. You must attend the mandatory OISC-approved dicamba training, prior to applying any of the three products in Indiana.

Additional details on dicamba use <http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/pesticide/dicamba.html>.