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Dicamba Mandatory Training

Dicamba tolerant cotton and soybean growers need to be aware of new label changes to dicamba products approved in those crops. Revised labels for XtendiMax®, Fexapan®, and Engenia® herbicides were approved and released by the EPA and the corresponding companies, Monsanto, DuPont and BASF, respectively. These changes only apply to the above products and not to other dicamba products.

Notable revisions include the addition of new restrictions as well as clarifications to previous label language. New restrictions include the following:

1. Classification of these products as federally Restricted Use.
2. Required record keeping of all applications for 2 years.
3. Annual mandatory auxin-specific training for every person that will be applying the product to any labeled crop (dicamba tolerant or not).

The Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the auxin-specific herbicide training for applicators that will be provided through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Allied Industry. This training aims to educate applicators on the requirements and practices for keeping these dicamba based products on-target and will satisfy the newly mandated auxin-specific training requirement.

Auxin training resources can be found under the CEA Resources page on the AES website. State Weed Specialist Dr. Scott Nolte delivered a Webex presentation for CEAs that can be accessed along with additional resources.

<https://agrilife.org/aes/auxin-training/>

CEU Rosters

Since 2013 TDA no longer accepts paper rosters from CEU activities. All CEU rosters must be submitted using the PA-411E (excel spreadsheet) and submitted electronically to TDA within 14 days of the activity. The PA-411E is updated regularly and a new roster should be downloaded **before each CEU activity**. Extension personnel who submit the incorrect paper rosters will have their rosters returned for correction and resubmission. Those who continue submitting the wrong electronic rosters may have their 3 CEU privilege revoked.

WPS and Certification and Recertification Changes

The EPA expects to publish Notices of Proposed Rulemaking in FY 2018 to solicit input on revisions to the changes to WPS and Certification and Recertification. Currently, the 1992 (revised 1996) Worker Protection Standard is in effect.

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