

Training required for application of dicamba herbicides

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As we embark on the 2018 growing season, producers should be aware that dicamba herbicides Engenia, FeXapan, and XtendiMax have been reclassified as Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs). In order to purchase and apply these herbicides, you must be certified as a private or 1A (Agriculture Plant) commercial pesticide applicator. In addition, anyone planning to apply these herbicides this coming season will be required to attend dicamba or auxin specific applicator training. In Kansas, these trainings will be sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, as well as industry representatives from BASF, Dow/Dupont, and Monsanto. It will be the responsibility of the applicators to obtain this training before the application of these herbicides.

The purpose of these trainings is to cover the label changes and application requirements in detail and provide information on what you, as an applicator, need to do to meet these requirements.

The dates and locations for K-State Research and Extension sponsored trainings will be posted on the KSU-IPM website at the following address:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/private-applicator.html>

Sedgewick County Extension will host a training meeting on March 5th. I will provide details for this meeting when they are available.

Private applicator certification

A private pesticide applicator certification may only be used to apply or supervise the application of a restricted use pesticide product according to label directions for the purpose of: Producing an agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the private certified applicator or such person's employer; or if applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on property owned or rented by another producer of an agricultural commodity.

Private certification may be obtained by passing an open book examination at a county extension office. Contact our office in advance to ensure we will be open and allow 2-3 hours to complete the examination. The county extension office will collect the \$25 fee and mail the completed examination to KDA for grading and issuing the certification card. Private applicator certification expires on the individual's birthday in the 5th calendar year after it is issued.

Private Pesticide Applicator Manual

The private applicator study manual (Publication MF-531) is available Kansas State University by calling (785) 532-5830 or by ordering at the KSU Research and Extension Bookstore. Our county extension office does have manuals available to purchase for \$.

Renewal applications are mailed to the applicator's home address. Please inform KDA of any address changes to make sure you receive your renewal material.