

Dicamba Training Update

BASF and Monsanto have announced dates for Dicamba Training. SDABA will post additional dates on <http://www.sdaba.org/dicamba-training> as they become available. The South Dakota Department of Ag (SDDA) has also updated their Dicamba/2,4-D Tolerant Crop Information webpage at <https://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/dicamba/default.aspx>.

To attend training and receive the Dicamba Training endorsement on your applicator license you will be required to pass a short test after the training session. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR APPLICATOR LICENSE NUMBER!**

SDDA Announces Rules Hearing for Straight Dicamba Products and Aerial Applicator Category

A public hearing is scheduled to consider proposed rule changes for 12:56:04:15, 12:56:05:04.17, 12:56:05:04.18 and 12:56:11:02, as follows:

- All pesticide products containing only straight Dicamba active ingredient for agricultural use will be Restricted Use Pesticide in the State of South Dakota.
- All aerial applicators in the State of South Dakota to acquire aerial applicator certification; the certification in other states through reciprocity; aerial category will complete the federal requirement for each state to have an aerial category for commercial applicators.

The hearing will be held at the Department of Agriculture Conference Room, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 on February 9th at 1:30 PM CDT.

Comments about the proposed rules will be taken at this hearing. The next step is a hearing before the Interim Rules Committee in Mid-March and if approved, the new rules will go into effect 20 days after they are filed with the Secretary of State.

2018 Annual Meeting Announcement

The South Dakota Agri-Business Association will hold the 2018 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 as part of AG EXPO 2018. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM in Meeting Rooms 8-10 of the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

The agenda includes an update from Bjorn Nelson, President of the SDABA Board of Directors; election for two Industry members to the Board of Directors; approval of 2018 Policy Positions; Association and Legislative updates from Kathy Zander, Executive Director; and the announcement of the winner of the Exhibitor Booth Decorating Contest. PLUS, all attendees will have a chance to win ONE OF FIVE VISA GIFT CARDS!

Ag Expo: One Week Away!

NO WORRIES if you have not pre-registered - register at the door for \$50!

The Trade Show is full and the schedule is set for an amazing TWO days – January 17-18 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center! Highlights include:

- Screening of the movie FOOD EVOLUTION
- National associations will address Half Time in the 115th Congress – Looking back at 2017, Previewing 2018 and how YOU can play a role in advocacy.
- Nationally known speaker, Michele Payn will present Celebrate the People, Promise and Passion of Agriculture.
- NEW – Dicamba Training Session
- Plus plenty of hospitality and opportunity to network and have fun with your colleagues in the industry.

Calendar

JANUARY

16 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls
17 & 18 - [Ag Expo 2018](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center
24 & 25 - 2018 TAL Class Session One, Pierre

MARCH

9 - Last day of the main run of the [2018 Legislative Session](#)
26 - VETO Day for the [2018 Legislative Session](#)

JULY

22 thru 26 - 2018 TAL Class Session Two, Washington DC

2019

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

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