

Registration still OPEN for the 2018 Agronomy Conference:

The 17th Annual Agronomy Conference is scheduled for December 13-14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. You won't want to miss the great line up of speakers and topics, including the following:

- Disruptive Weather: Consistency in Chaos, Eric Snodgrass, UNL
- SCN Resistance, Seth Naeve, UMN
- Pesticide Equipment: Maintain, Apply, and Prevent, Fred Whitford, Purdue
- Nitrogen Fertilizer Rate in Corn: Factors to Consider, Jason Clark, SDSU
- 2019 Dicamba Update, Dennis Rasmusson, Bayer
- PLUS, 15 more topics!

4 Ways to Register.....

- Online: www.sdaba.org
- Phone: 605/224-2445, have your credit card information ready.

EPA's Recently Announced Changes to Dicamba Label 2019:

Among the changes is a new definition of who is legally allowed to handle dicamba. Under federal law, only LICENSED APPLICATORS can handle or apply dicamba. The applicator requirement on the dicamba labels means that the person doing the application must be certified by the State of South Dakota as a licensed Commercial Applicator or Private Applicator. Non-certified personnel, may NOT perform any activities with dicamba products, including mixing or loading.

Further state-specific guidelines are coming from the South Dakota Department Agriculture (SDDA). The South Dakota label will read: *CUTOFF DATE: DO NOT apply this product in dicamba tolerant soybeans after either June 30, 45 days after planting, or R1 (beginning bloom), whichever comes first.* SDDA is requesting a 24C for the cutoff date since 40% of the 2018 dicamba drift investigations had application dates after July 1st. In addition, a short exam will be required as part of the annual Dicamba training.

Please help spread the word. Many applicators incorrectly believe that last year's dicamba training suffices for this year and IT DOES NOT. The labels require applicators to attend annual training. The dicamba registrants also plan to have on-line training available at some point, but the classroom training enables interaction and Q & A on the new label requirements.

Information about Dicamba products and labels can be found on the SDDA website at <https://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/dicamba/default.aspx> and the [EPA's Frequently Asked Questions here](#).

SDABA will continue to monitor label requirement and will provide updates as they become available.

Ag Expo 2019 Registration is OPEN!

Watch your mail for Ag Expo registration information – SURVIVING THE JUNGLE! The Trade Show is filling up and the schedule is set for an amazing TWO days – January 16-17 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center! Watch your mail for registration details or visit www.agexpo-sd.org for additional information.

Nine Days Left to Register for 2019 CCA Exam:

Registration for the February 1, 2019 CCA exam closes next Friday, December 14, 2018. Please distribute widely to anyone interested in becoming CCA certified. Find Performance Objectives, registration, and other materials on the [CCA Exam website](#).

2019 South Dakota COMMERCIAL Recertification Class List

The dates, locations and registration information can be found online at <https://apps.sd.gov/doa/ecat3/index.htm>. The classes fill up quickly, so register soon!

January 15 Yankton G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 17 Sioux Falls (Expo) G, 1A, 1B, 1C
January 18 Mitchell G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 23 Watertown G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 24 Brookings G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 29 Aberdeen G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 30 Sioux Falls G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
January 31 Pierre G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
February 5 Rapid City G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7
February 7 Huron G, 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 5, 7

South Dakota House and Senate Announce Leadership Positions:

The following members were elected to majority leadership positions in the Senate:

- Majority Leader: Sen. Kris Langer
- Assistant Majority Leader: Sen. Jim Bolin
- Majority Whips: Sen. Bob Ewing, Majority Whip: Sen. Joshua Klumb, Sen. Al Novstrup, Sen. Jordan Youngberg

- Sen. Brock Greenfield will be the GOP nominee for the position of President Pro Tempore, which will be voted on by the full Senate when they organize on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

These Senators were elected to minority leadership positions in their chamber:

- Minority Leader: Sen. Troy Heinert
- Assistant Minority Leader: Sen. Craig Kennedy
- Minority Whip: Sen. Reynold F. Nesiba

House Republicans nominated Rep. Steven G. Haugaard for Speaker of the House and Rep. Spencer Gosch for Speaker Pro Tempore.

- Majority Leader: Rep. Lee Qualm
- Assistant Majority Leader: Rep. Arch Beal
- Majority Whips: Mike Dedrich, Tim Goodwin, Jon Hansen, Kevin Jensen and Chris

The following members were elected to minority leadership positions in the House of Representatives:

- Minority Leader: Rep. Jamie Smith
- Assistant Minority Leader: Rep. Steven D. McCleerey
- Minority Whip: Rep. Oren Lesmeister, Rep. Erin Healy

Calendar

DECEMBER

6 - NREC Meeting, Brookings www.sdnrec.org
12 thru 13 - [Agronomy Conference](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center
24 - 25 SDABA Office Closed for Christmas

2019

JANUARY

8 - 2019 SD Legislative Session Opens, Pierre <http://sdlegislature.gov/>
15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls
16-17 - [Ag Expo 2019](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center

MARCH

13 - Last day of the main run of the 2019 SD Legislative Session
29 - VETO day for the 2019 SD Legislative Session

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