



ALL PRODUCERS AND APPLICATORS WHO PLAN TO APPLY XTENDIMAX, FEXAPAN, AND ENGENIA IN XTENDFLEX COTTON IN 2018 WILL NEED EPA MANDATED CERTIFICATION.

Recently, EPA reached an agreement with Monsanto, BASF, and DuPont concerning dicamba drift minimization of recently labeled dicamba products to nearby crops. Due to these recent EPA label changes for dicamba products labeled for use in XtendFlex cotton, mandatory trainings are being required for all applicators. These trainings are required for all applicators who apply XtendiMax, FeXapan and Engenia herbicides in dicamba tolerant cotton and soybeans in 2018.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) is working with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service to meet these new EPA training requirements. A reciprocal agreement has been reached with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), so trainings certified by ODAFF will also be honored in Texas by TDA.

In response to this need, dicamba product training will be provided at multiple locations across the state of Oklahoma over the next few months, in anticipation of allowing all applicators to obtain the EPA required certification prior to use in 2018.

The following producer meetings will include dicamba certification training which meets EPA requirements for 2018. No fees are associated with these trainings. Currently, trainings will be offered at the following upcoming Extension meetings:

January 17th – Altus, OK. Training begins at 4:30 p.m. Site to be determined. This training will commence approximately one hour after the conclusion of the Red River Crops Conference (Cotton Day). For more information contact Gary Strickland, Jackson County Extension Educator, at 580-482-0823.

February 9th – Location and site to be determined. This training will commence at the end of a scheduled cotton production meeting, and will occur about 11:00 a.m. at the designated site. For more information contact Brad Babek, Washita County Extension Educator, at 580-832-3356.

February 13th – Enid, OK. This training conducted on the same day as a scheduled summer crops meeting. For more information contact Rick Nelson, Garfield County Extension Educator, at 580-237-1228.