

More Dicamba training required in 2018

Dicamba training begins Jan. 25

Tobacco and other crops are sensitive to dicamba and 2,4-D, so it is important to use best management practices when applying them. Last year, applicators were required to attend training for use of auxin products. The training is specifically designed to help farmers and pesticide applicators understand how to apply these new formulations safely to avoid damaging other crops.

Due to label revisions for Engenia, XtendiMax and Fexapan , training will also be mandatory for the 2018 season.

Training has been expanded this year to include certified and non-certified applicators. This year most auxin products will be restricted-use pesticides, which means that certified operators and non-certified applicators who apply auxin products under another applicator's license will have to be trained.

The Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division, in conjunction with N.C. State University, has scheduled 31 training across the state from Jan. 25 through March 12. The training will review how to reduce incidents of herbicide drift by properly setting up your sprayer with the correct nozzles and operating pressure and thoroughly cleaning out your equipment. The protection of sensitive areas and susceptible crops are also discussed.

Even if you attended training in 2017, you must also attend this year. All applicators and pesticide dealers who attend the training will receive 1.5 hours in the categories of N,O,D,X.

Attendees will receive a pocket card (certificate) of completion. It can be used to show to dealers at product purchase and to inspectors during inspections. Other changes for this year include Engenia, XtendiMax and Fexapan now being classified as restricted-use pesticides and require extensive record keeping for each field within 72 hours. The records must also be maintained for two years.

Please see a training schedule below. Contact the Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division, 919-733-3556.

#	Date	Time	Day	County	Specific Location	Presenter
1	Jan 25	9:30 AM	Thur.	Beaufort	Granny Branch Farms, 27880 NC Hwy 33 East, Aurora	Gurganus
2	Jan 31	12:30 PM	Wed.	Wake	Southern Farm Show, Holshouser Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh	York
3	Feb 1	10:30 AM	Thurs.	Hyde	Ponzer Community Bldg., 39111 US 264, Belhaven	York
4	Feb 2	10 AM	Fri.	Pasquotank	Extension Center, 1209 McPherson Street, Elizabeth City	York
5	Feb 2	1 PM	Fri.	Bertie	Bertie County Senior Center, 103 W. School St., Windsor	York
6	Feb 5	10 AM	Mon.	Northampton	Northampton Cultural Center, 9536 NC 305, Jackson	York
7	Feb 5	2 PM	Mon.	Halifax	Extension Center, 359 Ferrell Lane, Halifax	York
8	Feb 6	9 AM	Tues.	Martin	Farmers Market, 4001 W. Main St. Ext., Williamston	York
9	Feb 6	2 PM	Tues.	Wilson	Extension Center, 1806 SW Goldsboro Street, Wilson	York
10	Feb 7	10 AM	Wed.	Edgecombe	East Carolina Ag and Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount	Jordan
11	Feb 7	4 PM	Wed.	Chowan	Leon Nixon's Restaurant, 749 Virginia Road, Edenton	York
12	Feb 8	9 AM	Thurs.	Pitt	Extension Center, 403 Government Circle, Greenville	York
13	Feb 9	10 AM	Fri.	Randolph	Extension office; 1003 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro	York
14	Feb 12	8 AM	Mon.	Sampson	Sampson County Agri-Expo Center, 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton	York
15	Feb 15	1:30 PM	Thurs.	Stanly	Extension Center, 26032 East Newt Road, Albemarle	York
16	Feb 19	2 PM	Mon.	Yadkin	Extension Center, 2051 Agricultural Way, Yadkinville	York
17	Feb 20	10 AM	Tues.	Cleveland	Extension Center, 130 S. Post Road, Shelby	York
18	Feb 20	2:30 PM	Tues.	Richmond	Ext office, 123 Caroline Street, Rockingham	York
19	Feb 21	9 AM	Wed.	Union	Extension Center, 3230-D Presson Road, Monroe	York
20	Feb 22	10 AM	Thurs.	Caswell	Caswell County Civic Center, 536 Main Street East, Yanceyville	York
21	Feb 22	2 PM	Thurs.	Granville	Granville County Expo Center, 4185 US Hwy 15 South, Oxford	York
22	Mar 2	9 AM	Fri.	Rowan	Extension Center, 2727 Old Concord Road, Salisbury	York
23	Mar 2	2 PM	Fri.	Iredell	Extension Center, 444 Bristol Drive, Statesville	York
24	Mar 6	10 AM	Tues.	Wayne	Maxwell Regional Agric. And Convention Center, 3114 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro	York
25	Mar 6	2 PM	Tues.	Harnett	Commons Bldg, 309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd. Lillington	York
26	Mar 6	6 PM	Tues.	Johnston	Extension Center, 2736 NC Hwy 210, Smithfield	York
27	Mar 7	10 AM	Wed.	Bladen	Extension Center, 450 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown	York
28	Mar 7	2 PM	Wed.	Robeson	Southeastern NC Ag Events Center, 1027 US Highway 74 East, Lumberton	York
29	Mar 8	10 AM	Thurs.	Jones	Jones County Civic Center, 418 Hwy 58 N, Trenton	Jordan
30	Mar 12	9 AM	Mon.	Columbus	Southeastern Community College, 4564 Chadbourn Hwy, Whiteville	Jordan
31	Feb 12	3 PM	Mon.	Cherokee	Center for Applied Technology, 2415 Airport Road, Marble	York