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## Arkansas Dicamba Task Force To Hold Second Meeting on August 24

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Dicamba Task Force will hold a second meeting on August 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain. This meeting will be open to the public, and will be facilitated by the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.

On June 30, Governor Hutchinson directed Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward and Plant Board Director Terry Walker to convene a task force to review dicamba technology, investigate current problems with its use and application, and make long term recommendations for the future.

The first meeting of the task force was held on August 17. Task force members participated in small group discussions, group exercises, and received a presentation of research conducted by University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture weed scientists. The second meeting is intended to provide the task force with the information they requested on August 17, and allow them to complete their examination of the issues around the use of dicamba products in Arkansas.

The task force will attempt to reach consensus on a set of recommendations for the use of dicamba products in Arkansas as quickly as possible in order to provide certainty for the 2018 growing season. Upon conclusion of the task force, findings will be provided to Governor Hutchinson, the Arkansas Agriculture Department, and the State Plant Board.

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