

Dear Arkansas farmer,

As harvest draws near, we wanted to make you aware of a new program that will ultimately help prevent additional red tape for Arkansas agriculture.

As you know, field burning is a valuable practice farmers often depend on to make next year's crop. In order to educate the general public on the environmental and economic benefits of burning, a group of agriculture stakeholders recently developed a set of Voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines. These guidelines were developed with input from Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Agricultural Council of Arkansas, Arkansas Soybean Association, Arkansas Rice Federation, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Arkansas Department of Agriculture and Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Adoption is extremely simple and just requires you call the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Dispatch Center at 1.800.830.8015 before you burn. We encourage you to save that number in your phone now.

Additionally, we need your help educating your farming neighbors on the importance of adopting these voluntary smoke management guidelines. [By clicking the link here](#), you can find a complete toolkit including:

- Voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines
- Canned posts to send directly to other farmers or share via social media
- Farmer Testimonial Audio and Videos

You can also [complete the form here](#) or text ARRICE to 66866 to stay up-to-date on other industry developments.

In order to avoid future regulation and continue the responsible stewardship of our natural resources, it is vital that we adopt this voluntary process this year. Taking these proactive measures today will help us ensure a quality air shed for our families and communities for generations to come.

Thank you for all you do for Arkansas agriculture.