

Dicamba Petition 1

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Environmental advocates in Arkansas have started a petition urging Gov. Asa Hutchinson not to approve new rules extending the use of a controversial herbicide. Audubon Arkansas, a wildlife conservation group, released the petition today (Wed) asking the governor to not approve a proposed rule that would allow dicamba to be sprayed on crops until May 21st. Audubon Arkansas Bird Conservation Director Dan Scheiman (SHY-min) says he doesn't support an outright ban on the herbicide, which has drawn thousands of complaints of crop damage over the past few years.

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“...neighbors' use of dicamba.”

Dicamba is sprayed on genetically-modified cotton and soybean crops to ward off an invasive weed known as pigweed. Farmers originally petitioned the state plant board to allow spraying until June 15th, but the May 21st date was reached as a compromise between the farmers' chosen date and the existing April 15th cutoff. The proposal will go to a public comment period if Gov. Hutchinson approves the new cutoff date.

Dicamba Petition 2

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1/2/19(WedPM/ThursAM)

An Arkansas wildlife conservation group is circulating a petition urging Gov. Asa Hutchinson to deny a proposed expansion of the use of dicamba. Audubon Arkansas today (Wed) announced the petition, which asks for Hutchinson to keep the existing ban from April 15th to October 31st in effect. A proposal to extend dicamba spraying until May 21st is currently under consideration. Audubon Arkansas Bird Conservation Director Dan Scheiman says that could have adverse effects on wildlife.

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“...all throughout the Delta.”

The state Plant Board approved the new cutoff date following a petition from farmers seeking a later cutoff of June 15th. The proposal goes to a public comment period following Hutchinson's approval.