

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Training and Certification for Dicamba (as of Dec 2018)

Q. Where can I read about the new certification and training requirements for the new dicamba labels?

A. See EPA's announcement for a high-level overview: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-changes-dicamba-registration>. For more details, read USEPA's Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/dicamba-training-requirements-frequently-asked-questions>.

Q. Who can apply the dicamba products approved for over-the-top use on soybeans?

A. Certified Applicators (Private or Commercial). Licensed Operators can no longer apply dicamba without additional certification. Operators must obtain the appropriate applicators license for the work they plan to do.

Q. Who else needs to be certified to use the products?

A. Those responsible for mixing, loading, application of the products, or responsible for cleaning equipment also need to be Certified Applicators. Those responsible only for transporting the products do not need to be certified applicators.

Q. How do you define an Operator?

A. Operators are defined by the Illinois Pesticide Act (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1596&ChapterID=36>) "Licensed Operator" means a person employed to apply pesticides to the lands of others under the direction of a "licensed commercial applicator" or a "licensed commercial not-for-hire applicator".

Q. If I'm an operator, how do I become a certified commercial applicator?

A. Commercial applicators must take and pass an appropriate "category" exam, in addition to the General Standards exam that Operators take. For applications on soybeans, commercial applicators must take and pass the Field Crop exam (Clinics are available to help you prepare). You must then submit and pay for a commercial license. See more information here: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/psep/licensing/applicators.php>.

Q. What if I'm a licensed as a Private Applicator?

A. You have an appropriate license to apply dicamba in 2019, pending completion of dicamba-specific training. Private applicators may only apply pesticides to their own land, or land they control. They may apply pesticides to other property if done "without compensation other than the trading of personal services between no more than 2 producers of agricultural commodities". Private applicators are defined in the Illinois Pesticide Act (see link above).

Q. Where can I see the schedule of certification clinics?

A. Commercial clinics can be found here: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/psep/training/commercial/clinics.php>
Private applicator clinics can be found here: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/psep/training/private/info.php>

Q. Do I have to participate in dicamba-specific training this winter?

A. Yes! Dicamba-specific trainings are now required annually in order to use these products. You must participate in a dicamba-specific training this winter before you purchase and use the product in 2019. More details will be available about these training opportunities after the start of the new year.

Product labels (also found on the IFB Leaders Portal):

Engenia: https://www.engeniastewardship.com/documents/2019_Engenia_Herbicide_Label.pdf

XtendiMax: http://www.xtendimaxapplicationrequirements.com/Documents/2_35008S2-40%20XtendiMax%20VaporGrip%20Tech%20DFU%20Label.pdf

FeXapan: http://www.dupont.com/content/dam/dupont/products-and-services/crop-protection/documents/en_us/D02-600-001-DuPont-FeXapan-Herbicide-Specimen-Label.pdf

This FAQ doesn't cover every aspect of certification and training. Please read the labels for additional information. For questions, you can contact Lyndsey Ramsey at 309-557-3279 or lr Ramsey@ifb.org.