

PREPARING FOR THE FIELD CROPS EXAM

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Enforcement Determination – Penalty Matrix

- Points assessed based on ***Use and Violation Criteria:***
 - ***Harm or Loss Incurred*** – (1 to 6 points)
 - ***Signal Word of Product Involved*** - (1 to 4 points)
 - Caution(1), Warning(2), Danger(4)Points assessed based on ***Use and Violation Criteria:***
 - ***Degree of Responsibility*** - (2 to 10 points)
 - Accidental(2), Negligence(4), Knowingly(10)
 - ***Violator's History for the previous three years*** - (2 to 7 points)
 - ***Violation Type (application vs. product oriented)*** – (1 to 6 points)

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- Penalty based on assessed points:
 - **6 or less** - *advisory letter*
 - **7 to 13** - *warning letter*
 - **14 to 16** - **\$750**
 - **17 to 19** - **\$1,000**
 - **20 to 21** - **\$2,500**
 - **22 to 25** - **\$5,000**
 - **26 to 29** - **\$7,500**
 - **30 and above- \$10,000**
- **Formal Notice of Fine** and possible administrative hearing for monetary penalties


Illinois Pesticide Act

- **The Applicator is always 100% Responsible for Off Target Movement**
- **IDA Will Issue Violations Even if the Affected Field Does Not Incur Yield Loss**
- **Violations, Even Warning Letters, Stay on Record for 3 Years from the Date of Violation. Eventually applicator can have license suspended for excessive points.**

Why?

- New dicamba label
- Only certified applicators may apply dicamba over the top (those working under the supervision of a certified applicator may no longer make applications)
- Prohibit over-the-top application of dicamba on soybeans 45 days after planting

Other Changes


- Applications will be allowed only from 1 hour after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset
- There will be a **new 57-foot buffer** around all other sides of the field to protect sensitive areas in counties having “Endangered Species” 
- Dicamba-specific training will **AGAIN** be required
- Review again in 2019 for 2020

Other Changes

- **Residential areas** added to DO NOT SPRAY requirement when wind is blowing in the direction of neighboring sensitive crops or residential areas.

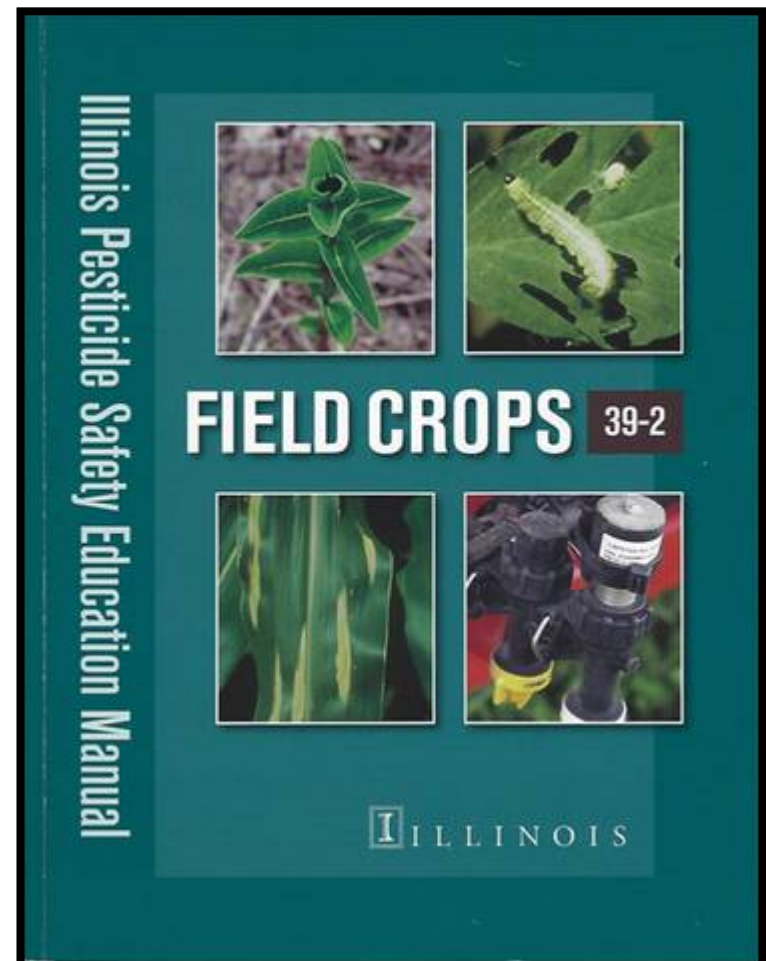
*A **residential area** is a land use in which **housing** predominates, as opposed to industrial and commercial **areas**. **Housing** may vary significantly between, and through, **residential areas**. These include single-family **housing**, multi-family **residential**, or mobile homes.*

Suggestions

- Will become an expectation. Need to have all applicators upgrade to “Applicator License”
- Application equipment will need to be calibrated prior to each application season. 
- Entering information into controllers is essential as we move into a new era. (Planting date for all dicamba applications)
- Questions?

What to Study

- Chapter 1: Integrated Pest Management
- Chapter 2: Insects
- Chapter 3: Weeds
- Chapter 4: Diseases
- Chapter 5: Application Equipment



What to Study

- Answer questions in workbook
- Listen to GMK Webinars
- Take quizzes
- Exams offered in Springfield every Tues/Thurs by appt.

