

AGENDA

Public Hearings
and
407th State Plant Board Special Called Board Meeting

State Plant Board Offices
#1 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

November 21, 2016
1:30 pm

I. Public Hearings

1. **Public Hearing** to consider changes to the regulations in Plant Board Circular 15, Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas.

The hearing will be to consider allowing Foundation Seed to be sold in new, flexible mini-bulk (superbag) containers with a limit on the lot size of 1500 bushels per lot. Currently, Foundation Seed must be sold in traditional size bags (generally holding approximately 50 or 60 pounds of seed). Many Foundation Seed growers would prefer to get their seed in the larger containers since most now have the equipment for using the superbag containers and this would make it easier for them to handle & plant this seed. Also, some housekeeping changes are proposed: where the words “grade”, “grades” or “graded” is used, substituting the words “class”, “classes” or “assigned a class”. The word “class” has been preferred for some time now because “grade” is in conflict with the USDA term “grade” used for grain.

2. **Public Hearing**. to consider changes to the Arkansas Regulations on Pesticide Classification and Use.

The hearing will be to consider changes to regulations for Dow Agro Sciences’ Enlist Duo; Monsanto’s M1691, Roundup Xtend with VaporGrip, and XtendiMax with VaporGrip; BASF’s Engenia; and all pesticides containing dicamba.

3. **Public Hearing** to consider changes to the Arkansas Pesticide Control Regulations.

The hearing will be to consider changes to the Arkansas Pesticide Control Regulations. The proposed regulations would allow the Plant Board to request additional information about a pesticide before it is registered for use in the State of Arkansas.

II. State Plant Board Special Called Board Meeting

1. **Opening Comments and Introductions.**
2. **Action as a Result of Public Hearing** on proposed changes to the regulations in Plant Board Circular 15, Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas.
3. **Action as a Result of Public Hearing** to consider changes to the Arkansas Regulations on Pesticide Classification and Use.
4. **Action as a Result of Public Hearing** to consider changes to the Arkansas Pesticide Control Regulations.
5. **Other Business.** Chairman Howe may wish to cover other business.