



# ACPA Newsletter

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## Arkansas Crop Protection Association Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

The annual meeting of the Arkansas Crop Protection Association will be at the Arkansas Crop Management Conference starting at 5pm on January 21, 2020. The nominations committee has nominated the following individuals for officers: President—Jarod Hardke, President Elect—Craig Shelton, Vice Presi-

dent—Nick Bateman, Secretary—Jeremy Ross, Treasurer—Jason Kelley, Agri-Business Director—Jarett Chapman (if Craig Shelton is elected to President Elect) and Industry Director—Jared Fannon. These individuals have accepted the nominations but nominations will be accepted from the floor from ACPA mem-

bers. ACPA will be discussing continuation of scholarships. The Ruel Nester scholarship was recently updated to bring the base amount to support a scholarship at ASU. Other scholarship ideas will be discussed and, hopefully, we can continue funding endowed scholarships.

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## 2020 Scholarship Auction at ACMC on January 22 at 5PM

By: Leslie Rogers, Agbitech

As the 2020 ACMC approaches, it is time to begin lining up auction items for the Social Hour on Wednesday, January 22, after the last session of the day. Funds raised from the silent and live auctions are used to support students pursuing degrees with Agricultural focus across the state. The generation of more scholarship funds can result in increased amounts in current scholarships or an increase in the number of scholarships awarded.

**Our current goal for the**

**2020 year is \$4,000!** We need your help in soliciting items to be placed in the silent auction and live auction. Past items have included guns, hunting gear, sports tickets, home decorations, jackets, etc. This year we are also looking to have a large package to be raffled off. This could include a trip with lodging associated to it, sporting event tickets, air travel, etc. This could be contributed by multiple organizations and packaged together. Please begin aligning your silent and live auction items for

the ACMC. Please contact Jared Fannon at (870)-267-8233 or Leslie Rogers at (870)-543-9682 with potential items at your earliest convenience. Please have items supplied by Wednesday, January 22, at 1 p.m. to Jared or Leslie in the ACMC Registration Room. We look forward to your assistance of this great event and your continued support of our collegiate students.

See you at the Wyndham in North Little Rock!

## Arkansas State Plant Board Update From December 30

By: Brad Koen, ACPA Plant Board Representative

The Arkansas State Plant Board met Monday, December 30, to discuss the lawsuit that was filed by Monsanto against the Board. Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza declared that the makeup of the Board is unconstitutional due to the fact that the governor does not appoint 9 of the Board positions. Those positions are appointed by organizations like ours. For a short-term fix, the Board decided to ask the Attorney General's office to file an appeal and ask

for a stay. Judge Piazza's comments after the case lead me to believe that this process should work in our favor: Piazza said he was inclined to stay his ruling while, or if, the case is appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court because the Plant Board has other responsibilities beyond devising and enforcing pesticide and herbicide use regulations. With that said, I think we need to take a hard look at our process and be proactive in avoiding this from happening in the fu-

ture. Judge Piazza's finding opens the door for problems down the road. I know that most of you believe that the integrity of this Board is protected by the fact that it is not a solely appointed Board by the Governor. I have no issues with our current Governor, but we do not know what the future brings in that role. The wrong person in the Governor's seat could be highly detrimental to our industry. I will keep you posted as I get new information.

### Items to Remember:

- Arkansas Crop Management Conference is January 21-23, 2020. Preregister by January 10 and save: [acpanews.com](http://acpanews.com).
- Reserve hotel rooms now for the Arkansas Crop Management Conference at the Wyndham. Call 501-371-9000 or go to [acpanews.com](http://acpanews.com).
- Obituary note: Dr. Gary Thompson, entomologist retired from Dow, passed December 30. Gary graduated from the University of Arkansas. Visitation is January 6, 10-11:00 AM, Harrison, AR. Service following at 11:00 AM. Roller-Christeson Funeral Home.

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people that were given the opportunity to make comments for and against the dicamba rule. The February meeting lasted all day and included some very tense moments. We only had about 1/3 of the people attend this past Wednesday, and the meeting was over at lunch. About 1/2 of the comments came from home owners or from organizations like the Audubon Society who were concerned about horticulture plants and gardens. Most of these were actually against all pesticides and made it clear in their comments. This is scary as I expect our industry to continue to get challenges. Most of the comments that were for dicamba were actually against the new rules as well. While most who spoke would like to follow the federal label, they are satisfied with meeting in the middle with a cutoff date. However, there was a great deal of opposition for the new record keeping requirements. First of all, many of our growers do not have the equipment to provide spray swath GPS maps. Many felt that this would create an unfair disadvantage for the smaller growers. There was also great concern about the electronic filing of individual spray records. One of the concerns was around whether or not those records could become available by way of the FOI act to the public. This could cause some great exposure to our growers. After a short discussion on the record requirements, the Board voted 13-1 to adopt the new rule without the new spray record requirements. In summary, we will have another May 25 cutoff date, and growers will not be able to use the older formulations after April 15.

## Arkansas Crop Protection Association Research Conference 2019

The ACPA Research Conference held on November 19-20 was a very enjoyable and informative event. In addition to a great agenda of speakers the group also had the opportunity to visit the Ozark Beer Company. A total of 28 presentations were included in the 2-day event that featured graduate student participation from undergraduate, masters and doctoral candidates. Winners of the competition

included: undergraduate winners first—G. Smith ("Nozzle Type and Arrangement Effect on Spray Coverage") and second—A. Whitfield. Masters competition winners in first places—M. C. Castner ("Impact of Dicamba Exposure on Reproductive Rice") and D. E. Kirkpatrick ("Evaluating the Economic Impact of Soybean Following Winter Cover Crops vs Double Cropped Soybean"), second

places—J. A. Patterson and D. Bolton, third place—J. W. Beesinger and T. H. Avent. PhD competition winners were first—J. L. Chlapecka ("Managing Nitrogen in Furrow Irrigated Rice Production"), second—G. L. Priess and third—J. Kouame. First place winners will present their research at the Arkansas Crop Management Conference.



## Stewardship will be Key for the Provisia® Rice System

By: John Schultz, BASF

Provisia rice just finished its second year in the market. With Arkansas' growing resistance issues in barnyardgrass and weedy rice, Provisia herbicide offers a new herbicide mode of action that is effective on both species. The grass control you can achieve with Provisia herbicide in the Provisia Rice System is unparalleled in the marketplace. You can see the performance on grass species in the adjoining picture. It's simply spectacular. While we have a great new tool with Provisia rice, we must keep in mind that rotation will be key

in stewarding the technology. An ideal rotation would look like the following: year 1 – Provisia rice, year 2 – Clearfield rice, year 3 – soybeans, and, if you wanted, grow a year of conventional rice in year 4. Soybeans are something that many of us loathe on our zero grade rice fields. However, you are going to have to pay the piper at some point. Keeping soybeans in the rotation will do you a world of good. If you are interested in Provisia rice, get in touch with your local BASF Rep to make a solid plan for your farm or customers' farms.

**Provisia® Split Field Comparison**

Location: England, AR  
50 acre zero grade field split down the middle

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