

Arkansas State Plant Board Report

The Arkansas State Plant Board held its 445th quarterly Board meeting on November 5, 2021. The following 13 members have been appointed to serve on the Arkansas State Plant Board for a term to expire October 1, 2023.

1. Bruce Alford, representing forage
2. Marty Eaton, representing the Arkansas Seed Dealers Association
3. David Gammill, representing corn, peanut, sorghum, turf, or wheat growers
4. Mark Hartz, representing the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association
5. Mark Hopper, representing the Arkansas Pest Management Association
6. Matthew Marsh, representing rice growers
7. Reynold Meyer, representing livestock producers
8. Matthew Miles, representing soybean growers
9. Mark Morgan, representing the Arkansas Horticultural Society and the Arkansas Green Industry Association
10. Nathan Reed, representing farmers
11. Lester Scott, representing the Arkansas Crop Protection Association
12. Travis Senter, representing farmers
13. Richard Watts, representing the Arkansas Forestry Association

Two non-voting members designated by the Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas remained on the Board:

14. Dr. Ken Korth, University of Arkansas, Entomology and Plant Pathology
15. Dr. Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas, Agriculture Experiment Station

Two members appointed by the Governor whose terms expire March 17, 2022, remained on the Board:

16. Darrell Hess, representing the Arkansas Plant Food Association
17. Sam Stuckey, representing cotton growers

Two positions remain vacant:

18. Arkansas Seed Growers Association
19. Arkansas Oil Marketers Association

The Board elected Matthew Marsh as chairman, Mark Morgan as vice chairman, and Sam Stucky as secretary. The Board nominated Darrell Hess and Travis Senter to serve on the Arkansas Agriculture Board. The Board voted to recommend the reappointment of Gregg Garner to the Arkansas Boll Weevil Eradication Board and to recommend the appointment of Ted Huneycutt to the Board.

Scott Bray, Director, Plant Industries Division, presented the Board with information on the Abandoned Pesticide Disposal Program. Bray stated the program was established in 2001 by legislation. The registration fee was set by legislation at \$50.00. In the beginning,

approximately 20 plus collections were held each year for disposal collections of unusable/unwanted pesticides. To date, 5.2 million pounds of unusable/unwanted pesticides have been collected and removed from the state. With rising costs related to the operations of the program, the legislature passed legislation that the fee is not to exceed \$100.00, established by rule through the State Plant Board. The Board voted to begin the rule making process to amend the Arkansas Pesticide Control Act and increase the abandoned pesticide registration fee to \$70.00 per product.