

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write today with concern over the recent decision from the U.S. District Court in Arizona, which vacates the registration of three dicamba labels – XtendiMax, Engenia, and Tavium. These products are critically important tools for farmers in mitigating resistant weeds.

Many farmers have already made planting decisions to use dicamba-tolerant crop systems and have planned to use dicamba products in the very near future. These farmers invested substantial sums in the dicamba-resistant seeds in reliance on EPA’s prior approval of dicamba on these crops. Without these products, not only are these substantial investments at risk, but farmers do not know how they will protect their crops. It is imperative that EPA expeditiously provide clarity to farmers. Additionally, EPA should issue an existing stock order to ensure this product remains available to farmers throughout this growing season. In the existing stock order, EPA should ensure access to dicamba products that have already been purchased, as well as those that remain in the supply chain to be applied by custom applicators or farmers themselves later in accordance with the current EPA label.

AFBF does not condone off-label use of dicamba or any registered pesticide, and our farmer and rancher members are committed to the safe use of all crop protection tools. However, responsible farmers that have invested in – and often taken loans out to purchase – dicamba-resistant products for the current growing season should not bear the financial burden caused by this legal dispute. Thank you for your consideration of this request as our members work every day to keep our nation’s food supply safe and secure.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall
President