(2026 – 2027) Dicamba (Over-The-Top) Protections for Cotton and Soybean

The EPA has just reapproved Dicamba OTT products but with much stronger protections. (See below for a quick summary.)

This Q.R Code takes you to the official EPA News Release – dated February 6, 2026 - about these matters.

New Restrictions for FEDERAL Registration of Dicamba Over-The-Top Products

#1 Annual Maximum Rate Per Acre REDUCED BY HALF

The maximum annual use rate has been **REDUCED BY HALF,** to a TOTAL of **1lb. per acre per YEAR** for the dicamba formulations labeled for use in DT cotton and soybean.

#2 Requirement for Volatility Reducing Agents is DOUBLED

Every application of Dicamba OTT MUST have **an APPROVED VOLATILITY REDUCING AGENT WITH THE RATE DOUBLEING** from the previous rate. This will reduce the risk that Dicamba OTT products could volatilize and drift off-target.

#3 Increased MANDATORY Environmental Conservation Requirements

The updated labels will require 3 runoff/erosion "mitigation points" for normal application areas and 6 mitigation points in environmentally sensitive sites – now referred to as PULA's (Pesticide Use Limitation Areas) - to protect threatened species.

#4 Application (AIR) TEMPERATURE RESTRICTIONS

When the air temperature is **forecasted to be between 85-95 Degrees Fahrenheit**, **on the day of or the day after** application of ***Stryax®, Tavium®,*** or ***Engenia®*** applicators can only treat up to 50% (half) of their untreated (DT) cotton or soybean in a parish. The remainder (up to 50% of acres) can only be treated no sooner than 2 days after the first portion had been treated if labeled environmental conditions are met. If the forecasted daily high temperature is 95° Fahrenheit or greater on the day of or the day after the planned application, dicamba cannot be applied to DT cotton or soybean.

PLEASE SEE EPA's announcement (using the QR code above) explaining these changes as well as the **"legacy restrictions"** that will continue with the EPA's reapproval of these products: Bayer's ***Stryax®***, Syngenta's ***Tavium®***, and BASF's ***Engenia®***. In addition, please read labels thoroughly prior to use for additional precautions and application guidelines not included in this article.

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