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We are all trying to understand the ramifications of the recent dicamba decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit Court.

AAPCO has consistently supported states' rights, pesticide product options, and the ability to use products effectively and safely. The organization has not advocated for the use of OTT dicamba to be cancelled or disapproved by the US EPA.

However, AAPCO has advocated for more practical, understandable and enforceable labels that allow for regional restrictions based on specific cropping needs. A system that would allow a state to mitigate risks which are specific to their local conditions, and enable the use of important weed control technologies.

In addition, AAPCO has encouraged research that would enable the use of dicamba OTT with potentially fewer risks to non-target plants. It should be noted that our requests regarding improved label language have been regarding the OTT use on soybean. We recognize that there are states that have successfully implemented this technology, particularly in cotton.

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