

Soybean farmer sues dicamba manufacturers, seeks injunction on sale of popular herbicide

A northeast Nebraska farmer has sued herbicide manufacturers, saying his neighbors' use of the company products damaged his soybean crop last summer.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Shane Greckel filed the federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court [the week of July 16th] against Monsanto and other companies whose products contain the herbicide dicamba.

Dicamba, which kills broadleaf plants, including soybeans, has garnered a lot of publicity in the past few years due to its tendency to vaporize and drift to neighboring fields if not applied properly. The Environmental Protection Agency estimated that 4 percent of the nation's soybean crop was damaged by dicamba last year.

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Monsanto has faced a number of lawsuits over damage allegedly caused by dicamba, including a class-action suit in Missouri. Both Missouri and Arkansas have banned the use of dicamba after certain dates.

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Other defendants named in the lawsuit are BASF, DuPont and Pioneer Hi-Bred, all of which sell either herbicides containing dicamba or seed varieties that are resistant to it.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction against the companies to prevent them from continuing to sell products containing dicamba as well as actual and punitive damages and attorney fees and other costs.

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