

Are farmers struggling to control weeds in the face of dicamba herbicide restrictions?

If there is one thorn in the side of Missouri farmer Tommy Riley, it's pigweed.

...Riley told members of the media...he hasn't been able to use dicamba, a product he says worked well to control weeds on his 4,000-acre farm, for a month now...

Riley was one of two farmers who gave testimonials during Monsanto's mid-season dicamba update.

Monsanto officials reported...156 inquiries through June 28 regarding off-target drift of the chemical this season, mostly occurring from not following the label, along with other factors. That compares to similar reports last year, said Ryan Rubischko, the North America dicamba portfolio lead for Monsanto.

A week later, Monsanto updated its report, saying the company has received 381 inquiries...

Dicamba has been around for decades. However, [the herbicide] can drift in fields for miles, thus potentially damaging conventional crops of other farmers...

The Missouri Department of Agriculture implemented rules [in fall 2017] to help curb crop damage [caused by dicamba drift], which included the June 10 application deadline for [dicamba] for the Bootheel region where Riley farms.

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In Arkansas, the application of products containing dicamba for agricultural uses is prohibited from April 16 through Oct. 31...

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Riley said dicamba was a great solution, but he now feels like he is back to square one with the governmental limitations.

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