

**Dicamba applicator certified license update** (*Jennifer Wren, Georgia Department of Agriculture; Stanley Culpepper, UGA*). During 2019, UGA Extension and the Department of Agriculture provided a one-time opportunity to obtain a two-year license allowing those individuals without a traditional certified applicators license to legally apply Engenia, XtendiMax, and Tavium only. These individuals were trained and tested in-person prior to receiving their licenses. Nearly all of those licenses are expiring during the next 60 days.

A one-time, one year extension to those specific licenses is being granted. To be very clear, only those individuals with that specific license (category 10 – applicator is limited to purchasing dicamba restricted use pesticide products only) is being extended due to its short 2-year time frame. These licenses will expire early in 2022 and WILL NOT be extended regardless of credit hours obtained. Also, this license does NOT fulfill the requirements found on the new paraquat label or on any other restricted use pesticide label.

Applicators with this license or applicators without a license are encouraged get a private pesticide applicator license\* as soon as possible.

**Anyone who applies Engenia, Tavium, or XtendiMax must attend a Using Pesticides Wisely training in 2021 regardless of license status! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**\*For those seeking certification as a private pesticide applicator:**

Initial certification to become a certified private pesticide applicator requires the completion of an interactive, online Private Applicator training program administered by University of Georgia Extension (<http://extension.uga.edu/programs-services/pesticide-safety-education/private-applicators.html>). The online training and testing requires a total time commitment of approximately 4-5 hours and a \$25 fee. Applicants **MUST** be able to read and understand a label.