

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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**A Bill**

**Act 1025 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 799

5 By: Senator Wooldridge  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 ARKANSAS CROP AND RESEARCH FACILITIES PROTECTION  
10 ACT.

### **Subtitle**

13 ARKANSAS CROP AND RESEARCH FACILITIES  
14 PROTECTION ACT.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas  
20 Crop and Research Facilities Protection Act".

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22 SECTION 2. (a) Any person or entity who willfully and knowingly  
23 damages or destroys any field crop product that is grown for personal or  
24 commercial purposes, or for testing or research purposes in the context of a  
25 product development program in conjunction or coordination with a private  
26 research facility or a university or any federal, state, or local government  
27 agency, shall be liable for twice the value of the crop damaged or destroyed.

28 (b) In awarding damages under this section, the courts shall consider  
29 the market value of the crop prior to damage or destruction, and production,  
30 research, testing, replacement, and crop development costs directly related  
31 to the crop that has been damaged or destroyed as part of the value of the  
32 crop.

33 (c) Damages available under this section shall be limited to twice the  
34 market value of the crop prior to damage or destruction plus twice the actual  
35 damages involving production, research, testing, replacement, and crop  
36 development costs directly related to the crop that has been damaged or

1 destroyed.

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3           SECTION 3. This act shall not apply to any persons or entities when  
4 performing construction, land improvements, or excavation work in or upon any  
5 public right-of-way, public easement or utility easement, or who in good  
6 faith believe they are in or upon the right-of-way or easement.

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/s/ Woolbridge

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