

July 6, 2017

Arkansas State Legislature:

My name is Karen Wallace. I am the widow of Mike Wallace, the farmer murdered over a dispute with Dicamba. My son and I farm in an area of Northeast Arkansas where this chemical formulation continues to be sprayed and abused. In 2015 we had our first damage due to drift. This was reported to the Arkansas State Plant Board. With no EPA approved chemical to go with the new seed technology and only a \$1000 fine, the illegal spraying continued in 2016. The ASPB took action by banning the use of the Monsanto formulation until further testing could be done, at the same time approving BASF Enginta for the state. The approval came with strict guidelines, which the farmers were to adhere to.

As my son has stated to the ASPB, the area in which we live is quite unique, in a way that there might be 10 farmers on a section of ground. With this being the case for many farmers in NEA, we've had to not only worry about our own crops, we've had to watch out for our neighbors and have relied on them and trusted them to do the same. Unfortunately in a tightening farm economy many have betrayed that trust.

Our area has a variety of crops that are susceptible to damage due to the fact there is little to no room for a buffer zone. We would like to think that most farmers are ethical and do what's right by following all label guidelines.

However we have seen that's not the case. After seeing the damage reports and the continued drift, misuse and abuse of Enginta, **I urge you to ban this chemical in our state.**

Thank you for your attention on this matter:

Karen Wallace  
Bradley Wallace

Monette, AR