

## Arkansas Agricultural Consultant Regulations

### **REGULATION 1. Fees.**

Annual license fees shall be (100.00) one hundred dollars.

### **REGULATION 2. Continuing Education.**

- a) Minimum 40 hours every 2 years. Continuing education hours must be:
  - (1) Plant Board or designee approved;
  - (2) Certified Crop Advisors (CCA);
  - (3) National Alliance Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) or combination of the above.
- b) Credit hours determined by agenda for each meeting;
- c) At least 20 hours must be earned from in state (Arkansas) meetings;
- d) Out of state meetings will be accepted if approved by CCA or NAICC;
- e) Plant Board may request each individual to submit verification of meetings attended

### **REGULATION 3. License.**

- a) Anyone charging a fee must be licensed;
- b) Anyone not charging a fee may be licensed within the first year after the effective date (August 12, 2005) if meeting the following:
  - (1) Is currently licensed as an agricultural consultant by the board;
  - (2) Is certified under the Certified Crop Advisors program of the American Society of Agronomy;
  - (3) Is certified by the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants;
  - or
  - (4) Has at least 5 years of agricultural consultant experience. Verified by notarized letter from grower(s)/employer(s).
- c) From two (2) to five (5) years after the effective date of this section, resident or out-of-state individual may be licensed as an agricultural consultant if the person meets all three of the following requirements:
  - (1) Has completed two (2) full years of training at a college or university acceptable to the board, with at least nine (9) semester hours of credit or their equivalent in appropriate agricultural disciplines;
  - (2) Has three (3) years of qualifying experience in the field of crop management; and
  - (3) Passes a written examination administered by the board or by Certified Crop Advisors.

- d) (1) Beyond the fifth year after the effective date of this act, a person may be licensed as an agricultural consultant if the person:
- (A)
    - (i) Has a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a board-approved crop related field; and
    - (ii) Two (2) years experience working in the field of crop management;or
  - (B) Has seven (7) years of continuous experience working for a licensed agricultural consultant after the effective date of this section; and
- (2) Passes a written examination administered by the board or by Certified Crop Advisors. Such exam is required for either Section (A) or (B).

**REGULATION 4. Out of State Consultants.**

You must have a minimum of 5 years of work as a consultant in Arkansas in order to be grandfathered if you are an out-of-state resident. Must provide a notarized document from your grower(s)/employer(s). Grandfather clause is only during the first year of the Act.

**REGULATION 5. Licensing Period.**

January 1 of each year is the beginning of each license year.