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Upcoming Pesticide Disposal Events Scheduled for Mississippi Farmers

Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith invites Mississippi farmers with waste agricultural pesticides to participate in waste pesticide disposal events being held on Wednesday, January 14, in Coahoma County and on Thursday, January 29, in Leflore County from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The event on January 14 will be held at the Coahoma County Road Department located at 17290 Hwy 61 North, which is approximately two miles north of the Hwy 278 and Hwy 61 interchange. The Leflore County event taking place on January 29 will be held in the parking lot of the Leflore County Civic Center located at 200 Hwy 7 North in Greenwood.

These events offer farmers a no-cost, environmentally-safe way to dispose of leftover pesticide products through a licensed contractor who will be on hand at the site to collect, analyze and dispose of the products according to environmental laws. Commissioner Hyde-Smith stated, "The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, along with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi State University Extension Service, will have a contractor on site accepting agricultural waste products. Waste tires from the farm will also be accepted for recycling. Farmers may bring no more than 10 automobile/light truck-sized tires and no more than 2 tractor-sized tires for recycling. Farmers needing to dispose of additional tires may utilize the local drop-off site in the county where they reside."

There is no charge involved for Mississippi farmers only, but farmers are responsible for safely transporting waste pesticides and tires to the collection site. Waste pesticides include leftover, cancelled or otherwise unusable products such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and plant growth regulators. Neither rinsates nor pesticides in bulk containers will be collected. Drop-offs will only be accepted during the designated times.

The program is coordinated by the Mississippi State University Extension Service with funds made available through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. For more information, contact your local Mississippi State University Extension Service office.

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