



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of
AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

MIKE STRAIN, DVM *Commissioner*

AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY AND SEED COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
5825 FLORIDA BLVD., FIRST FLOOR
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**
- V. FUTURE MEETING DATES**
 - a. October 21, 2026
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Program Updates
 1. Seed and Industrial Hemp Programs
 2. Agricultural Chemistry Programs
 3. Feed Programs
 - b. Certified to Certified request for rice varieties
 1. Fitzgerald
 2. Mermentau
 - c. Proposed revisions to the Certified sugarcane field standards concerning the Yellow Leaf virus

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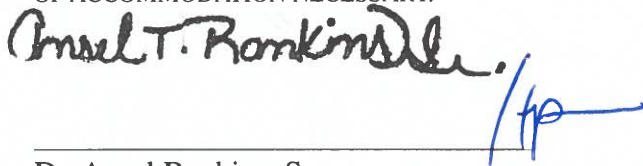
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- d. Discussion: Request to add Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*) & Italian Ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*) to the Louisiana Noxious Weed list
- e. Petition for Amendment of Rule – LAC 7:XVII.101 (request to add definition of “raw”)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE UNTIL 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING, AT WHICH TIME THE MOST RECENT REVISION OF THIS AGENDA BECOMES OFFICIAL. ANY SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THIS AGENDA SHALL BE MADE ONLY BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY AGENDA OR OTHER DULY APPROVED ITEM THAT IS EXEMPTED FROM DISCUSSION AT AN OPEN MEETING PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:17. FURTHER, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT AT (225) 925-4733 TO ADVISE IF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED AND DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION NECESSARY.



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