

## **Title 2. Agriculture**

### **Chapter II. State Plant Board, Department of Agriculture**

#### **Subchapter A. Generally**

#### **Part 20. Arkansas Agricultural Consultant Rules**

##### **Subpart 1. Generally**

###### **2 CAR § 20-101. Fees.**

Annual license fees shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 17-13-106.

###### **2 CAR § 20-102. Continuing education.**

(a) Minimum forty (40) hours every two (2) years.

(b) Continuing education hours must be:

(1) State Plant Board- or designee-approved;

(2) Certified Crop Advisers;

(3) National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants; or

(4) A combination of the above.

(c) Credit hours determined by agenda for each meeting.

(d) At least twenty (20) hours must be earned from in-state, Arkansas, meetings.

(e) Out-of-state meetings will be accepted if approved by the Certified Crop Advisers or the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants.

(f) The board may request each individual to submit verification of meetings attended.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 17-13-106.

###### **2 CAR § 20-103. 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 State Plant Board;
- (2) Is certified under the Certified Crop Adviser program of the American Society of Agronomy;
- (3) Is certified by the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants; or
- (4) Has at least five (5) years of agricultural consultant experience verified by notarized letter from grower or growers/employer or employers.

(c) From two (2) to five (5) years after the effective date of this section, a resident or out-of-state individual may be licensed as an agricultural consultant if the person meets all three (3) 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 Advisers.

(d) Beyond the fifth year after the effective date of Acts 2005, No. 857, a person may be licensed as an agricultural consultant if:

- (1) The person has:
  - (A) A minimum of a bachelor's degree in a board-approved, crop-related field and two (2) years' experience working in the field of crop management; or
  - (B) Seven (7) years of continuous experience working for a licensed agricultural consultant after the effective date of this section; and
- (2)(A) Passes a written examination administered by the board or by Certified Crop Advisers.
  - (B) Such exam is required for either subdivision (d)(1)(A) or (d)(1)(B).

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 17-13-106.

**2 CAR § 20-104. Out-of-state consultants.**

(a) You must have a minimum of five (5) years' of work as a consultant in Arkansas in order to be grandfathered if you are an out-of-state resident.

(b) Must provide a notarized document from your grower or growers/employer or employers.

(c) The grandfather clause is only during the first year of Acts 2005, No. 857.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 17-13-106.

**2 CAR § 20-105. Licensing period.**

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

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 17-13-106.