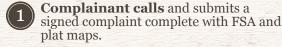


The goal of Plant Industries Division's Pesticide Program is to prevent unreasonable adverse effects of pesticide use on non-target crops and the environment while helping assure the availability of pesticides needed to maintain our quality of life. This is accomplished by licensing pesticide applicators and dealers, registering pesticides and performing inspections and investigations in the enforcement of the Missouri Pesticide Use Act and the Missouri Pesticide Registration Act.



COMPLAINT AND INVESTIGATION PROCESS



Complaints must include:

- FSA maps identifying affected field(s) by outlining them, and marking them with the farm name and number, crop planted and the crop genetic.

- Plat maps outlining the field(s) from where they believe the drift originated, identify the names of the farmers who farm the field(s) and the crops that were planted.

Pesticide Program staff reviews all completed investigation reports to determine if a violation of the Missouri Pesticide Use Act occurred, and what action (if any) should be taken by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.



Complaint assigned to a Pesticide Use Investigator to investigate the reported incident.

Investigations may include:

- Taking a statement from the person that filed the complaint regarding possible pesticide misuse.

- Taking a statement from the person(s) accused of possible pesticide misuse.

- Collecting documentary evidence such as written papers, invoices, contracts, photographs, audio recordings, and video or printed emails.

- Submitting a narrative report and documentary evidence related to an alleged pesticide misuse incident for review of case.

Filing a COMPLAINT



