

BEFORE YOU BURN: CALL 1-800-830-8015

The Arkansas Agriculture Department's (AAD) Dispatch Center coordinates prescribed fire activities, reports fire weather, and assists with voluntary smoke management. Farmers should notify the AAD Dispatch Center on the morning of the prescribed fire by calling 1-800-830-8015.

Farmers should complete a short checklist, as part of their crop management plan, before starting a prescribed fire.

On the day of a planned prescribed fire, the farmer should provide the information below to the AAD Dispatch Center. Farmers may call to report the information, or can complete an online form available at this link: <http://www.aad.arkansas.gov/arkansas-forestry-commission>.

- Person in Charge of the Fire and Phone Number: _____
- Location of the Fire* (*using your smart phone: LAT/ LONG): _____
- Number of Acres to be Burned: _____
- Fuel Type (see page 3): _____
- Distance to Smoke Sensitive Area (see page 4): _____

The AAD Dispatch Center will map each prescribed fire in the center of the airshed for purposes of complying with voluntary Smoke Management Guidelines. If the fuel tonnage for a single prescribed fire causes the fuel loading tonnage for a given airshed to exceed permissible limits, the AAD Dispatch Center will recommend to the farmer that the plan should be altered (either by delaying the burn or reducing the acreage to be burned).

Find all reported prescribed burns, Wildfire Danger, and active Burn Bans (declared by County Judges) listed at www.arkfireinfo.org.

The fire weather forecast is available on the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov/lzk/forest2.htm.

BEFORE YOU BURN Complete a Safe Burning Checklist

Check (X) and burn ONLY if all items are addressed:

- Take extra precautions for smoke sensitive areas and ensure they are not threatened (highways, residents, communities, etc.)
- Make official notifications to the AAD Dispatch Center at 1-800-830-8015
- Check to be sure relative humidity is above 20%
- Check to make sure wind speed is less than 15 mph
- Be sure to follow appropriate Smoke Category Day guidelines (page 5)