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# Dicamba Lawsuit A Guide

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### Drifting Herbicide Causes Damage

Dicamba is making a comeback. For years, the herbicide wasn't used because its propensity to drift from its application site could cause wide-spread damage to other farmers' crops. Farmers started using it again widely once the manufacturers created dicamba-resistant crop seeds, which they claimed would allow farmers to apply dicamba without damage.

In reality, dicamba has been doing a ton of damage regardless. The herbicide has a tendency to vaporize in the heat and drift over to neighboring fields, orchards, and even residential areas, weakening and killing plants and trees. If neighboring farmers are not using dicamba-resistant crop seeds, the damage can be immense. According to one expert estimate, dicamba-damaged crops can lead to yield losses of 10-30%.

This can be catastrophic financially for farmers. Dicamba manufacturers have introduced new formulations to market that they claim do not drift, but the damage and losses have nevertheless continued.

Morgan & Morgan is helping farmers across the country fight back and demand compensation for their losses. If your crops have been damaged by dicamba, give us a call for a free consultation. We may be able to help you get the compensation you deserve.



### A Wide Path Of Destruction

The problem is widespread, with reports of dicamba crop damage in:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana

- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma

- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

Millions of acres of crops and orchards have reportedly been damaged; according to one expert, dicamba has done more damage to trees than the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle, a notorious invasive species that has killed millions of trees across the country.

In summer 2020, years after the new formulations of non-drift dicamba were released, farmers across the country are still projecting massive losses due to the herbicide.

### The Fight For Compensation

Farmers across the country are fighting back against the companies responsible for the damage and losses they've suffered. Thousands of lawsuits have been filed to date, and more are on the way.

The first round of verdicts and settlements may bode well for this effort. A court in Missouri found dicamba manufacturers Monsanto and BASF liable to the tune of \$265 million, including \$15 million in compensation and \$250 million in punitive damages. Monsanto reached a \$400 settlement in a separate set of lawsuits.

Morgan & Morgan is committed to helping farmers who have suffered crop damage and financial loss because of dicamba get the compensation they deserve. If you suffered dicamba-related losses, give us a call. The consultation is free, and we'll help you consider your available options.

Best of all, if we take your case, you won't have to pay anything up front; you won't pay anything at all unless we successfully recover compensation on your behalf. That means no chance of getting stuck with legal bills you can't afford.

So call today. We want to get started fighting for you today.

### FAQ

### What kind of compensation could I receive?

If your case is successful, you may be awarded compensation for:

- Financial losses due to crop damage
- Legal fees and expenses
- Other damages

### How can I tell if my crops were damaged by dicamba?

Our legal team will be able to help confirm whether or not your crops were actually damaged by dicamba or by something else, but the general signs to look out for include:

- Twisted leaves
- Upward cupping on leaves
- Narrow, strap-like leaves on the youngest growth
- Aboveground roots on the stems of some annual flowers

If you find any of the above, that may be a sign that your crops were damaged by dicamba. Call for a free consultation so we can help make a final determination.

### Can I afford to hire a lawyer?

Absolutely. Morgan & Morgan operates on the contingency-fee model, which means we only get paid if we win. There's no upfront fee, and you're not charged for any costs or fees during the case. No matter your financial situation, you can always afford top-quality legal representation.

### Who We Are



We aim to give more people a chance at justice.

John Morgan founded Morgan & Morgan in 1988. The firm's first office was located in Orlando, Florida, and was made up of three attorneys, two paralegals, and a receptionist. Over the past 30 years, we've been fortunate enough to hire more than 500 attorneys and open 50 offices across the country, empowering us to reach and help even more people. We have a support staff of about 3,000 employees. These paralegals, case managers, case evaluation specialists, receptionists, and more make sure that our clients are taken care of every step of the way.

Our attorneys are dedicated to fighting for the best possible outcome for those who trust us with their cases. With that goal, we've won over \$7 billion for our clients. These wins represent so much more than just a dollar amount, though. They represent the wellbeing of our clients, which is something we take deep pride in protecting.

### Practice Areas

### Everywhere for Everyone.

- Birth Injuries
- Brain Injuries
- Breach of Warranty
- Burn & Fire Injuries
- Business Litigation
- Business Interruption Claims
- Car, Truck and Motorcycle
  Accidents
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Civil Rights
- Class Actions & Mass Torts

- Construction Accidents
- Deaf & Disability Rights Unit
- Dog Bites/Animal Attacks
- Employee Rights
- FCRA
- Medical Malpractice
- Mesothelioma
- Negligent Security/Premises
  Liability
- Nursing Home Abuse
- Product Liability

- Property & Life Insurance and AD&D
- Sex Trafficking
- Slip & Fall
- Social Security Disability
- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Train Accidents
- Veterans' Benefits
- Whistleblower/Qui Tam
- Workers' Compensation
- Wrongful Death

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**Office Locations** 

Note: We handle cases nationally, working with local counsel in states without our physical presence.



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## Attorney Growth & Successes

2019



2019

Total Cases Resolved:





### What People Say About Us

I was able to contact Morgan & Morgan via their online form from the emergency room on the day of my accident. Someone called me the next morning and set up rehab and therapy appointments right away. The following day they came to my home to begin my case. They are swift, professional and customer servicefocused. After my accident, I was nervous about driving. I was very grateful that they were so accommodating. - Z.A., ATLANTA, GA

I couldn't be happier with the service and the professionalism of your staff I was very satisfied with the outcome of my case. The team always returned my telephone calls in a timely manner and shared valuable as well as valid information. They were very professional and maintained a positive attitude. I would definitely use your services again if I was faced with a situation that required an attorney or legal advice and I would also refer your agency to others. Although my situation was unfortunate, I was glad to have your team on my side to get me through the difficult times. Again, I say THANK YOU.

#### - KATHY, MEMPHIS, TN

They are the most caring and personal attorneys you could ever have on your side. They genuinely make you feel like helping you in every way they can is their goal and main priority. I'd highly recommend this firm to anyone in need. They treat you as if you were a part of their family and are always seeking the best for the client. - JANET, LOUISVILLE, KY

Although my situation was unfortunate, I was glad to have your team on my side to get me through the difficult times. Again, I say thank you. I emailed my questions and concerns and had doubt that anyone would contact me in the next 24 hours. I emailed them around 8:30 pm. I received a call the very next morning and the representative explained that after I answered her questions she would turn it over to a lawyer and then they would contact me. She answered all my questions and concerns. She gave me hope that I did the right thing. She said I should hear something in the next few days after a lawyer has time to review. I will not have to pay anything unless they win a settlement. I will receive all the information soon as to what will happen next. It has been less than 24 hours and everything is set in motion.

#### - TAMMY, ORLANDO, FL

I would just like to say that, regardless of my injuries and all that I am currently going through daily, my attorney was absolutely wonderful to me as far as listening to my concerns and thoughts and always asking if I needed anything. He made sure that he let me know that I could call him at any time for whatever I wanted to discuss regarding my case! He is a true God send and I simply love his attitude and the attention he gives to clients. From day one, this firm has gone above and beyond the call of duty making certain that I was reached out to in a very timely manner. You all ran circles and holes around the first firm! I would recommend you to family, friends, and complete strangers!

#### - ALICIA, JACKSON, MS

Unbelievably organized, responsive, and probably the most effective process-oriented group of people I've ever seen. Their preparation for mediation and trial is beyond comprehensive. Across two cases and three years, not once did anything fall between the cracks. Everyone I came into contact with exemplifies professionalism; they quickly resolved insurance issues and spent time educating me about everything affecting my cases. I trust Morgan & Morgan and I am grateful for everything they did for me. I recommend them without reservation and will miss working with them now that my civil suit is settled.

- JERRI, JACKSONVILLE, FL

### In the News

At Morgan & Morgan, everything we do from the cases we take on to our wins in the courtroom — makes an impact. That's why in 2019, our legal actions, settlements, and verdicts were covered by premier national and international media outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and CNN, as well as local media outlets.

Here are some of our cases that made headlines in 2019.

#### **Restoring Basketball Glory**

In 2018, the NCAA imposed a penalty on the men's basketball team at the University of Louisville (Kentucky) for alleged rules violations. They had their 2013 NCAA tournament win, 2012 Final Four appearance, and individual player statistics vacated and removed from the record.



With the help of John Morgan, our firm's founder, the team's players sued the NCAA and last year reached a confidential settlement. The players had all their statistical achievements and personal honors restored.

Coverage appeared on ESPN, Fox Sports, and in the Associated Press, among others.

#### Morgan & Morgan Attorney Named Cybersecurity MVP

Morgan & Morgan's John Yanchunis was named a 2019 MVP by Law360 — the premier national legal news service — in recognition of his work protecting the rights of consumers harmed by data breaches.

Last year, John achieved a notable victory when he and his team reached a \$117 million settlement with web giant Yahoo after a data breach compromised billions of user accounts.

#### **Major Settlement in MA Gas Explosions Case**

In September 2018, a series of explosions ripped through the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, towns of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. These explosions were caused by excess gas pressure in poorly built, poorly installed, and poorly maintained natural gas lines owned and operated by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts. More than 40 homes experienced explosions and fires as a result, which caused severe damage and injury, including one death. Morgan & Morgan's Frank Petosa took the lead in the lawsuit representing the victims, and in July 2019, a \$143 million settlement was reached.

Coverage appeared in The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, and was provided by the Associated Press.

#### Florida Powerhouse

Although we're a nationwide firm, Florida is still Morgan & Morgan's home base. This year, the firm was recognized for its achievements in the Sunshine State as a Law360 "Florida Powerhouse." With over 350 attorneys in the state and more than two dozen offices, Morgan & Morgan has made an indelible name for itself there through litigation and impact.

#### **Fighting for a Zipline Accident Victim**

A 10-year-old boy from Lakeland, Florida, was seriously injured when his zipline harness disconnected and he fell 20 feet to the concrete below. On behalf of his family, Morgan & Morgan is pursuing legal action against the operators of the zipline facility, alleging employee error due to improper training and safety procedures.

Coverage appeared on the ABC, FOX, NBC, and CNN news channels, among others.



# We're Here For You30<br/>Years\$7<br/>Billion Recovered\$0<br/>Upfront Fees

No matter your financial situation, you deserve the kind of legal representation it takes to face massive corporations like the dicamba manufacturers. If you suffered crop damage due to their negligence, you deserve justice and compensation. And we want to help you fight for it.

Morgan & Morgan has been there for the people against the powerful for more than 30 years, and we've recovered more than \$7 billion to date for clients just like you. Call today. Your case review is always free, and you won't have to pay a penny unless we win for you.

Don't wait. We want to start helping you today.



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