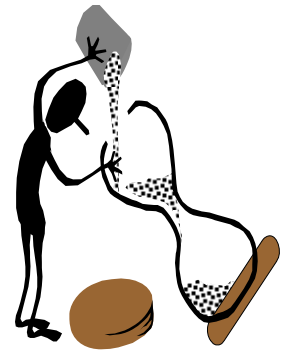


Checkoff Timeline (updated July 2009)



- 1976 - Original Michigan checkoff began
- 1981 - Michigan checkoff re-approved through a grower referendum
- 1986 - Michigan checkoff re-approved through a grower referendum
- 1991 - With increased acreage in Michigan, the checkoff program continues to be more important to growers. Refer to *Michigan Soybean Acreage* graph below. The national program began in an effort for nationwide fairness under program. Since all growers benefit, all growers across the nation invest and benefit equally.
- 1994 - Producer referendum on national Checkoff. In Michigan, 2 out of 3 voters were in favor of the program
- 1995 - Producer Refund Poll - Less than 3.5% of Michigan producers polled indicated a desire to hold a referendum on refunds. Refunds ended on 10/1/95 based on nationwide results.
- 1997 - Supreme Court rules to back generic commodity promotion programs, upholding the constitutionality of checkoffs.
- 1999 - Request for Referendum - Less than 4% of Michigan producers requested that a referendum on the national soybean checkoff be held. Based on nationwide results, the checkoff continues as normal for an additional five years until the next Request for Referendum period.
- 2004 - Request for Referendum - Less than one half of 1% of Michigan producers requested that a referendum on the national soybean checkoff be held. Based on nationwide results, the checkoff continues as normal for an additional five years until the next Request for Referendum period.
- 2009 - Request for Referendum continues to be the same as in 2004.

MICHIGAN SOYBEAN ACREAGE PLANTED: 1977 - 2009

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|------|---|-----------|------|---|-----------|
| 1977 | - | 780,000 | 1993 | - | 1,450,000 |
| 1978 | - | 910,000 | 1994 | - | 1,550,000 |
| 1979 | - | 1,020,000 | 1995 | - | 1,500,000 |
| 1980 | - | 980,000 | 1996 | - | 1,650,000 |
| 1981 | - | 1,070,000 | 1997 | - | 1,870,000 |
| 1982 | - | 1,150,000 | 1998 | - | 1,900,000 |
| 1983 | - | 1,070,000 | 1999 | - | 1,950,000 |
| 1984 | - | 1,200,000 | 2000 | - | 2,070,000 |
| 1985 | - | 1,100,000 | 2001 | - | 2,150,000 |
| 1986 | - | 970,000 | 2002 | - | 2,070,000 |
| 1987 | - | 1,100,000 | 2003 | - | 2,000,000 |
| 1988 | - | 1,250,000 | 2004 | - | 2,000,000 |
| 1989 | - | 1,100,000 | 2005 | - | 1,950,000 |
| 1990 | - | 1,150,000 | 2006 | - | 1,980,000 |
| 1991 | - | 1,400,000 | 2007 | - | 1,740,000 |
| 1992 | - | 1,450,000 | 2008 | - | 1,890,000 |
| | | | 2009 | - | 2,000,000 |

(projected)