

Yield Contest Philosophy

It is generally agreed that 40% of the soybean yield is from management and 60% is from the genetics (variety). The checkoff funded Soybean Management and Research Technology (SMaRT) program is intended to address the 40% (management).

One of the many components of the SMaRT program is the Michigan Soybean Yield Contest. While recognition of the top yield participants is important, a particular focus will be on recording the agronomic management skills of the top yields.

Over many entries and years, we believe trends will be identified for management practices to attain higher yields.



Attention To All Michigan Soybean Farmers

- Increase soybean yields and profitability in Michigan.
- Yield contest is open to all Michigan soybean farmers.
- Be rewarded and recognized for high yields. Hear from the winning farmers at the awards meeting.
- Contest class winners will be recognized at the Great Lakes Crops Summit, January 27-28, 2016.



2015 Michigan Soybean Yield Contest

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Promotion Committee**
www.michigansoybean.org



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1. The fee per entry is \$25.00 for all Michigan soybean farmers.
2. All farmers that complete the contest will receive the prizes listed.
3. Limit of two entries per farmer.
4. Entries will be grouped by soybean maturity. The five entry classes are listed below:
Class A: Group III Non-Irrigated
Class B: Group III Irrigated
Class C: Group II Non-Irrigated
Class D: Group II Irrigated
Class E: Group I
Class F: Non-GMO Soybeans
5. A harvest form and complete contest rules will be mailed to interested farmers after August 30, 2015. Harvest forms can also be printed directly from:
www.michigansoybean.org.
6. The minimum field size is five acres and the harvest area must be at least two contiguous acres. Only one entry per field is permitted.
7. Harvest must be witnessed by an MSU Extension Educator, FFA Advisor, lender, farm manager or other impartial witness. Seed, fertilizer or chemical company representatives cannot sign the harvest form.

Why a Soybean Yield Contest?

1. Provide a fun incentive for Michigan farmers to increase soybean yields.
2. Use the contest to increase farmer attention to the agronomics of soybean production in Michigan.
3. Share the information learned by the participants to help increase soybean yields for more profitable soybean production.

Prizes

- Each class winner will receive up to \$1,000.00 reimbursement for expenses to the 2016 Commodity Classic in New Orleans from March 3 - 5, 2016.
- Each class winner will also receive a trophy suitable for the farm office and a personalized winter jacket.
- Everyone who completes the contest will receive a personalized hat, and additional prizes, including having their entry fee applied to a 2016 MSA membership.
- Prizes will be awarded at the 2016 Great Lakes Crops Summit.

2015 Michigan Soybean Yield Contest Entry Form

Who is eligible to enter?

All Michigan soybean farmers.

Questions:

Contact Ned Birkey at Spartan Agricultural Consulting, LLC.

Phone: 734-260-3442

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Fill in the information requested below and send it to Ned Birkey at the Spartan Agricultural Consulting office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____

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The entry fee is \$25.00 per entry. Checks made payable to Spartan Agricultural Consulting. The entry fee is due on or before August 30, 2015.