



Missouri Soybean Association Soybean Yield Contest

2017

Contest Rules

The Missouri Soybean Association is proud to host the 2017 Soybean Yield Contest, sponsored by the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and participating industry sponsors.

ELIGIBILITY:

Contestant must be at least 18 years of age on or before September 1, 2017 and must be actively engaged in soybean production.

Contestant must complete all sections of contest entry and harvest report forms, including phone number(s) and email address. Harvest Judging Report form will be provided by Missouri Soybean staff after receipt of contest entry form.

Contest winners agree to allow Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and Missouri Soybean Association to use field data and personal information (name, address, photographs, etc.) in promotional and educational activities.

Current directors and staff of the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and Missouri Soybean Association, and their immediate family members, are not eligible to participate. (Immediate family is defined as spouse, parents, grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren, as well as same immediate relatives of spouse.)

DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES:

No-tillage (dryland) is defined as the soil is left undisturbed from harvest to planting except for injection of fertilizers. Soil disturbance occurs only at planting by coulters or seed disk openers on the planter. To be included in this category, irrigation by any means is not allowed.

Tilled (dryland) is defined as any soil or residue management system not classified as no-tillage, regardless of the amount of soil coverage by previous crop residue. To be included in this category, irrigation by any means is not allowed.

Irrigated is defined as use of any mechanical or man-made system that allows for watering of crops outside of natural rainfall. Any tillage practice is allowed for this category. This category is eligible only for statewide contest.

Non-irrigated is defined as dryland no-tillage or dryland tilled crop for statewide contest among district winners.

Statewide Contest Categories: District Contest Categories:

Irrigated
Non-irrigated (No-tillage
and Tilled)

No-tillage (dryland)
Tilled (dryland)

AWARDS:

Prizes will be given to winners of each category in each district. Top yield in each category determines winner. District winners will be recognized at the Missouri Soybean Association District Winter Meetings. The first place winners from each district category will compete in the statewide non-irrigated contest. The statewide winners will be recognized at the Missouri Soybean Association Annual Meeting.

FIELD CRITERIA:

Contest field must be located within the land boundaries of the state of Missouri.

Contest field must be operated by the contestant and easily accessible by an approved contest official.

Contest field must have been planted in soybeans in at least one (1) of the last three (3) production years prior to 2017.

The contest area must be a minimum 10-acre field. At least two (2) acres must be harvested in a continuous block. It is recommended the plot field be rectangular or square in shape, with 90 degree corners. Contour fields can be used if they follow the easily identified contour and allow for nearly right angles to the row direction. *(This guideline is meant to help judges in measuring contest area.)*

YIELD CONTEST RULES:

One plot/variety per entry form. Each entry must be accompanied by the \$10 entry fee.

Contestants are officially entered only after their entry form has been received and processed by Missouri Soybean Association (MSA). MSA staff will notify contestant as being officially entered in the Missouri Soybean Association Yield Contest by letter, email, or phone call. MSA will provide the Harvest Judging Report form to contestant after receipt of completed contest entry form. The contest judges are to complete this form during viewing and verification of plot harvest yields.

Incomplete Harvest Judging Report forms are subject to contestant removal from contest. MSA staff will make an effort to contact contest participant to allow for submission of missing information and/or documentation by the imposed deadline, but are not responsible for incomplete or missing information.

The variety selected must be available in the marketplace for Missouri. No experimental line(s) are permissible for the purpose of this contest.



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A contest official must be present to directly supervise the measurement, harvest and weighing processes in order to complete the Harvest Judging Report form.

A contest official may be a county extension agent, agricultural education instructor, senior staff person of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Credit Services representative, bank ag loan officer, agricultural staff of a state or private college, farm manager accredited by the American Society of Farm Managers, office manager of Consolidated Farm Service Agency, or a retired person from one of these occupations. The contest official cannot have financial or direct business ties to the contestant or to a company selling agribusiness supplies to the contestant. The contest official cannot be an immediate family member of contestant.

Weigh wagons may be used for yields up to 75 bushels per acre. Any contest yield in excess of 75 bu/acre **must** be rechecked. State-certified scales and moisture testers must be used for measuring and weighing processes for yields in excess of 75 bushels per acre. On-farm scales may be used **if** they are state certified.

For the recheck, entrants must leave an area of at least two (2) acres adjacent (within 50 ft) to the first plot to provide crop for the recheck. The recheck will be measured by the judge and will be harvested, weighed, moisture-tested, and the yield calculated. The results of the recheck will constitute the official yield.

Yields will be calculated on the basis of the weight of harvested soybeans, corrected to 13 percent moisture and converted to bushels per acre. The official yield is that which is calculated by MSA from data obtained from contest report forms. The official who judged the top three yields in each category may be contacted to verify the results.

The original signed weigh ticket (no photocopies will be accepted) must be attached to the Harvest Judging Report form and include moisture content. Foreign matter does not need to be determined.

Soybeans must meet minimum standards for U.S. #2 yellow soybeans.

2017 Yield Contest Prizes

Prizes will be given to winners of each category in each district. The top yield in each category determines the winner. The first place winners from each district category will compete in the statewide non-irrigated contest.

District winners in each category will receive their choice of \$750 in biodiesel or \$750 in Cabela's gift cards.

The overall statewide winner for irrigated and non-irrigated categories will each receive:

- 1st place: All expenses paid trip for two to the 2018 Commodity Classic in Anaheim, California plus \$750 spending cash
- 2nd place: DJI Phantom IV UAV with accessories
- 3rd place: Choice of \$1250 in biodiesel or \$1250 in Cabela's gift cards

Special Prizes for 100+ Bushels per Acre

The highest entry with a yield of 100 Bu/a or greater will receive \$1000.00 in biodiesel or \$1000.00 in Cabela's gift cards.

All other entries with a yield of 100 Bu/a or greater will receive \$500.00 in biodiesel or \$500.00 in Cabela's gift cards.

The 100+ Bu/a prizes are in addition to other awards that may have been won.