Missouri Soybean Association Soybean Yield Contest

2026

Contest Rules

The Missouri Soybean Association is proud to host the 2026 Soybean Yield Contest, sponsored by the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council and participating industry partners.

ELIGIBILITY:
Contestant must be at least 18 years of age on or before November 30, 2026 and actively engaged in soybean production.

Contestant must complete **all** sections of contest harvest report forms, including phone number(s) and email address. The 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:
Cover Crop / No-till (dryland) – is defined as soybean planted without tillage into a cover crop. There is no restriction on the type of cover crop or the termination timing. Irrigation is not allowed in this category.

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	No-tillage (dryland)
Non-irrigated (No-tillage and Tilled)	Tilled (dryland)
	Cover Crop/No-till (dryland)

AWARDS:
Prizes will be given to winner 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.

The contest field must be a minimum of 10 acres. At least two (2) acres must be harvested in a continuous block. **It is recommended the contest area 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: Entry forms are no longer required to enter into the Missouri Soybean Association Yield Contest. Contestants need only submit the Harvest Judging form to enter. Contestants may submit multiple harvest entries and participate in multiple categories.

Contestants are officially entered after their Harvest Judging form has been received and processed by Missouri Soybean Association (MSA). MSA Harvest Judging Report form will be available on the mosoy.org website to all contestants, judges and sponsors. The contest judges are to complete the Harvest 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.

Additional information can be found at: mosoy.org/MSA-yield-contest

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

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 one of the following:

- 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;
- Private crop consultant or agronomist
- Crop insurance agents/ adjusters
- Farm Service Agency CED/Loan Manager/ Officer; or
- A retired person from one of these occupations

The contest official **must not** have financial or direct business ties to the contestant or to a company selling agribusiness supplies to the contestant. The contest official **must not** be an immediate family member of contestant.

Weigh wagons may be used for yields up to 90 bushels per acre. Any contest yield in excess of 90 bu/acre **must** be rechecked. State-certified scales and moisture testers must be used for measuring and weighing processes for recheck yields in excess of 90 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.

Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 30.

2026 Yield Contest Prizes

Prizes will be given to winner 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 $750 cash.

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

- 1st place: $2,000 cash prize
- 2nd place: $1,500 cash prize
- 3rd place: $1,000 cash prize

Special Prizes for 100+ Bushels per Acre

The highest entry with a yield of 100 bu/acre or greater will receive $1,000 cash.

All other entries with a yield of 100 bu/acre or greater will receive $250 cash.

The 100+ bu/acre prize is in addition to other awards that may have been won**.**

*All winners are required to complete Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.

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