

MISSISSIPPI SOYBEAN YIELD CONTEST

The Mississippi Soybean Yield Challenge is funded by the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board using checkoff funds. The contests are administered by the Mississippi Soybean Association in cooperation with the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2017 Mississippi Soybean Yield Contest

PLEASE SELECT YOUR DIVISION (Check one):

- ☐ 1. Maximum Yield- Irrigated
- ☐ 2. Maximum Yield- Dryland
- ☐ 3. Maximum Economic Yield- Irrigated
- ☐ 4. Maximum Economic Yield- Dryland

NAME: _____

FARM NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: CELL: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

PRIMARY Yield Contest Official (YCO) (see rules): (Please include name, title, address, phone number) _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Entry Deadline: **August 1, 2017**

Submit this form to: Mississippi Soybean Association, 82 Stoneville Road, Stoneville Mississippi, 38756

QUESTIONS? Contact the Mississippi Soybean Association at 662-769-9961 or john.orlowski@msstate.edu.

2017 Soybean Yield Contest Entry Form

Mississippi Soybean Yield Challenge

Purpose: To recognize and reward the top soybean producers in Mississippi and to pass along production information from this contest to soybean producers across Mississippi.

Awards for each division:

1st PLACE: \$4,000 **2ND PLACE:** \$1,000

The 2017 Mississippi Soybean Yield Challenge will be divided into 4 divisions.

1. **Maximum Yield- Irrigated**
2. **Maximum Yield- Dryland**
3. **Maximum Economic Yield- Irrigated**
4. **Maximum Economic Yield- Dryland**

Mississippi 100 Bushel Club- any new producer who attains a contest yield equal to or exceeding 100 bushels per acre will be inducted into the Mississippi 100 Bushel Club and receive an official plaque. These producers will be eligible to split additional prize money. Other prizes may also be awarded. Current members of the Mississippi 100 Bushel Club are not eligible.

2017 Mississippi Soybean Yield Contest

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Each contestant must be at least 18 years of age on or before August 1, 2017 and must also be actively engaged in soybean production.
2. Contestants must complete Entry Form, Field Production Form, and Harvest Information Form to be eligible for cash awards. Field Production Form and Harvest Information Forms will be provided following submission of entry form.
3. **Contestants are only eligible to receive one official contest cash prize per year.**
4. Prize winners agree to allow the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board (MSPB), Mississippi Soybean Association (MSA), and Mississippi State University (MSU) to use field data and production practice information and to appear in person in promotional and educational activities.
5. Contestants agree to release a full description of management practices, including but not limited to, fertility, crop protection products, and irrigation practices used on the contest field.
6. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION**
7. **ONLY ONE ENTRY IN ANY CATEGORY ALLOWED PER MSA MEMBERSHIP**

FIELD CRITERIA:

1. Contest field must be located within the land boundaries of the state of Mississippi.
2. Contest field must be owned or operated by the contestants and easily accessible by a Yield Contest Official (YCO). An YCO includes a Mississippi State University Extension Service County Agent or Mississippi State University Extension Specialist.
3. **A producer may enter only one field in one division per year.**
4. Harvest area must consist of 4 straight sides and harvest area must have 4 right angles forming a square or rectangle.
5. Harvest area must consist of a minimum of 5 contiguous acres and a maximum of 7 contiguous acres.
6. Field must have been planted to soybeans at least one of the last 3 production years prior to 2017 and contestant must have paid the appropriate checkoff assessment on soybeans.

Special thanks to the Arkansas Soybean Association for providing assistance with contest rules and creation of relevant contest forms.

CHECKOFF FUNDS ARE USED IN THIS CONTEST:

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YIELD CONTEST RULES:

1. Harvested soybeans must meet minimum Federal Grain Quality Standards.
2. **State certified scales** and moisture testers must be used for all weighing and measuring processes. Original weigh ticket (no photocopies) must be attached to the Harvest Information Form. **Weigh ticket must depict percent moisture and percent foreign matter (FM).**
3. MSA and MSPB reserves the right to have a designated representative present (with prior notice) during all harvest, weighing, and measurement processes.
4. Entry forms must be postmarked by August 1, 2017. All incomplete forms will be returned.
5. Contestants are officially entered only after the Entry Form has been received and processed by the MSA.
6. **Contest field location must be submitted to YCO 7 days prior to harvest. YCO and contestant will establish and designate the boundaries of the contest field prior to harvest.**
7. Contestant must contact primary YCO at least 48 hours prior to harvest. All YCO's and the contestant will sign the Harvest Report and attest and certify the following: harvested area, percent moisture to nearest tenth percent (00.0%), foreign material, yield in pounds and final yield (adjusted to 13% moisture on a per acre basis). Final report must be postmarked by November 1, 2017 and mailed to MSA. For the purpose of this contest a 100 bu/a yield shall constitute 6,000 pounds per acre after adjustments are made for moisture and foreign material.
8. No yield information will be released to the media unless verified by the Mississippi Soybean Association.
9. YCO will acquire and maintain a probed one pound sample (in bag provided) until January 31, 2018.
10. No experimental varieties are allowed. Variety selected must be commercially available and be listed in the company's sales literature for Mississippi.
11. All contestants must follow labeled directions on crop protection products. The number of applications and rates must be in accordance with the label directions.
12. Contest officials may require proof of previous planted crops (FSA, Crop insurance records, etc.) from entered producers.

