



2011 Wisconsin Soybean Yield Contest

Rules

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2011 \$75 per Entry

The WSA Soybean Yield Contest has been organized to encourage the development of new and innovative management practices and to show the importance of using sound cultural practices in Wisconsin soybean production. Please read the rules carefully.

Contest Contact: Dr. Shawn Conley 608-262-7975

1. *CONTEST CLASSES*

Class cannot be changed at time of harvest. Only one class per entry is allowed. Please list only one variety per field per entry form.

A) Non-Irrigated Class: Non-irrigated production system is used.

B) Irrigated Class: Mechanical or man-made irrigation is used at any point during the growing season.

Once an entry is entered into a Contest Class, it cannot be changed to a different classification. If there are questions on how a field should be classified, the entrant should contact Dr. Conley (608) 262-7975.

Be sure the proper class is indicated on the Entry Form and retain a copy of your information. The class cannot be changed at time of harvest. Check only one class per entry.

WSA is not responsible for incorrect class entries. All other rules set forth herein apply to all Contest classes alike.

2. *CONTEST ENTRANT QUALIFICATIONS:*

More than one person in a family can enter, but each entry must have a separate entry fee. The entrant must be at least fourteen (14) years of age or older on or before August 1, 2011.

National officers, National Directors, employees of the Wisconsin Soybean Association, Board members of WSA or WSMB and members of WSA Action teams and committees may not compete in the Contest.

If requested, the entrant agrees to provide records to WSA of their methods of handling and preparing the land; cultivation and weed control methods; insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers and rates of same that are used; the brand and variety of seed, seeding rate; date of planting, type and brand of soybean planter, row width and date of harvesting; and if in the irrigated class, the time of irrigation, amount of each application and type of irrigation used. Failure to provide such records may lead to disqualification.

3. *CONTEST FIELD AND ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:*

Contest field must be in the State of Wisconsin. Contest entry must be at least 10 continuous acres of one variety. Entry can be more than 10 acres if contestant desires. Contestant may select the best 10 acres in a soybean field larger than 10 acres and enter that variety. In the interest of Best Management Practices, grass waterways and drainage ditches may be a part of the contest plot if at some point in the 10 acres the uniform planter row spacing is evident. The width of the grass waterway will be included in the harvested row length if soybean rows are planted through the waterway. If the rows are planted alongside the waterway or drainage ditch and row lengths vary, the actual length of each row must be included in the total row length.

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The variety that is originally entered must be the same variety that is reported on the Harvest Report Form. The land entered in the Contest must be owned or leased by the entrant. The variety entered must be currently commercially available.

Any individual contestant may enter more than one entry in each class. Each entry can win only one state award. Entries must be postmarked by **August 1, 2011** to be eligible for this contest. **No late entries will be accepted.** The *Entry fee* in the form of your personal check must be received with the Entry Form or the form cannot be accepted. The field entered must be in Wisconsin. *If the form is completed for you, be sure the field class is correct.*

4. **SUPERVISOR ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:** (Please see page 3 of entry form for details). The supervisor's names must be on the Soybean Yield Contest Entry form along with their title, address and telephone number and email address before the entry can be accepted. The supervisor is responsible for overseeing all computations and field measurements and must be present during harvesting, weighing, and moisture testing. The entrant is responsible for mailing the information to Dr. Conley.

WSA reserves the right to contact harvest supervisors to validate compliance with contest rules. WSA ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT, WITH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, TO OBSERVE ANY HARVEST.

5. **CONTEST**

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the first (\$1,000), second (\$750) and third (\$500) place winners in each of the contest classes. The winner is the entry that has the highest soybean yield based on bushels per acre at 13% moisture. In the event of a tie both entrants will be recognized as co-winners.

Each entrant is eligible to win only one trophy and cash prize in the contest. If an entrant enters two or more entries and all entries place as a winner or runner-up, a trophy and cash prize will be awarded only for the highest yielding entry. Awards will be presented at the Corn/Soy Expo held at Wisconsin Dells in January 2012.

6. **HARVEST REPORT FORMS:**

The contest entry must be harvested in accordance with the harvest procedures set forth by WSA.

Harvest Report Forms are required to be completed and sent to Dr. Conley postmarked no later than seven days after harvest and no later than December 1, 2011, whichever date is earlier. Be sure to allow enough time in mailing your Harvest Report Form so that the seven-day deadline can be met.

Again, it is the responsibility of the entrants to see that their Harvest Report Forms are properly completed and mailed to Dr. Conley by the deadlines previously stated.

7. **NO REFUNDS will be issued.**